

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 13 January 2015 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: 8 members of the public

Richard Sykes addressed the Councillors prior to the meeting to request if they could re-elect the Trustees for the Village Charities – minuted at FC/102/01/2015

Public Question Time:

Tom Saunders asked if anyone had been monitoring what is happening at the land east of Shurlock Road as there is not much capping being carried out. It would appear that a builders yard is being built. The Chairman will speak to both Enforcement and the Case Officer

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FC/93/01/2015 **Apologies:**
Cllr Maureen Hunt sent her apologies via the Chairman and attended last week

FC/94/01/2015 **Minutes:**
The minutes of a meeting held on 9 December 2014 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman following an amendment

FC/95/01/2015 **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

- The Vice Chairman advised that following a letter in the Lych Gate he had received 6 replies to the question of whether the Parish Council should renew their lease for the playing field near Milley Bridge. It was unanimously agreed that the lease should be renewed for another year and keep a watching brief*
- Martin Hayes confirmed that the footpath outside John Burton's house in Shurlock Road will be repaired shortly*

FC/96/01/2015 **Travellers update:**
The Parish Council had received a letter from Cllr Carwyn Cox advising that the prosecution of Mark Pickett has been delayed as he will in Spain on the day of the court case. There will now be a case management hearing at Reading Magistrates Court on 21 January but an estimated trial date is now end of March early April. The Chairman will speak to Suki Cole and advised that he will endeavour to attend the Judicial Review at the High Court on 27 January. The Parish Council were also advised that another caravan had

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appeared today on a low loader now making 13 vans on site

FC/97a/01/2015

Planning Applications:

14/03759: 4 Fourcroft Cottages, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council still maintain their objection to his application on grounds of over development and the balcony is deemed to create overlooking to other residents of the road

14/03893/03894: Bears Copse West End

The Parish Council object to these applications as they stand because of the removal of timbered columns, thereby damaging the integrity of the building, and we would wish to see the deletion of the 1 roof light on the older part as this is unnecessary in agricultural terms.

If the officer is minded to approve these applications we wish to see a condition that the use of the barn should be ancillary to the main house

14/03810: Orchard House, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council strongly object to this application and would be astonished that if those responsible do not consider that as it stands this application is contrary to GB2, where this development has a greater impact on openness, NPPF as a disproportionate increase and CA2 (2) which requires the protection of views that contribute to the distinctive character of the Conservation Area

The key question is 'does it enhance or preserve the character or appearance of the area?' It is our considered view that it does not

If the officers are minded to approve we would wish to be sure that the roofline on the proposed extension will be as shown on the architects plan 2165/PL/104 and no higher in relation to Orchard House and not Orchard Cottage and deletion of the glazed link which is totally alien to this Special Conservation Area; and that this extension should be subservient to the main house and not disposed of separately

14/03895: Paddocks, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council strongly object to this application on grounds of GB2 and CA (2) and it conflicts with NPPF para 89 test 'is it disproportionate to the size of the original building'? Answer YES

If the officers are minded to approve we wish this to go to Panel

14/03992: Cortina, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council had no objection to this application

14/03961: 8 Adkins Road, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council object to this application as it does not comply with PDR on its height

14/03981: Oaklands, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application

14/03936: Everest, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application

FC/97b/01/2015 Trees in a Conservation Area:
No applications received

FC97c/01/2015 Plans that have arrived within the last couple of days:
Nothing to report

FC97d/01/2015 Other Planning matters
Nothing to report

FC97e/01/2015 Enforcement Notices & Appeals:
Nothing to report

FC/98/01/2015 Finance:

- The cheques issued in December 2014 were agreed and signed by the Chairman
- Discussions were held about setting the Precept figure for 2015/2016. 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

FC/99/01/2015 Neighbourhood Plan update:
The Chairman advised that no real further progress had been made other than to discuss the different parish councils submissions

FC/100/01/2015 Reports from Representatives:

- Sandy Quinn will contact RBWM regarding the condition of the horse walker on the Twyford Road as it had once again been hit by a vehicle and parts knocked down
- Stuart Craig advised that there is a new allotment holder so now only two remain vacant

FC/101/01/2015 Correspondence:

- E mail received from a resident advising that she was deeply distressed to discover that on a recent visit with her mother to visit her father's grave in the burial ground someone had allowed their dog to mess on the grave and not cleaned it up. The Parish Council expressed their concern that this matter had arisen again. It was agreed that no dogs will be allowed in the burial ground with immediate effect and that notices will be made and erected advising of this. The letter will be published in the Lych Gate
- Richard Sykes – reappointment of Trustees of the Waltham St Lawrence Charities. It was agreed that Prue Williams, Nigel Backer and Nick Kohl should be re-appointed for a further 4 year term from the expiry date of their previous appointments

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FC/102/01/2015 A.O.B. – nothing to report

FC/103/01/2015 Date of Next Site Visits:
Saturday 7 February at 9.30am

FC/104//2015 Next meeting: 10 February at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall
Sandy Quinn sent her apologies

The meeting closed at 21.00 & the Confidential meeting
commenced

(Signature)
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