

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 12 May 2015 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

Present: John Birkett (Chairman)
Mike Kay (Vice Chairman)
Mark Hipgrave
Clive Scott-Hopkins
Maggi Bevan
Suzy Young
Sally Burtenshaw (Clerk)

In attendance: Borough Councillors David Evans & Maureen Hunt + 22 members of the public

Election of Officers for new Parish Council

Following the recent elections a new Parish Council had been formed. The outgoing chairman proposed John Birkett which was seconded by Mike Kay and unanimously agreed. He accepted the position. There were no other nominations for the role.

The newly elected chairman proposed Mike Kay to be Vice Chairman which was seconded by Mark Hipgrave and this was unanimously agreed. He accepted the position. There were no other nominations for the role

The roles and responsibilities of the remaining council will be decided in the confidential meeting

Public Question Time:

Members of the public thanked Clive Scott-Hopkins for his chairmanship over the past 5 years and Stuart Craig was also thanked for his trouble shooting into the ditch/drainage problems that have been experienced over the past few years

FC 1/05/2015 Apologies: Received from Katie Sarsfield

*FC 2/05/2015 Minutes:
The minutes of a meeting held on 7 April 2015 and the APM minutes held on 28 April 2015 were both approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman*

FC 3/05/2015 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- The Chairman advised that after speaking to the railway contractors that are currently working at Milley Bridge, they have advised that the verges will be re-instated once they have completed their job, plus the litter will be cleared. He also advised that the contractors hoped that any additional work that may be required to the bridge would be controlled by traffic lights rather than another closure of the bridge*

Downfield Pit: The Clerk read out an email that had been received from Victoria Goldberg the RBWM Senior Planning Enforcement Officer advising that due to the presence of great crested newts (GCNs) on site, the owner applied for a European Protected Species Licence last year. As the whole site needs to be remediated and restored, ecological mitigation has to be completed in two distinct stages. The delay in obtaining the

licence and the need to establish the newt reserve on site is likely to have a knock on effect to the restoration works and the owner will be applying to amend a number of the conditions imposed on the planning application to accord to accord with the terms of the licence and comply with European legislation Ultimately the impact of Natural England's involvement will mean that work on site is delayed, however, the need for deliveries to the site has been reduced and so deliveries going forward should be minimal. BC Maureen Hunt has asked for a site visit as she is concerned amongst other issues about the condition of the road surface, once the meeting has been arranged she will advise and it is hoped that a few of the Parish Councillors will be able to attend. We can expect another application to come through for the various changes

FC 4/05/2015

Travellers update:

Clive Scott-Hopkins has spoken to BC Carwyn Cox to get an update on the latest situation. We are currently awaiting the opinion of a Judge who has to study the information in front of him to decide if there is any merit in the case going forward.

FC 5a/05/2015

Planning Applications:

*15/01233: Temple Grove, Brook Lane, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application.*

15/00929: Waltham St Lawrence Primary School

*Various members of the Parish voiced their opinions on this application, the general feeling is that it is too big, there is no additional car parking and this will cause more problems for the local infrastructure of roads and is inappropriate in this location. The Headmistress put across the reasons for this building
The Parish Council in principle support the expansion of the school, but with a building more in keeping in design, materials and size with the original building.*

15/00991: The Jays, Twyford Road, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council objected to this application. If the Borough is minded to approve they request that some conditions be applied such as - floodlights to come on at specific times and be more downward focussed onto the manege

15/00936: Old Post Office, The Street, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council had no objection to this application

15/01301: White Cottage, Milley Road, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council supported this application

15/01467: South Cottage, Shurlock Row

The Parish Council had no objection to this application

FC 5b/05/2015

Trees in a Conservation Area:

15/01026: Cortina, Halls Lane, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council made no comment on this application as it was noted that the RBWM had already made a decision of no objection

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FC 5c/05/2015 *Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days:
15/01312/13 The Barn, The Street, Waltham St Lawrence + LBC
The Parish Council had no objection to these applications*

FC 5d/05/2015 *Other Planning Matters:
15/01031: Certificate of Lawfulness of proposed development at
Little Diligent, Hungerford Lane, Shurlock Row for the erection of
a garden store with pitched roof (amended drawing) – the Parish
Council made no comment as this is a matter of law*

*15/01018: Certificate of Lawfulness to determine whether single
storey side extension to the north & south elevations are lawful
at 4 Beenhams Farm Cottages, Beenhams Heath – the Parish
Council made no comments as this is a matter of law*

FC 5e/05/2015 *Enforcement Notices & Appeals:
Nothing to report*

FC 7/05/2015 *Finance:
The cheques issued in April 2015 were agreed and signed by
the Chairman*

FC 8/05/2015 *Neighbourhood Plan update:
BC Maureen Hunt gave a short synopsis of what this is all about
for the understanding of the new councillors. Clive Scott Hopkins
advised that further progress is being made.*

FC 9/05/2015 *Reports from Representatives:*

- The Clerk requested that the new councillor responsible
for the Allotments employs the services of Mark Pottinger
to clear both the ditches running alongside and the one
road side opposite Paradise Cottages as they are full of
dead vegetation and do not flow well when the weather is
bad*

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COUNCILLOR

FC 10/05/2015 *Correspondence:
Nothing received*

FC 11/05/2015 *A.O.B.
Nothing to report*

FC 12/05/2015 *Date of Next Site Visits:
Saturday 13 June at 9:00am at Neville Hall*

FC 13/05/2015 *Next meeting: 16 June 2015 at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall
Meeting closed at 20:39 & the Confidential meeting commenced*