

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 4 December 2012 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Clive Scott-Hopkins - (Chairman)
John Birkett – (Vice Chairman)
Katie Sarsfield
Sandy Quinn
Martin Hayes
Jenny Baish
Sally Burtenshaw – (Clerk)

In attendance: Borough Councillor David Evans & 10 members of the public

ACTION

Public Question Time:

- David Lee advised that machinery is moving soil around on the land east of Shurlock Road. He stressed that leachate from the ground is running into the Twyford Brook. It was agreed that the Enforcement Officer should be advised of these earth movements. Cllr Evans was asked for his assistance to which he agreed – it was also agreed that the Environmental Health Officer should be advised.

CLLR EVANS

1. Apologies:

Received from Stuart Craig & Borough Councillors Maureen Hunt & Carwyn Cox

2. Minutes:

The minutes of a meeting held on 6 November 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- The Vice Chairman advised that a machine is required to clear the Parish ditches. There is a scheme being run by the RBWM for good causes in Parishes and that residents need to go online and sign up for the scheme to swell our numbers. If we are successful the RBWM will donate £2,000 plus there are reserves in the Parish account. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would allow this money to be used subject to figure work for one year. Cllr Maureen Hunt would also put £750 into the pot.
- Martin Hayes advised that he recently had a meeting with Cllr Bicknell from RBWM. It is hoped that an impression has been cast on him and that the road surfaces would get the work that they require.
- Borough Cllr Evans gave an update on the Social Housing Localism Act. All submissions need to be in by the end of December 2012, and that local people will get recognition.

4. Traveller update:

- The Chairman advised that things are gradually happening. He advised that Datchet may be prepared to take on another 10 pitches
- Borough Cllr Evans reported that he has made it clear to the

Enforcement Officer that the Parish expects everything to be in place if the travellers have not moved away on the allocated date in February. A Paper is going to Cabinet at the end of January which will set out the options. He also advised that the RBWM are determined to see this through.

5a *Planning Applications:*

12/03169: *Holly Cottage, Halls Lane, Waltham St Lawrence*

The Parish Council supported this application subject to no conflicts with GB4

12/03221: *West End Fishery, West End*

The Parish Council had no objection to this application subject to continued business occupation

12/03215: *:Long Stuart, Shurlock Row*

The Parish Council had no objection to the stabling but with the 5.2m barn height it is visually intrusive adjacent to a public highway GB7 (2) also retain agricultural designation for grazing (2.1.30)

12/03242: *Great Martins, Shurlock Row*

The Parish Council object on grounds of over development (GB2) but if the LPA is minded to approve adequate toilet facilities must be incorporated for players, visitors and staff and the roofline lowered to accord with height of approved extension

5b *Trees in a Conservation Area:*

12/03063: *Lansdowne, Shurlock Row*

The Parish Council had no objection subject to the approval of the arboricultural officer

12/03307: *Holcombe House, Shurlock Row*

The Parish Council had no objection to this application

6. *Plans that have arrived within the last couple of days:*

None received

7. *District Planning Agenda/Other Planning matters*

Nothing to report

8. *Enforcement Notices & Appeals:*

The Chairman advised that an appeal against the enforcement action at Beenham Farm to obtain retrospective approval for 80 stables is being decided late this month

9 *Neighbourhood Plan update:*

Nothing to report

10 *Reports from Representatives:*

- The Vice Chairman produced four tenders for the Parish Maintenance contract to cover the next three years, received from ANB, Countrywide, Braywick Heath Nurseries & Nigel*

Jeffries. It was unanimously agreed to award the contract to ANB. The Clerk will write to them.

CLERK

- Katie Sarsfield advised that the Xmas lights had been erected on the tree in the Pound and on the outside of the Neville Hall. The Parish Council would like to extend their thanks to Alistair Brooker and Lee Hall for their help in doing this task. The official turning on of the light will be on Thursday 6th December at 6pm

11. *Date of Next Site Visits:*
Saturday 5 January 2013 at 9.30am

12. *Finance:*

- *The cheques issued in November were agreed and signed by the Chairman*
- *The Clerk advised that paperwork had been received for the Precept figure for 2013. The Councillors will consider budgets in their areas and further discussions will be held at January's meeting and the figure set*

13. *Correspondence:*

- *Letter from Sandra Baker - Code of Conduct and pecuniary interests of spouses and partners. It was a unanimous decision that we do not believe partners/spouses should have to make separate declarations*
- *RBWM Local Plan Consultation on Proposed Sites and Designations – noted*
- *E mail about parking along Halls Lane and outside Bell – it was agreed that Martin Hayes should send the e mail onto the RBWM*
- *Dates for 2013 meetings – noted and agreed. The Clerk will send copies to the NH management team and the Editor of the Lych Gate for publication*

MARTIN HAYES

CLERK

14. *A.O.B.*
Nothing to report

14. *Next meeting: 8 January 2013 at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall*

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