

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 4 September 2012 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: 11 members of the public

ACTION

Public Question Time:

- Eric Roberts advised the Parish Council of the dangers of the wooden fencing leading from Mire Lane to Nut Lane alongside the main Twyford Road. It is at a very dangerous height a recent accident resulted in the occupant of the car almost being decapitated. Sandy Quinn will liaise with the Highways Department to find a solution
- He also asked if the hedge from Blaizes to Mire Lane could be cut back – this matter is already in hand with Mrs Gottschalk who owns the land.
- He also requested that the front door to the Neville Hall is unlocked by someone local, as on surgery days the doctors are often late. The Vice Chairman advised that this matter would be dealt by the NHCT Trustees as the Parish Council were no longer dealing with the Hall. This will be raised at the next NHCT meeting
- John Burton thanked the Parish Council for their letter relating to the tree on Twyford Road
- He also advised that there is a cycle track being built on the Downfield Pit site
- He reported that the mattresses in the ditch along Callins Lane have not been removed but are almost impossible to locate as vegetation had grown over them. Despite the Clerk advising the waste management team when this was first reported she advised that she will make contact with them again
- David Lee suggested that due to the ditch clearing out/digging out in Plough Lane outside Downshires this has caused more flooding on the corner by School Lane/Sill Bridge corner. Stuart Craig and The Vice Chairman are aware and will chase this up with the RBWM.
- He also advised that the byeway sign has been flattened by a lorry. Martin Hayes will follow this up

SANDY QUINN

VICE CHAIRMAN

CLERK

STUART CRAIG &
VICE CHAIRMAN

MARTIN HAYES

1. Apologies:

Received from Maureen Hunt. Noted that Stuart Craig was absent

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

3 Matters arising from the Minutes:

- The Vice Chairman produced an estimate for the supply of 2 dog poo bins. One will be installed in the allotments and the other adjacent to the field entrance at the top of Halls Lane near the Old Church House. The quote was agreed in principle
- The Clerk advised that the pot hole repairs in the Pound were very badly filled in and she reported this to Maureen Hunt. She had responded and had advised that David Baler the Operations Manager at RBWM should be contacted. Martin Hayes will make contact and report back at the next meeting
- The Chairman advised that his son will provide wood chippings for the Burial Ground path

VICE CHAIRMAN

MARTIN HAYES

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Travellers update:

- A meeting was held at the Town Hall on 7 August, the Chairman gave an update. RBWM have commissioned a survey of traveller accommodation needs, this is being carried out with 4 other Berkshire Authorities.
- We are awaiting for an EA analysis of the stream water which runs along the side of Hilarion Cottage – it is an open sewer at present. The Chairman has asked Cllr Evans to follow this up

4a Planning Applications:

12/02230: The Old Church House, Halls Lane, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application subject to there being no conflict with GB4

12/01768/1770: Diligent Cottage, Hungerford Lane, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council had no comments to make on the amended drawings

4b Trees in a Conservation Area:

12/02255: Little Cross, The Street, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer

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

None received

6. District Planning Agenda/Other Planning Matters:

The Parish Council made no comment about a Certificate of Lawfulness to determine whether an existing residential use is lawful at West End Fishery, Mire Lane, West End

7. Enforcement Notices & Appeals:

- Stabling at Beenhams Heath: The Parish Council require to be a

Rule 6 Party. The Clerk will write to the Planning Inspectorate to advise. The Appeal is being held on 18/19 December. The Vice Chairman is currently preparing a Statement

VICE CHAIRMAN

- Bellman Hanger: The Chairman advised that it was deemed legal in a recent Certificate of Lawfulness application to have storage at the rear of the hanger. He asked the Clerk to write to the Enforcement Officer to advise that items are now being stored at the front of the hanger and to get enforcement proceedings instituted if required.

CLERK

8 Neighbourhood Plan update:

The Chairman advised that an exhibition is being held in the Neville Hall on Saturday 27 October 9:00am – 12noon. All are encouraged to attend and respond. Every household will be notified

9. Date of Next Site Visits:

6 October 2012 at 9.30am

10 Reports from Representatives:

- Sandy Quinn advised that the footpaths in the Parish are slowly being cleared
- Mr Roberts asked if the chain link fence along Postman's Path could be repaired – Sandy Quinn will chase this up
- Vice Chairman – advised that a bench in the Remembrance Gardens needs cleaning
- Martin Hayes – reported that the words 'Keep Clear' had now been painted on the road outside the Grange near to the Bell. This had improved things marginally as speeding cars is still an issue
- Katie Sarsfield advised that she has been in touch with BT regarding Broadband. A copy of the letter from Rt Hon Theresa May is to be sent to Maureen Hunt

SANDY QUINN

KATIE SARSFIELD

11 Finance:

The cheques issued in August were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

12 Correspondence

- Letter from Headmistress of local school requesting funding for prize winners. Agreed in principle to donate up to £100 per annum when asked
- Letter to Rt Hon Theresa May from Chief Constable of Thames Valley regarding the metal theft from the Parish several months ago - noted

13 AOB

Nothing to report

14 Next meeting:

9 October 2012 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 20.30 and the Confidential meeting commenced



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