

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council
on Tuesday 17 July 2012 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

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

In attendance 14 members of the public

ACTION

Public Question Time:

- John Burton asked who was responsible for cutting down an Oak tree on the Twyford Road. The Chairman advised that the RBWM had reported the tree as being diseased and had recently dropped a large branch. In their opinion it was a Health & Safety issue hence it was taken down. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the arboricultural officer to provide a copy of the report of the diseased Oak.
- Mick Hitchman expressed his dissatisfaction at the condition of the roads throughout the Parish. Potholes are in abundance and are dangerous for cyclists. He also thought it peculiar that when on reaching the Parish boundaries the roads are in a much better condition. Martin Hayes advised that he has spoken to Streetcare and had asked them to look at the condition of the roads.
- Nick Kohl referred to the advertisements for St Lawrence Nurseries one outside the site and one attached to a telegraph pole at corner of Twyford Road/Sill Bridge Lane. The Chairman advised that he would speak to the owner of the Nurseries to see if one sign can be removed
- Unauthorised Travellers - it has been noted that there are more horse stalls on site. The amenity blocks now have washing machines in them and questions were raised as to where the waste water was draining to. It had been noted that bad smells had been emanating from the site and the question of where sewerage is draining to was raised. The Chairman will write a letter to Simon Hurrell at RBWM

CLERK

MARTIN HAYES

CHAIRMAN

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1. Apologies:
Received from Carwyn Cox

2. Minutes:
The minutes of a meeting held on 12 June 2012 & the minutes from an extraordinary meeting held on 26 June were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- Stuart Craig reported back on recent meetings he has had with the Environment Agency. We have applied for funding to clear the ditches from New Hall on Broadmoor Road along to the Twyford Road. There is a particular machine that clears out the ditch and puts the detritus onto the hedgerows. The Haines Hill

RBWM, Clive Green & Hunt & 2 Parish Councillors were in attendance also

STUART CRAIG

Estate has one of the machines Stuart Craig will ask if the Parish could borrow it.

- Scramble Bikes land east of Downfield Pit – the Enforcement Officer has written to the owners to formally advise them of legislation regarding the use of the land (legislation allows temporary change of use of land in connection with motor cars or motor cycles as long as it does not exceed 14 days in total in any calendar year).
- Remembrance Garden – the Vice Chairman advised that the gardener attending to this area has now commenced work
- The Vice Chairman also advised that the purchasing of dog litter bins is still in hand
- The Clerk was thanked for her letter that was sent to the Jubilee Party helpers

VICE CHAIRMAN

4a Planning applications:

12/01565: Thatch Cottage, The Street, Shurlock Row

The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds:

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

12/01694: Glen Cottage, Beenhams Heath

The Parish Council had no objection to this application subject to there being no conflict with GB4

12/01771: Heath Lodge, Beenhams Heath

The Parish Council had no objection to this application

12/01768/1770: Diligent Cottage, Hungerford Lane, Shurlock Row

The Chairman declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting

C1-4

The Parish Council had no objection to these applications but felt there might be a detrimental impact on a listed building

The Chairman returned to the meeting

The Vice Chairman added that it had come to his attention that his integrity was being questioned. He advised that if any member of the public had a complaint about the Parish Council or about a Parish Councillor they should put this in writing and send to Marie Lucas Head of Legal at RBWM who is the Monitoring Officer for Parish Councils

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12/01842: Sill Bridge, Sill Bridge Lane, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council had no objection to this application subject to there being no conflict with GB4

12/01796: St Lawrence Nurseries, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council had no objection to this application but would like to see the roof line lower as originally intended on the previous barn application, and the barn only used as stipulated

12/01895: Broad Oak, Shurlock Road, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application

12/01853: Orchard Cottage, The Street, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application

4b Trees in a Conservation Area:
None received

5 Plans that have arrived within the last couple of days:

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

This application will be discussed at the August planning only meeting. The Clerk will write to the Case Officer to advise

CLERK

6 District Planning Agenda/Other Planning Matters:

To note that a Certificate of Lawfulness had been received for Bellmans Hanger, Shurlock Row to determine whether an existing external storage area is lawful - the Parish Council had no comment

It was also noted that a Certificate of Lawfulness had been received for Crosside, Broadmoor Road, Waltham St Lawrence to determine whether an existing outbuilding used as an office and garaging in the garden is lawful – the Parish Council had no comment.

- A letter had been received from Brenard Properties who are the owner/occupiers of Bellmans Hanger advising that they were vacating the hanger and relocating to a more purpose built storage facility. They required the Parish Councils thoughts on potential alternative uses for the hanger. The Clerk will write back to them advising that they will look forward to hearing further from them when they have reached a decision.

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7 Enforcement Notices & Appeals:

Two appeals have been received for Beenhams Farm one of which the Parish Council would like to be in attendance at the Inquiry – date to be established by the Clerk. An appeal has also been lodged for Church Farm Barn against the refusal of permission to build single storey side extension to an existing garage

CLERK

8 Neighbourhood Plan Update:

The Chairman advised that this document has been delayed as the Local Plan needs to be in place before the Neighbourhood Plan kicks in. Next meeting will be held in the Autumn, meanwhile further consideration of any Recognised Settlement boundary entries to be deferred until August meeting.

CLERK

9 Reports from Representatives:

- Sandy Quinn – Due to the recent spate of bad weather the bridleways and footpaths are in a dreadful condition with very overgrown vegetation and muddy paths. She will contact Mrs Bowdery to see if the Ramblers will assist with the paths
- Martin Hayes confirmed that he had spoken to Streetcare about the potholes around the Pound and along the Twyford Road
- The Clerk asked the Vice Chairman to arrange for the Allotment footpath to be cut and strimmed as it is very overgrown

SANDY QUINN

VICE CHAIRMAN

10 *Date of Next Site Visits:*
Saturday 4 August commencing at 9.00am

11 *Finance:*

- *The cheques issued in June were agreed and signed by the Chairman*
- *The final set of monthly accounts that were produced from the outgoing RFO were discussed and approved*
- *The Clerk will write to the RFO on behalf of the Parish Council to thank him for all his work over his term of office*

CLERK

12 *Correspondence:*

- *Letter from The Rt Hon Theresa May MP referring to the lack of Broadband in the Parish. She suggested that the Parish Council contact Tim O'Sullivan, Head of Public Affairs at BT to discuss the issues to see if he can assist. Katie Sarsfield will contact him*
- *E mail from Judi Jeffries Headmistress of the local school – Jubilee Fund prize money does the Parish Council want to top up the funding. The Parish Councillors were unaware of this arrangement. The Clerk will write back to her to establish the origin of this*
- *The Parish Council have been sent a generous donation from the estate of the late Mr Van Ammel for the benefit of the Neville Hall. The Clerk had written a letter of gratitude to which the Parish Council thanked her*

KATIE SARFIELD


CLERK

13 *A.O.B.*

14 *Next meeting:*

- *7 August 2012 at 7.00pm PLANNING ONLY*

The meeting closed at 21.05 & the Confidential meeting commenced



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