

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council held on 7th
March 2017 in the Neville Hall at 7pm



Present: Mike Kay – Chairman , John Birkett– Vice Chairman, Clive Scott-Hopkins, Mark Hipgrave, Katie Sarsfield, Maggi Bevan, Suzy Young & Sally Burtenshaw (Clerk)
Also present 8 members of the public

		ACTION
	<p><i>Public Question Time:</i> The Chairman advised that this was the Clerk's last meeting and she was thanked for all she had done over the last 17 years</p>	
FC141/03/2017	<p><i>Apologies:</i> Received from Borough Councillor Maureen Hunt</p>	
FC142/03/2017	<p><i>Minutes:</i> The minutes of a meeting held on 7 February 2017 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman</p>	
FC143/03/2017	<p><i>Declaration of Interests:</i> No interests declared</p>	
FC144/03/2017	<p><i>Significant Matters Arising from the Minutes – not covered elsewhere:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Space – The Parish Council are still awaiting comments from the RBWM but a meeting has now been arranged • Bellman Hanger – Clive Scott-Hopkins said that the Case Officer had advised that there was a flooding issue so they are still not in a position to make a decision. It is hoped that one will be reached within the next month. The Vice Chairman advised that most of the trees on the site had now been felled - the Chairman will follow up with Enforcement 	CHAIRMAN
FC145/03/2017	<p><i>Traveller update:</i> Works have started to remove the original spoil which should have been completed by 6 March – this work has not been finished. There is local concern that more top soil (which could be contaminated) is being imported to the site than being exported. This has raised the level of the site which has caused a knock on effect to the adjacent gardens that are now flooding. The Chairman advised that he has held off writing to the leader of Cabinet appending RBWM action. If a substandard job is produced by the Travellers it would be expected that RBWM they will follow up to</p>	

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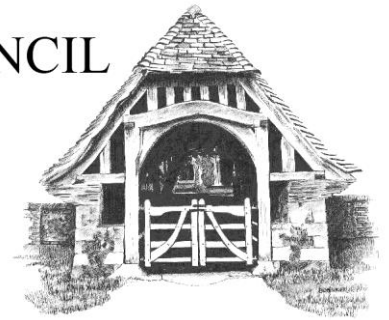
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	<p><i>clean up the site and use the area as security to obtain reimbursement of monies expended. The land drains have not been cleared either</i></p>	
FC146a/03/2017	<p><i>Planning Applications: 17/00570: The Shurlock Inn, Shurlock Row The Parish Council had no objection to this application</i></p>	
	<p><i>17/00375: Viners, West End The Parish Council had no objection to this application subject to satisfactory access and egress, and a report from Highways given the narrow nature of Mire Lane</i></p>	
	<p><i>17/00376: Viners, West End The Parish Council had no objection to this application subject to the menage being primarily for private and disabled use only</i></p>	
FC146b/03/2017	<p><i>Trees in a Conservation Area: No applications received at time of printing agenda</i></p>	
FC146c/03/2017	<p><i>Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days (if any) 17/00693: St Lawrence Church The Parish Council had no objection</i></p>	
	<p><i>17/00608: Morland House, Shurlock Row The Parish Council had no objection</i></p>	
	<p><i>17/00678: Tall Trees, Shurlock Row The Parish Council had no objection</i></p>	
FC146d/03/2017	<p><i>Other Planning Matters: Downfield Pit – Clive Scott-Hopkins advised that he had spoken to the Case Officer who had confirmed that there will be no more deliveries of materials to the site</i></p>	
FC146e/03/2017	<p><i>Enforcement Notices & Appeals: Nothing to report</i></p>	
FC147/03/2017	<p><i>Neighbourhood Plan update: Clive Scott-Hopkins read out a minute note from the recent Steering Group meeting as follows: The examiner had recommended deleting the Waltham St Lawrence policy, and its subparagraphs, saying it presented an unduly restrictive approach that may prevent sustainable development from coming forward, that it failed to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development and does not meet the</i></p>	

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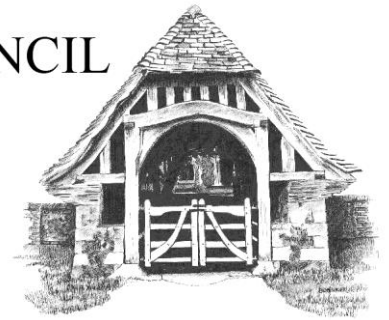
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	<p><i>basic conditions. Parish Councillor Clive Scott-Hopkins explained that the removal of policy WSL1 by the examiner substantially removed protection the Parish Council wishes to retain. He accepted that tighter drafting of the policy could have made it clearer and suggested that the word 'street' be added after 'village' and that 'any open space' be replaced by 'adjacent to' so that the policy applied only to that particular vicinity. RBWM officers pointed out that protection was better defined in the general policies applying to all parishes in the Ward. Arlene Kersley observed that RBWM has never permitted any rural exception development in a Conservation Area. Councillor Christine Bateson asked if Waltham St Lawrence's Conservation Area had been formally appraised by the RBWM's Planning Department saying that several were outstanding. She suggested that the Parish Council ask RBWM to carry out a full Conservation Area appraisal to secure additional protection for it by identifying the features that make Waltham St Lawrence so special. Action: Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council to request RBWM appraise its Conservation Area.</i></p> <p>Letter that was sent to the Head of Planning Dear Ms Jackson</p> <p>At the Hurley & Walthams NP meeting on 13 February under, WSL, Cllr Bateson asked if our Conservation Area had been formerly appraised by RBWM. We have been told that it has not (unlike Shurlock Row and Beenhams) and because of the Examiner's deletion of our only WSL specific policy we believe it is advisable to have this safeguard as additional evidence at any planning inquiry.</p> <p>The WSL village CA is particularly widely drawn in order to protect the setting of two dozen listed buildings and unusual open spaces on both sides of the historic street, as well as the surrounding farmland.</p> <p>In view of its size and significance could you please confirm that this will now be given some priority in order to provide support to our NP and is contained as an action point in the Steering Group's meeting minutes.</p>	
FC148/03/2017	<p><i>Finance:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The cheques issued in February were agreed and signed by the Chairman</i> 	
FC149/03/2017	<p><i>Reports from Representatives:</i></p> <p><i>Clerk:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nothing to report</i> 	

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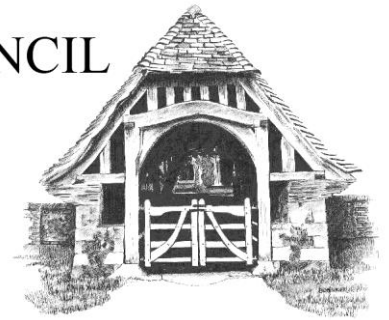
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	<p>Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wifi update - Mark Hipgrave advised that this will soon be installed in the Hall as long as a spare port is located in the cabinet</i> • <i>Thames Water: Mark Hipgrave advised that he is still struggling to get a response from them. It was agreed that he would contact Cllr David Evans to see if he can assist.</i> • <i>Maggi Bevan tabled a proposal on improved community liaison. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consult with their community via the Lychgate. To seek input and feedback</i> <p>Bridleways & Footpaths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nut Lane Kent Carriage Gap - Katie Sarsfield advised that still no progress had been made – one neighbouring property has still not consented. She will pressurise RBWM.</i> • <i>Footpath off Straight Mile – Katie Sarsfield advised that she had received an e mail from a local resident to advise of the dreadful condition of this footpath. Lynn Carter at RBWM Streetcare will be contacted</i> <p>Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Brook Lane update – Suzy Young advised that some of the potholes have now been repaired but others are still in need of repair. This will be followed up</i> • <i>It was reported that the large pot hole that had appeared opposite Milley Bridge Cottages has not been repaired although reported. This will be followed up</i> <p>Burial Ground:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A neighbour has complained about an overhanging branch from one of the Burial Ground trees is blocking light to their property. Once more information has been received ANB Groundcare will be contacted to deal with it</i> <p>Parish Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mark Hipgrave advised that the notice boards had been oiled and a new key had been given to the Clerk</i> • <i>Additional bin in Burial Ground – a request has been logged with RBWM Waste Management</i> • <i>Dog Poo – the Clerk reported that other local Parish Councils are experiencing difficulties. It is hoped that several councils can employ a company to manage the bins and share the costs</i> 	<p>MARK HIPGRAVE</p> <p>MAGGI BEVAN</p> <p>KATIE SARFIELD</p> <p>SUZY YOUNG</p> <p>SUZY YOUNG</p> <p>SUZY YOUNG</p> <p>CLERK</p>
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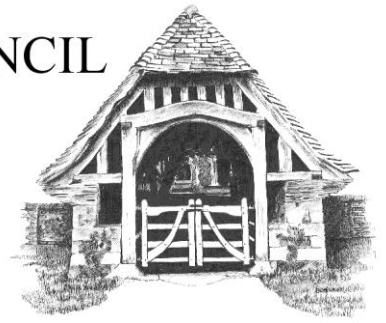
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of Telephone Box on Milley Lane – the Clerk confirmed that she had written to BT to confirm that the Parish Council wished to adopt this phone box <p>Capital Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report <p>Ditches & Allotments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Hipgrave advised that a volunteer had come forward to help clear the ditch at the end of the Allotments. More will be sought. A working party will be organised soon <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resignation of the Clerk – The Chairman advised that to date one person had expressed an interest and it was hoped that there was at least one other.. Applicants will be interviewed during March and it is hoped will be in place for 1st April Annual Parish Meeting – The Clerk advised that there are 4 confirmed attendees so far. Another couple will be sought 	MARK HIPGRAVE
FC150/03/2017	<p>Reports from Members who attended meetings as Representatives of the Parish Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maggi Bevan & the Vice Chairman attended on behalf of the Parish Council and reported on the meeting. The Vice Chairman reported that other Parish Councils were unhappy about the lack of response to their queries when writing to the RBWM as is the case with WSL. He also advised that Maidenhead Golf Club was earmarked as a site for a school and housing RBWM Electoral Review Local boundary commission – the Chairman advised that there was a presentation by a Local Electoral Officer who spoke about the need for each Ward to have the same ratio of Councillors to residents, and that Hurley & Walthams falls short. There may be a need to expand the Ward or lose a Councillor. RBWM Councillors are involved 	
FC151/03/2017	Correspondence: - None received	
FC152/03/2017	AOB:	
FC153/03/2017	Date of Next Site Visits: 8 April 2017 at 9am	
FC154/03/2017	Date of Next Meeting: 11 April 2017 at 7pm	

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	<p><i>The meeting closed at 9.02pm & the confidential meeting commenced</i></p>	
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