

# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 9 October 2012 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

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

David Crawley-Boevey and Dick Budden addressed the Parish Council prior to the main meeting to present a proposal of how best to spend the jubilee funds. Dick Budden had designed a sculpture which could be placed on the Neville Close triangle which belongs to the Parish Council. In principle the proposal was met with agreement further investigation is required e.g planning and insurance implications

In attendance: 13 members of the public. It was noted that our local Councillor David Evans was not in attendance

## ACTION

### Public Question Time:

- It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that another caravan has arrived at the illegal travellers site. A letter will be sent by the Chairman to the Enforcement Officer CHAIRMAN/CLERK
- Christopher King spoke on behalf of some residents who live in The Street, Shurlock Row who are concerned about the weight, speed and size of agricultural machinery that pass their houses. The Clerk confirmed that the cottages in The Street, Waltham St Lawrence are also affected. These vehicles make the houses shake, some of the properties are listed and have no foundations. It was agreed that the worst offender was the Caterpillar tractor without the benefit of rubberised tyres. It is noted that the vehicle comes from Church Farm. The Chairman will write to David Philp to see if there is a solution to the problem. CHAIRMAN/CLERK
- The question of affordable houses arose and why the properties are not given to local people. The two houses that have recently been built on the land adjacent to 8 Orchard Cottages have now been tenanted by families from outside the Parish. The Chairman explained that <sup>these</sup> ~~these~~ properties are classed as being 'rural exception sites'. He will write <sup>again</sup> ~~again~~ to <sup>the people concerned</sup> ~~the people concerned~~ to establish why local people cannot be housed <sup>locally. THE VICE CHAIRMAN SAYS THAT THE ORCHARD COTTAGES ARE NOT A RURAL EXCEPTION SITE.</sup> CHAIRMAN

### 1. Apologies:

Received from Martin Hayes

### 2. Minutes:

The minutes of a meeting held on 4 September 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

- Sandy Quinn advised that she had communicated with Andrew Fletcher from the RBWM about the height of the wooden fencing near Mire Lane – there is no update
- The Clerk advised that she had reported the flytipped mattresses in Callins Lane again.
- Stuart Craig reported that following a 'pothole' meeting with a representative from Highways his view was that they can only be patched not filled properly due to cutbacks
- The Vice Chairman advised that the early opening of the front door of the Neville Hall on Surgery days was still ongoing
- He also advised that the dog poo bins will take 4-6 weeks for delivery
- Broadband - Katie Sarfield advised that she had been in contact with a Regional Director of BT who has been very helpful. He has asked that anyone who is experiencing substandard Broadband delivery should forward their names *telephone number* and postcodes so he can see what can be done. A notice will go in the Lych Gate.

*c/u*

**Travellers update:**

- The Chairman advised that at a Cabinet meeting an additional site at Pool Lane has been dropped due to the petition and flooding. Further progress on the Jubilee wood is awaited
- The Chairman will write to the Environmental Health Officer at RBWM to find out the results of the tests of the ditch water alongside the site and Hilarion Cottage that the EA should have now completed

CHAIRMAN/CLERK

4a **Planning Applications:**

12/02451: Holly Cottage, Halls Lane, Waltham St Lawrence  
The Parish Council had no objection in principle but could conflict with GB4 on previous extensions to the rear

4b **Trees in a Conservation Area:**

12/02555: Great Martins, Shurlock Row  
The Parish Council had no objection subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer

12/02391: The Lodge, Twyford Road, Waltham St Lawrence  
The Parish Council had no objection subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer

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

12/02750/51, Wheelwrights, The Street, Waltham St Lawrence  
These applications had arrived too late for the councillors to comment.  
The Clerk will contact the Case Officer to see if our comments can wait till the November meeting

CLERK

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

- 12/02677/CPD - Annexe at Oak Cottage, West End Certificate of Lawfulness – The Parish Council made no comment as this

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*is a matter of law*

- *It was agreed that the proposed letter to Rt Hon Theresa May should be sent. It is noted that the Vice Chairman objected.*

7. *Enforcement Notices & Appeals:*

- *Bellmans Hanger – the Enforcement Officer confirmed that the owner will remove the 'stuff' from the front of the building. Letter from Mrs Christodoulou was noted. She had heard that it will be converted into a polo club. The Parish Council advised that they could not comment as a planning application had not been received*
- *The Vice Chairman will represent the Parish Council at the Appeal hearing for the stables at Beenhams in December*
- *The promised planting at Bears Copse barn has still not been planted. The Clerk will write to Peter Carey to advise*

VICE CHAIRMAN  
CLERK

8. *Neighbourhood Plan Update*

*The Chairman advised that an event is being held in the Neville Hall on 27 October and asked that everyone attends. A flyer will be posted through all parishioners letterboxes*

9. *Reports from Representatives:*

- *Sandy Quinn advised that in response to the letter relating to the polo people that use the footpath network and their attitude to other footpath users – not a lot can be done to alleviate this problem.*
- *Stuart Craig advised that despite applying for a grant to help pay for ditch and drain clearance around the Parish the application had been turned down, there is nowhere else to turn*
- *Vice Chairman advised that a bench from the Burial Ground which is in need of maintenance has been taken away to restore. The Preservation Society are contributing to the upkeep of this bench which they donated*
- *He also advised that he had purchased some shrubs to replace dead ones and these will be planted soon*
- *It is also noted that the Preservation Society paid for half the cost of the replacement fencing around the Pound.*
- *The Vice Chairman advised that some tenders had been received for the Parish Maintenance*

SANDY QUINN

10. *Date of Next Site Visits:*

*Saturday 3 November commencing at 9.30am*

11. *Finance:*

- *The cheques issued in September were agreed and signed by the Chairman*

12. *Correspondence:*

- *E mail from David Gray enquiring whether the Parish would like to enter the Britain in Bloom competition. The Clerk will respond advising that if he decides to go ahead the Parish Council will help out where they can but do not want to organise this. The Chairman advised that Waltham St Lawrence on its own should qualify for a lower population class (as did Shurlock Row some years ago)*

13. A.O.B.

- *The Chairman spoke again about the proposed Jubilee sculpture. The Clerk expressed concern about the safety of this if for example children were to climb on it. A letter will be sent to the Parish Insurers to establish their views in terms of public liability*
- *The Vice Chairman requested that the Code Of Conduct is discussed at the next meeting and the Chairman requested that the Clerk obtained some Declaration of Interest forms*

CHAIRMAN/CLERK

14. *Next meeting: 6 November 2021 at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall*

*The meeting closed at 20.45 & the Confidential meeting commenced*

*Sims - K. Shun.*  
*6-11-12*