

# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 15 May 2012 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Clive Scott-Hopkins  
John Birkett  
Sandy Quinn  
Katie Sarsfield  
Stuart Craig  
Jenny Baish  
Sally Burtenshaw (Clerk)

**In attendance:** Borough Councillor David Evans, Reporter from the Maidenhead Advertiser,  
a Representative from Great Martins & 14 members of the public

### ACTION

#### **Public Question Time:**

- John Burton requested that the Parish Council contact the RBWM to complain about the condition of the Twyford Road from Ruscombe End to the Parish boundary. It is full of potholes and the tarmac is crumbling in places which is proving to be very dangerous for mopeds and bikes. Martin Hayes will action this.
- Tom Saunders thanked all concerned for the sterling work carried out in relation to the recently acquired petition against the extension of Pool Lane, there were 920 signatures. Borough Councillor David Evans echoed Tom Saunder's comments. The petition has generated local media interest with Radio Berkshire and the Maidenhead Advertiser. There will be discussions relating to this at a Cabinet meeting on 28 June.

MARTIN HAYES

#### **1 Election of Officers:**

The Clerk asked for nominations for a Chairman. John Birkett nominated Clive Scott-Hopkins which was seconded by Sandy Quinn and this was unanimously agreed. He accepted the position. Clive Scott-Hopkins nominated John Birkett to be Vice Chairman which was seconded by Stuart Craig and this was unanimously agreed. He accepted the position.

#### **2 Apologies: Received from Martin Hayes, Borough Councillors Carwyn Cox & Maureen Hunt**

#### **3. Minutes:**

The minutes of a meeting held on 10 April and the APM minutes held on 23 April were both approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

#### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

- Scramble bikes – there has been no sight or sound for about 3 weeks and it is hoped that this has now ceased. The Clerk will send a follow up e mail to all concerned to see if there are any updates
- The Vice Chairman advised that he has spoken to the RBWM about the litter problem along the Twyford Road and this is in

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hand, plus the blocked gulleys are also in hand with RBWM & the Environment Agency.

- The Vice Chairman has spoken to the RBWM about the missing bin outside the Neville Hall. They were unaware that it had gone missing and this will be replaced shortly. The rubbish bin for Milley Road Playing Field is currently on order.
- The Vice Chairman advised that the footpath cracks in the Burial Ground would be dealt with shortly.
- The Vice Chairman advised that the War Memorial cleaning will be carried out at the end of September early October. Letter to be sent to London Stone Conservation to confirm
- Jenny Baish in the absence of Martin Hayes advised that the words 'keep clear' will be painted on the road in The Street close to the Bell to hopefully deter people from parking on the bend by The Grange. The local PCSOs will visit the area and fine anyone that has parked on the wording. The Vice Chairman will put a note in the Lych Gate advising Parishoners of this

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5a **Planning Applications:**

12/00900: Foxley PNEU School, Shurlock Row  
The Parish Council support this application

12/01147: 2 Boveney Cottages, The Street, Shurlock Row  
The Parish Council object to the first floor extension on grounds of overdevelopment in a Conservation Area

12/00971: Thatch Cottage, The Street, Shurlock Row  
The Parish Council had no objection

12/01213: Thatch Cottage, The Street, Shurlock Row  
The Parish Council object to this application as it needs to conform with Planning Policy GB7

The Chairman declared an Interest and left the meeting  
12/01228/29 Diligent Cottage, Hungerford Lane, Shurlock Row + LBC  
The Parish Council had no objection subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer  
The Chairman returned to the meeting

12/01184: Land East of Shurlock Road, Waltham St Lawrence  
The Parish Council had no objection to the stables but advise that a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) may be required

The Vice Chairman declared a Personal Interest, and remained in the room but made no contribution to the Parish Council's comments  
12/01183: Ashley View, Milley Road, Waltham St Lawrence  
The Parish Council had no objection

12/01163: Cortina, Halls Lane, Waltham St Lawrence  
The Parish Council had no objection providing the existing garage and conservatory are demolished

*12/01120: Chalk Pit Railway Bridge, Waltham St Lawrence  
The Parish Council made no comment*

*12/001121: Weycock Bridge, Waltham St Lawrence  
The Parish Council made no comment*

**5b** *Trees in a Conservation Area:*

*12/01051: Kellinghams, The Street, Waltham St Lawrence  
The Parish Council had no objection*

*12/01259: Fullers Cottage, The Street, Waltham St Lawrence  
The Parish Council had no objection to this application*

**6.** *Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days:  
None received*

**7.** *District Planning Agenda/Other Planning Matters:*

- Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Development at The Maltings, Sill Bridge Lane, West End to determine whether an existing use by the occupants has been in breach of Condition 4 of planning consent 406823 granted on 8 November 1978, as well as planning consent 428633 which was granted on 12 January 1995 to relax condition 4 of 406823 for a continuous period in excess of 10 years*

*The Parish Council made no comment as this is a legal matter*

- The Chairman advised he had been approached by the agent for the Zacara Polo Team of Great Martins under the pre-application consultation procedure. They want to incorporate two major stable blocks and ancillary accommodation and would like an understanding of what local feeling would be. The planning application is currently in draft form and this would accommodate 56 polo ponies, with Glebe Farm sold off. The Parish Council await the application but initial indications were not favourable.*
- The Clerk advised that Mrs Hodgson of Tourmaline, The Street, Shurlock Row was sitting in the audience awaiting to speak about a replacement tree. She had won her appeal to have a Willow felled from the front garden. She presented her options and the Parish Council left it up to her.*

**8.** *Enforcement Notices & Appeals:*

*Beenhams Farm, Beenhams Heath*

*The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer had advised that an enforcement notice had been served for the removal of the stables and the hard standing. He advised that an Appeal may be forthcoming*

**8a** *Neighbourhood Plan update:*

*The Chairman and Vice Chairman updated the Parish Councillors on recent meetings and advised that parishioners will be encouraged to participate at a likely September meeting*

9 **Reports from Representatives:**

**Sandy Quinn advised:**

- that the gate in Sue's Piddle had now been repaired
- following input from David Lee she will contact RBWM to have the culvert in Mire Lane which is giving way repaired

SANDY QUINN

**Stuart Craig advised:**

- the Environment Agency have cut back some trees around the Parish it is hoped to help with flooding issues
- An advertisement will be placed in the Lych Gate advising that there are some allotments available for hire

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**Vice Chairman advised:**

- He is still trying to understand who is responsible for the ditch in Callins Lane which had been piped by the owner and then the ditched filled in.

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**Katie Sarsfield advised:**

- Abridged Parish minutes will soon appear in the Lych Gate

10. **Date of Next Site Visits:**

**Saturday 9 June at 9:30am**

11. **Finance:**

- The cheques issued in April were agreed and signed by the Chairman
- The Chairman advised that the RFO (Nigel Backer) had resigned and that a replacement has been found. Hilda Holder who lives locally and already acts for two other PCs and would charge £15 per hour. The year end accounts will be dealt with by Barrie Dancer (ex KPMG and acts for other PCs) This was agreed on a trial period. A vote of thanks was agreed to Nigel Backer for his long and expert service
- The end of year accounts had been produced by the RFO prior to the meeting and no comments were made
- The Annual Governance Statement was discussed and Section 1 Accounting statements were approved by the meeting and Section 2 of the Annual Return was also approved with answers to all questions being 'Yes'

12. **Correspondence:**

- Letter from Reni Hodgson – dealt with at 7 (above)
- Letters x 2 from Glebe Farm re static caravan to advise that this had now been removed
- Letter from Air Ambulance Berks/Oxon/Bucks – noted
- Letter from Planning Aid – noted
- Letter from Alistair Brooker advising that due to unforeseen circumstances the estimated cost for the replacement posts and gate in the Pound is understated by £150. The new amount was unanimously agreed. The Vice Chairman will action

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13. **A.O.B. nothing to report**

14. **Next meeting: 12 June 2010 at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall**

**The meeting closed at 21:00 & the Confidential meeting commenced**