

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 7 January 2014 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: 11 members of the public & Borough Councillor David Evans

Public Question Time:

- The Parish Council were advised that the pavement at the entrance to Downfield Road was damaged by the caravans of travellers who trespassed onto the green a few weeks ago. Cllr David Evans will contact Streetcare at RBWM to request that this is repaired as it is a trip hazard. Also to shield the light at the entrance
- John Burton reported that a damaged water pipe that is causing more flooding in the village has been reported to the water company for urgent repair
- Serena Bowe asked the Parish Council if extra security could be applied at the entrance to the Burial Ground in light of the travellers that recently camped in the Neville Hall car park. This will be discussed later in the meeting

DAVID
EVANS

FC/93/14/2014 Apologies:
None received

FC/94/14/2014 Minutes:
The minutes of a meeting held on 10 December 2013 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

FC/95/14/2014 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- AED (automated external defibrillator) – it was agreed that the Parish would purchase one of these devices and that it could be stored in the telephone box in The Street. Cllr Evans advised that he could assist with £750 from Borough funding but not until April. The Clerk in the meantime will contact Zurich to establish if the device can be insured if stored in the proposed venue CLERK
- Village Show tables – this will be passed to the Trustees of the NHCT to discuss at their next meeting CLERK
- 20mph speed limit by School – it was agreed that this would be more beneficial somewhere else for example by the nursery in Shurlock Row. Cllr David Evans will consult the local residents to see if they are in agreement. White gates have now been erected along the Straight Mile and it is hoped that these will also be erected at all entrances to the Parish.

- FC/96/14/2014 Travellers update:
Cllrs Evans, Cox and the Chairman attended a meeting at the Town Hall the previous evening as clarification on the current stance of the RBWM is required at the beginning of the 5th year and the forthcoming Judicial Review. The RBWM are looking to succeed at this and are searching for another acceptable traveller site. Flooding in the area that they are living on is bad and it has been suggested that new aerial photos are taken and submitted to the Borough
- FC/97a/14/2014 Planning Applications:
13/03634/13/03635: Fox Cottage, The Straight Mile, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council had no objection to these applications but wish to see removal of PDR if they are approved
- 13/02954: Bear Farm, Binfield
The Parish Council made no comment as it was noted that the application had already been approved
- 13/03494: Glebe Farm Cottage, The Straight Mile, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council had no objection to this application
- 13/03539: 2 Fourcroft Cottages, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application
- FC/97b/14/2014 Trees in a Conservation Area:
No applications received
- FC97c/14/2014 Plans that have arrived within the last couple of days:
13/03735: 4 Fourcroft Cottages, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council made no comment as they were unable to agree on a decision
- FC97d/14/2014 District Planning Agenda/Other Planning matters
13/03496 Certificate of Lawfulness received for Glebe Farm Cottage, Shurlock Row & 13/03602 for Old Acres, Mire Lane, Waltham St Lawrence – the Parish Councillors made no comment on either application as they are legal matters
- FC97e/14/2014 Enforcement Notices & Appeals:
None received
- FC/98/14/2014 Finance:
- The cheques issued in December 2013 were agreed and signed by the Chairman
 - Discussions were held about setting the Precept figure for 2014/2015. The Councillors unanimously agreed that this would remain at the same level as the previous year £14,000. The Clerk will complete the necessary forms and send them into RBWM
 - Village Show tables – it was agreed that this matter should be passed over to the Trustees of the NHCT to discuss at their next
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FC/99/14/2014 Neighbourhood Plan update:
The questionnaire has been sent to all households in the Hurley & Walthams Ward and will now be evaluated following the 10 January deadline for responses

FC/100/14/2014 Reports from Representatives:

- Sandy Quinn will ask the RBWM if reflectors can be installed on all the barrier uprights at the Twyford Road/Mire Lane/Nut Lane intersection. It was also suggested that the wooden barrier is replaced with a lower crash barrier as for Shottesbrooke bridge
- Stuart Craig advised that a bigger hedge will be planted along the Allotment/Lawrence House boundary at the request of the householder – he will instruct ANB Groundcare
- The Vice Chairman advised that the recent bad weather had caused over half of a Blue Spruce in the Burial Ground to break off. The tree needed to be felled as it was dangerous so the work has been carried out and will be replaced with a similar species
- Martin Hayes advised that he had contacted RBWM about painting SLOW in the road near the Hungerford Lane/The Street intersection to which they agreed
- Discussions were held about replacing the gate at the Burial Ground entrance – it was agreed but that it must not be locked. The Vice Chairman will speak to ANB Groundcare

SANDY
QUINN

STUART
CRAIG

VICE
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FC/101/14/2014 Date of Next Site Visits:
Saturday 1 February at 9.30am

FC/102/14/2014 Correspondence:

- Devolution of Services – noted will be dealt with by the Vice Chairman
- Participatory Budget – noted will be dealt with by the Vice Chairman
- Section 106 monies – the Chairman advised that following the new build Baskerville House adjacent to the Shurlock Inn the monies could be used for several projects. He will complete the paperwork and pass back to the Clerk

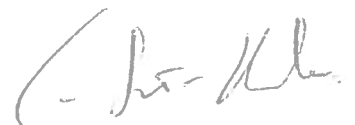
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FC/103/14/2014 A.O.B.

FC/104/14/2014 Next meeting: 4 February 2014 at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall

The meeting closed at 21.00 & the Confidential meeting
commenced



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