

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 8 April 2014 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: 11 members of the public

ACTION

*Prior to the meeting the Parish Councillors met the new
Community Warden Robin Skinner who can be contacted on
07824 334313*

Public Question Time:

- *Tom Saunders advised that the newly completed Milley Bridge looked like an accident waiting to happen when approaching the village from the A4 side. It was felt by all that metal barriers and hedging should be extending on the approach to the bridge. The Clerk will write to BAM Nuttall to express the Parish Council's concerns on safety grounds* CLERK
- *John Burton suggested that the white lines in the middle of roads should be replaced in Waltham St Lawrence and West End. The Shurlock Row roads appear to have been attended to. Martin Hayes advised that he would chase this matter up* MARTIN
HAYES
- *He expressed concern at the condition of the drains in the Callins Lane/Shurlock Road vicinity where bad flooding was apparent over the past few months. It was generally agreed that all the drains in the Parish need cleaning out. Martin Hayes will contact Streetcare* MARTIN
HAYES
- *A resident of Milley Road complained about the speed of the traffic. The current speed limit is 40mph and would like to see this dropped to 30mph. The Chairman suggested that she contacted the Community Warden to get his help in a speed watch. Martin Hayes will ask if white SLOW signs can be painted onto the road.* MARTIN
HAYES
- *Tony Boyd complained about the speed of the traffic in Halls Lane and asked that something can be done about this too*

FC/130/04/2014 Apologies: none received

FC/131/14/2014 Minutes:
The minutes of a meeting held on 11 March were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

FC/132/04/2014

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- *The Chairman advised that extra pressure had been applied to Thames Water. He had sent the Rt Hon Theresa May a letter about this matter and her response was positive and advised she would press them for a longer term solution. There is a petition being prepared across the Parish and once completed will be sent to the RBWM via Cllr David Evans*
- *Martin Hayes advised that following a conversation with Streetcare that a SLOW sign will be painted on the road before the crossroads at Hungerford Lane/The Street in Shurlock Row*
- *Katie Sarsfield advised that she had spoken to one of Wargrave Surgery's doctors who strongly advised the purchase of an AED in the village. This will be kept in the phone box outside the Old Post Office in the Street, the Community Heart Beat will assist with restoring the phone box and preparing it for the machine. This will be discussed again at next month's meeting*
- *The culvert cleaning machine cost has not been pursued due to the 'newt issue'*

CLERK/KATIE
SARSFIELD

FC/133/04/2014

Travellers update:

- *Oral hearing will be held on 24 June in the High Court.*
- *Aerial photos have recently been taken and compared with the original ones – big changes are apparent*

FC/134a/04/2014

Planning Applications:

*14/00907/908: Fox Cottage, Straight Mile, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council had no objection to these planning applications*

*14/00664: South Lodge, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council had no objection to this planning application*

*14/00775/776: Barn at Bears Copse Farm, West End
The Parish Council had no objection to these planning applications*

FC/134b/04/2014

*Trees in a Conservation Area:
None received*

FC/134c/04/2014

*Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days:
None received*

FC/134d/04/2014

Other Planning Matters:

Nothing received but Bellman Hanger will come to Panel in May and the Chairman will represent the Parish Council

- FC/134e/04/2014 Enforcement Notices & Appeals:
Nothing to report
- FC/135/04/2014 Finance:
- The cheques issued in March were agreed and signed by the Chairman
 - The RFO will be invited to attend the May meeting to discuss the year end accounts with the Councillors
 - The Parish Councillors approved the financial regulations for 2014 without amendment
- CLERK
- FC/136/04/2014 Neighbourhood Plan update:
The Chairman advised that the results are currently being analysed
- FC/137/04/2014 Report for Representatives
- Sandy Quinn advised that more damage had been caused to the horse walker fencing on the Twyford Road and that she will arrange to meet up with the new Community Warden to express concerns at the speeding traffic at the junction and then chase the RBWM again to get a satisfactory result
 - Mrs Ball's e mail was discussed relating to the allotment boundary with her property. A response was agreed and the Clerk will communicate this to her
 - The Vice Chairman advised that the War Memorial will be cleaned in July before the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1.
 - The Vice Chairman was asked to obtain quotes for a suitable replacement bench for the Neville Close triangle after first asking RBWM to donate – previously from lottery funding
- SANDY QUINN
- CLERK
- VICE CHAIRMAN
1. The Asset Register was adopted by the Parish Councillors
 2. The Standing Orders were adopted by the Parish Councillors – note for next year that the APM month to be reviewed
 3. The burial rules and regulations will be reviewed and updated by Jenny Baish and brought to the next meeting for review and adoption
 4. The allotment rules and regulations were adopted by the Parish Council without amendment
 5. Risk assessment register is to be reviewed by all Councillors amended and adopted next month
- JENNY BAISH
- ALL
- FC/138/04/2014 Date of Next Site Visits:
Saturday 3 May at 9.30am in Neville Hall
- FC/139/04/2014 Correspondence
- Letter from Sir Rev Watt thanking the Parish Council for their generous contribution to the purchase of a new storage shed which will be located in the churchyard was signed and passed to Simon Shaw for onward submission. *IT WILL BE KEPT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PCC.*

- Letter from Haines Hill Estate manager – noted – the Vice Chairman will deal with this matter

VICE
CHAIRMAN

FC/140/04/2014

AOB:

The Chairman advised that the Highways Agency plan to improve the M4 from junction 3 – 12 with use of the hard shoulders, frequent laybys and gantry signage. This will be called a Smart Motorway Project. He does not think that any of the planned works will adversely affect members of the Parish with the nearest large gantry against the bridge at Shurlock Row.

FC/141/04/2014

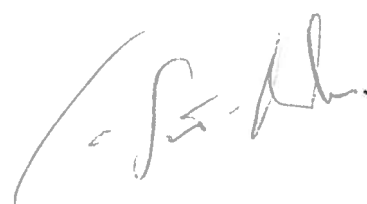
Next meeting:

APM 22 April 2014 at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall

- Katie Sarsfield volunteered to obtain the wine and nibbles
- Next Parish Council meeting 6 May 2014 at 7pm

KATIE
SARFIELD

The meeting closed at 20.37 & the Confidential meeting commenced



6-5-14