

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a planning only meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council
held on 9 August 2016 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Mike Kay (Chairman)
John Birkett (Vice Chairman)
Clive Scott-Hopkins
Katie Sarsfield
Mark Hipgrave
Suzy Young
Sally Burtenshaw (Parish Clerk)

In attendance 2 members of public

ACTION

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

A member of the public asked three questions

- **Unauthorised Travellers** – the Parish Council were asked if there was an update. Clive Scott-Hopkins advised that the Supreme Court has refused an application to appeal from the unauthorised occupiers at Shurlock Road. The decision by the Supreme Court – taken by Lords Neuberger, Clarke and Carnwath – should effectively put an end to the travellers' bid to appeal. The Court of Appeal and High Court previously refused the application, with the courts consistently finding that the council's decision to take direct action was not perverse, irrational or otherwise unreasonable. However we still await to know if they appeal the November PI refusal. It is noted that there are 17 caravans on site today – it was agreed to keep applying pressure on the Borough to see how many caravans are on the site.
- **Downfield Pit** – the Parish Council advised that a meeting took place yesterday attended by 2 councillors and 3 residents. Concern had been expressed that soil was being removed from the site but the site managers advised that this would not be the case – if laden lorries were leaving the site it would have been because they had been turned away. It was agreed that, if there was ongoing concern, a resident seeing lorries leaving the site laden with soil should try to note the index plate number and/or the time and report to the site agent and copy in Suzy Young.
- **Open Space** – a question was raised on the timetable for considering the opportunity. It was agreed that this will be re-addressed at the September meeting

CLERK

At the July meeting a member of the public reported that the owners of 4 Fourcroft Cottages were possibly laying hardcore to raise the level of their land. Following a conversation between a parish councillor and the owners they have actually confirmed that the work is to alleviate drainage issues.

FC42/08/2016

APOLOGIES:
Received from Maggi Bevan

FC43/08/2015

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2016 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman following a minor amendment

FC/44a/08/2016

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

16/02179/16/02180 Great Martins, Shurlock Row

The Parish Council supported these applications however request that a condition be imposed that there are restrictions put in place concerning lorry movements, times and route

16/02448: The Barn, The Straight Mile, Shurlock Row

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

1. Items 3.5 and 3.6 in the Planning Statement are not relevant as The Straight Mile is a classified road and those two paragraphs should be ignored. Similarly item 4.2 should be ignored.
2. There has not been a fresh application to remove hedgerow to give access for the gate and driveway. The 2010 application has lapsed
3. The road is very fast being unrestricted until the site in question, where 40mph restriction commences. The speed restriction is often ignored in that cars slow when they reach the sign.
4. The property is in the same ownership as Glebe Farm Cottage and both properties share a common entrance leading to separate drives. There is no reason why the existing arrangement should not continue.
5. The application seems to be in conflict with RBWM policy GB2 paragraph 2.1.16

If RBWM are of a mind to grant permission we would ask for a condition that the ditch and culvert fronting both properties be well maintained. A further condition that the hedge by the 40mph be cut back so the sign is visible.

FC/44b/08/2016

TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA:

There were no tree applications

FC/44c/08/2016

PLANS THAT HAVE ARRIVED IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS:

Two applications have been received. The Clerk will contact the Case Officers to request deferment to September

FC/44d/08/2016

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

- It is noted that the owners of Foxwood, Halls Lane had appealed against RBWMs refusal to allow a two storey front extension & part single storey part two storey rear/side extension
- It is also noted that the recent appeal for a replacement dwelling following demolition of existing at Fernbank, Straight

Mile, Shurlock Row had been dismissed

- *Bellmans Hanger – a response has been received from the Enforcement Officer in relation to the Parish Council queries about very old Oak trees being felled on the site without permission. He has advised that the planning permission has not yet been implemented and therefore the tree works are not in breach of a planning condition. This will be followed up by the Vice Chairman as the Parish Council are not happy with this response*
- *Clive Scott-Hopkins reported on the progress of the Paradise Barn Appeal recently held at the RBWM. The Hearing lasted all day and had to be adjourned until October as it ran out of time. He also advised that amended plans had been drawn up in April yet the Parish Council had not received them. He requested that the Clerk locate them and give him a copy*

VICE
CHAIRMAN

FC/45/08/2016

FINANCE:

- *The cheques issued in July 2016 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman*

FC/46/08/2016

DATE OF NEXT SITE VISITS:

3 September 2016 commencing at 9.00am

FC/47/08/2016

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

8 September 2016 at 7.00pm. The date was changed as the Clerk will be on holiday – the editor of the Lych Gate will be advised and notices will appear on the Parish website and notice boards

CLERK

FC/48/08/2016

AOB:

Mark Hipgrave produced a contract for the Councillors to approve for Charlie Belcher and the works to the Pound. It was agreed unanimously that Mark Hipgrave to be authorised to sign the contract on behalf of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 19.56 and the confidential meeting took place

8/9/16

