

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a planning only meeting of Waltham st Lawrence Parish Council
held on 7 August 2012 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Clive Scott-Hopkins (Chairman)
John Birkett (Vice Chairman)
Sandy Quinn
Katie Sarsfield
Stuart Craig
Sally Burtenshaw (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: 13 members of public

ACTION

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

David Lee asked the Parish Council if there was an update on the travellers, the proposed extension of Pool Lane and bulldozers at Viners.

1. The Chairman advised that he and the Vice Chairman had attended a Liaison meeting earlier in the day to get an update on the travellers. It would appear that the RBWM are getting their act together in terms of the eviction next year. They are preparing a detailed questionnaire for each family to complete.
2. Pool Lane is still a possible option for an extension site for two families. David Lee advised that he has photographs of the flooded area where the proposed Pool Lane extension may be sited.
3. David Lee asked if Mrs Railton our local historian had photographs of Viners as it currently is before the bulldozers move in and raise it to the ground. The Chairman was fairly certain that she would have photographs but would inform her

CHAIRMAN

1. APOLOGIES: - received from Jenny Baish & Martin Hayes

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2011 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman following a couple of amendments

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: (not covered elsewhere)

- The Chairman asked the Parish Councillors if they had any objection to the signage relating to St Lawrence Nurseries at the corner of Twyford Road/Sill Bridge Lane. They had no objection so no action will be taken in requesting its removal from the owner
- The Vice Chairman advised that the provision of dog poo bins is still in hand
- Katie Sarsfield advised that the Broadband Delivery UK Strategy (BDUK) conversation with Tim O'Sullivan is still to be arranged

VICE
CHAIRMAN
KATIE
SARSFIELD

4a PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

12/01952: Mortimores, The Street, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council whilst they had no objection to the proposed rebuild and extension there could be issues on GB4 and balcony over looking the neighbours

12/01565: Thatch Cottage, The Street, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds as before:

1. It conflicts with GB7 in that the garden area will not support 4 stables on its own with the adjacent field under different ownership
2. Stables close to a dwelling with noise, smell and drainage implications
3. Development cannot be said to enhance the appearance of the Conservation Area

12/02112: Thatch Cottage, The Street, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council had no objection to this application

12/02123: Land adjacent to The Shurlock Inn, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council objected to this application on grounds of scale

It was noted that the Vice Chairman and Stuart Craig did not object to this application

4b TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA:

12/01910: Mortimores, The Street, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application

4c PLANS THAT HAVE ARRIVED IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS:

12/02143: Chantry Cottage, Halls Lane, Waltham St Lawrence – LBC
The Parish Council had no objection to this application

Certificate of Lawfulness to determine whether the existing use of part of the agricultural/equestrian building as residential accommodation in connection with the equestrian use of the land is lawful at Blueys Farm
The Parish Council made no comment

4d OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

- Neighbourhood Plan update – there was no proposal to extend existing 'recognised settlement' areas
- The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact the Enforcement Officer to establish the position at Borlases Barn in relation to the mobile home and alterations to the former forge building without planning applications

CLERK

5. FINANCE:

- The cheques issued in July 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

6. DATE OF NEXT SITE VISITS:

1 September 2012 commencing at 9.30am
Katie Sarsfield sent her apologies

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

4 September 2012 at 7.00pm.

8. AOB

- The Chairman advised that he had been approached by David Crawley-Boevey at the start of the meeting in connection with the proposed office lettings. Following taking legal advice any lettings need to be approved and signed off by the Parish

Council rather than the NHCT

- *Sandy Quinn advised that work is slowly getting underway by the RBWM to cut back the hedges and footpath foliage*
- *Stuart Craig advised that the tree that was chopped down on Twyford Road was healthy and that the reports and photos refer to another tree. He would like a formal letter of complaint to be sent to the RBWM*
- *The Clerk will contact Cllr Maureen Hunt to find out who the best person at RBWM would be to contact about the potholes. Despite numerous phone calls and e mails they have not repaired around the Pound outside the Bell and along the Twyford Road*
- *The Vice Chairman asked for approval of expenditure for wood chippings and the purchase of shrubs to replace dead ones for the Burial Ground. This was agreed subject to him attempting to obtain chippings from known sources without cost.*

STUART CRAIG

CLERK

VICE
CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 20.36 and the confidential meeting took place

Stuart Craig
4-9-12