

## Parish Council News

### **Summary of issues raised/arising in the month.**

(This document is not intended to be read as a record of the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting.)

**Major Development in Ruscombe** There was an error in last month's news. The costs reported as being associated with moving the Twyford station to Ruscombe were actually the costs for a station at Grazely. The costs for relocating Twyford are estimated at £100m and a further £30m for the Henley branch.

There are some campaign protest boards available (similar in size to a For Sale sign). If anyone would like to display one of these boards on their property please contact the Clerk.

The petition, earlier in the year, gained sufficient signatures to trigger a debate in Wokingham Council and the date for that debate has just been set as **Thursday 20th September**, 7.30pm at Wokingham Shute End Council Chambers (the Campaign had asked for a local venue without success). This is a chance to show how much support the campaign has locally. The press will be there so the more support the better.

To sign up for the updates on the CPRW go to [www.cprwok.co.uk](http://www.cprwok.co.uk)

**RBWM online reporting** The RBWM online reporting system allows residents to report missed bin collections, renew a bus pass, appeal a school allocation decision, and report various problems with highways and street furniture including dangerously uncut verges. In order to use this service residents need to go to <https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/> then click on the head and shoulder icon on the top right to start the registration process. Further instructions on how to use this system are available on the village website at <http://www.walthamstlawrence.info/index.php/council/1181-rbwm-online-reporting-system-easy-instructions>

Several residents used this system to report a problem with excessive verge growth at the junction of The Street and Broadmoor Rd.

Alternatively it is possible to also report problems with grass and verge cutting using this online form.

[http://mol.rbwm.gov.uk/mol/report\\_it/?report\\_it=Grass%20Cutting](http://mol.rbwm.gov.uk/mol/report_it/?report_it=Grass%20Cutting)

**Shurlock Row Garage Development** The application has been refused. The applicant has indicated that they want to go to appeal.

There are 3 types of appeal –

1. Written representations
2. Informal hearing
3. Public Inquiry

It is likely that this will be an informal hearing. Notice of 28 days should be given to all interested parties of the time and place. Further documents should be made available 3 weeks beforehand.

The planning portal states that;-

“An informal hearing involves the submission of written evidence by the main parties.

However, the process will also include an informal hearing once all the written submissions have been received.

This takes the form of a round-the-table discussion that will be led by the planning inspector. It is intended to be an informal process and allows for all parties to respond to any questions that the inspector might have, and to let everyone make their case known.

Third parties, such as local residents, councillors and amenity groups may also attend and take part in the discussion.

The majority of hearings will take no longer than a day and usually conclude with a site visit.”

[https://www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200207/appeals/109/appeal\\_procedures/3](https://www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200207/appeals/109/appeal_procedures/3)

<b>Bellman Hanger</b>	There has not been much progress on this. The Highway department has not commented on the Preservation Society’s Transport and Highways Review. The EA objects on the grounds of flooding and sewage disposal. The original application shows no sign of being withdrawn.
<b>Burial Ground and Memorial Garden</b>	The burial ground has been tidied up although there is still some work to be done on a thorn bush and an area towards Halls Lane. The signpost by the road is rotten and will be reported to RBWM. The PC is still considering options for rose replacement in the Memorial Garden. A request has been made that any new roses are perfumed, repeat flowering and disease resistant. An anonymous donor has offered funding, thank you.
<b>The Pond on Shurlock Rd</b>	The dry weather means the pond is particularly shallow at the moment and that presents a good opportunity to clear some of the rubbish at the bottom. The trees around the pond have been tidied up It is planned to have some seating installed near the pond.
<b>Shurlock Row Defibrillator</b>	The defibrillator is now fully operational. It is on the wall outside The Shurlock
<b>Borough Local Plan</b>	The PC intends to make representations in person to the Planning Inspector at the second set of public sessions planned for late September/early October

2018.

**Lorries on narrow lanes**

There have been many complaints about lorries coming down Halls Lane and getting stuck. RBWM have agreed to look at designs for a sign at the Broadmoor Rd end of Halls Lane to warn lorries not to follow their Satnav and to find an alternative route.

**Fly Tipping**

RBWM have an online form that can be completed to report fly tipping.  
[https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/201032/report\\_it/1360/report\\_a\\_problem\\_with\\_flytipping](https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/201032/report_it/1360/report_a_problem_with_flytipping)

**Potholes**

Residents can report potholes directly to RBWM using the web page  
[https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/201032/report\\_it/1303/report\\_a\\_pothole/1](https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/201032/report_it/1303/report_a_pothole/1)

To report a pothole, you will need to have details of:

- The location of the pothole,
- Whether it is on the road or pavement,
- The approximate size,
- Your contact details if you want to be updated on progress,
- A photo to upload if you have one.

**Footpath watch**

Most of the reports of overgrown footpaths have been cleared. If residents come across any new problems with footpaths, please contact [katie@kimservices.co.uk](mailto:katie@kimservices.co.uk) or the public rights of way team at RBWM [prow@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:prow@rbwm.gov.uk)

**Contact and share**

General queries or items of interest can be addressed to the Clerk at [WSLparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:WSLparishclerk@gmail.com) or to individual PC members via the email addresses shown at the back of this magazine. Items of interest can be shared on Facebook and Twitter via <https://www.facebook.com/WalthamStLawrence/> and @WSL\_RG10

**Next Parish Council meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018, planning matters only, 7.00pm Neville Hall**