

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 9 April 2013 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: Borough Councillor David Evans and 6 members of the public

ACTION

Public Question Time:

- John Burton advised that the mattresses that had been fly tipped in Callins Lane last year remain in situ. The Clerk advised that she had contacted the Streetcare Team on at least 3 occasions to request collection, she advised that she would ring them again. Councillor Evans advised that he would also add pressure to get this matter resolved
CLERK & CLLR EVANS
- Ann Campion noted that the notice boards have now got minutes pinned up in them and has asked that the agenda is also advertised prior to meetings
CLERK
- It has been noted by a local resident that the scramble bikes using Downfield Pit have escalated their use. It was generally thought that this area could only be used 17 times year, the Vice Chairman confirmed that 28 times annually is allowed. A watching brief will be maintained

1 Apologies: none received

2. Minutes:

The minutes of a meeting held on 12 March were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- No further action has been taken regarding the Halls Lane triangle. The Clerk will write to some of the near neighbours to suggest that granite sets are put there and the grassed triangle removed. Update at May meeting
CLERK
- The Clerk advised that she is still awaiting feedback from the Shottesbrooke Estate regarding the kissing gate at end of Burial Ground. In the meantime a sign will be made up asking for dog owners to clean up after their dogs to be placed at this location
CLERK
VICE CHAIRMAN
- The Vice Chairman advised that he had made contact with White Waltham Parish Council to establish whether the published minutes in their notice board were in draft form or approved. They advised that they are not published until approved

4. Travellers update:

- The latest press release advises that a final decision will be made on 10 April at a sub committee part 2 confidential meeting. Cllr David Evans advised there is very little information that he could impart other than the RBWM have put together all the plans necessary to take direct action. He is clear that everything is in place in terms of assessments, contracts with bailiffs and liaison with police. Tomorrow is the decision day and there is nothing that he has seen that leads him to believe that direct action will not be taken. The travellers will be given 48 hours notice to quit if the decision goes that way however they can go to Court to get a temporary injunction.
- Tom Saunders advised that there is a great deal of local opposition and hopes that the right decision will be made

5a Planning Applications:

13/00490: Land adjacent to The Shurlock Inn, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council note that the boards have now been removed but would object if they were too large in a Conservation Area if they were to re-appear.

13/00674: South Lodge, Manor Farm, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council comment its size when added to the previous extensions could result in a disproportionate addition (GB4)

13/00850: The Old Laundry House, The Street, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council had no objection to this renewed application

13/003120: Tad Vanum, Twyford Road, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council noted that this application had already been determined

5b Trees in a Conservation Area:
None received

5c Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days:

13/00960: Darvills Mead, Milley Road, Waltham St Lawrence
Erection of a carport to the rear of existing car workshop
This application will be discussed at the May meeting

13/00923: Paddocks, The Street, Waltham St Lawrence
Detached outbuilding with loft room
This application will be discussed at the May meeting

5d Other Planning Matters:

13/00791: Certificate of Lawfulness to determine whether the proposed use of a single room as a bed and breakfast is lawful at Laburnham Cottage, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council although conscious that this is a legal matter are concerned at creating a commercial residential site use external to the house could set a precedent elsewhere. Planning was not granted for residential use

5e **Enforcement Notices & Appeals:**

Beenhams Farm – the applicant is going to appeal to the High Court to challenge the Inspector's interpretation of the harm to the countryside.

Viners - Permitted Development Rights have now been given back to the owner on appeal but only to the rear of the building

6 **Neighbourhood Plan update:**

The Chairman reported that he and the Vice Chairman attended a meeting the previous evening but there was nothing to report.

The Vice Chairman advised that none of the proposed development sites in RBWM are within this Parish

7 **Reports from Representatives:**

- *Sandy Quinn - It is noted that the wooden railings which were broken when a car crashed into them near to the entrance of Mire Lane have still not been altered. This will be followed up*

SANDY QUINN

- *Stuart Craig – asked the Clerk if the allotment rental agreements had all been returned from the allotment holders. The Clerk advised that three had been received. She advised that she had written to the holders to advise that if the agreements were not returned along with payment by the end of April that their spaces would be reallocated to someone on the waiting list*

- *Jenny Baish – nothing to report*

- *Vice Chairman – nothing to report*

- *Martin Hayes – some of the potholes around the Parish have been highlighted so it is hoped that these would be repaired soon*

- *Katie Sarsfield – she gave an update on the fete preparations. The profits (if any) would be divided between the Church, PTA, Cricket Club and the Parish Council. Discussions were held as to how the Parish Council would spend this donation. The purchase of a SID was proposed Cllr Evans advised that he would donate £750 from his budget to assist. This will be discussed in greater detail at the May meeting*

CLERK

- *The Clerk advised that she had written to the RBWM about the concrete block in the stream at Sill Bridge with no response as yet. It was agreed that the Parish Council would take matters into their own hands and get it removed*

STUART CRAIG

8 **Date of Next Site Visits:**

Saturday 4 May at 9.30am at Katie Sarsfield's house

9 **Finance:**

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

10 **Correspondence:**

- *BALC subscription renewal - agreed*

11 A.O.B.

12 *Next meeting:*

APM 23 April 2012 at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall

- *Katie Sarsfield volunteered to obtain the wine and nibbles*

KATIE SARFIELD

*The meeting closed at 20.38 & the Confidential meeting
commenced*

-Sarsfield

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