

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 9 December 2014 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: 4 members of the public + Jasper

ACTION

Public Question Time:

- John Burton advised that the footpath outside his house in Shurlock Road is still broken up despite being repaired by RWM. Martin Hayes will deal with this
- David Lee raised a question about the ditches outside some land that he owns and wanted to know who is responsible for clearing them. Stuart Craig advised about riparian rights

FC/81/12/2014 *Apologies: None received*

FC/82/12/2014 **Minutes:**
The minutes of a meeting held on 4 November 2014 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman following a couple of minor amendments

FC/83/12/2014 **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

- *The Clerk advised that the recently reported fly tipping had all now been removed.*
- *The road surface near to the unauthorised traveller site is currently being resurfaced*
- *The Chairman expressed concern about the proposed cost to the Parish for the elections next year, a letter will be written to David Burbage*

FC/84/12/2014 **Traveller update:**

- *The Chairman advised that a liaison meeting had been held prior to the judicial review in January*

FC/85a/12/2014 **Planning Applications:**
14/03408: Exton House, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council had no objection to this application

Stuart Craig declared an Interest and left the room
14/03469: West End Fishery, West End
The Parish Council objected on grounds of GB2 and the MPPF Para 89 as they believe that an FRA should be required.

However they understood that the application had recently been withdrawn
Stuart Craig returned to the meeting

FC/85b/12/2014 Trees in a Conservation Area:
14/03477: Exton House, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council had no objection subject to the approval of the arboricultural officer

FC/85c/12/2014 Plans that have arrived within the last couple of days:
14/03648: St Lawrence Nurseries Waltham St Lawrence
Object under Class MB2 we contend that the location and/or siting of the building is 'undesirable' for change of use to residential by reason of 'flooding risks on the site' as determined by the Inspector on Appeal in connection with the stationing of a residential caravan and the Environment Agency evidence: "that residents trying to leave the site would be at danger from the floodwater itself (even at relatively shallow levels)". Ref : APP\T0355\A\07\2054724 of 3.7.08.

There appears to be a conflict with Local Plan policy GBC4 which relates to "non- residential buildings in the Green Belt.....and the purposes of including land in it".

FC/85d/12/2014 Other Planning matters:

- The Clerk advised that she had received a request from the agent acting on behalf of Bears Copse wanting to present the plans for a proposed change of use. The Parish Council will discuss the matter when the plans are received from RBWM
- The Clerk also advised that a couple of recent applications had been withdrawn

FC/85e/12/2014 Enforcement Notices & Appeals:
Nothing received

FC/86/12/2014 Finance:

- The cheques issued in November were agreed and signed by the Chairman
- The Clerk advised that paperwork had been received for the Precept figure for 2015. The Councillors will consider budgets in their areas and further discussions will be held at January's meeting and the figure set

FC/87/12/2014 Neighbourhood Plan Update:
The draft ~~Plan~~ was discussed and finalised. The Clerk will send the response to BC Maureen Hunt & Arlene Kersley as follows: 'AREAS OF SIGNIFICANT CHARACTER' requiring special protection.

Already identified (and submitted to Borough Local Plan) are two areas of special significance:

a) WSL village street unusually having fields

*coming into the centre on both sides ie: open
spaces*

*b) Beenham' s Heath farm "of special interest and
architectural beauty" with 8 listed buildings*

*1. Policy actions – 'SPECIFIC LOCAL GREEN SPACES'
requiring special designation:*

*a) Land owned by RBWM opposite unauthorised
Traveller site and adjacent to Pool Lane*

*b) Land behind Primary School controlled by Trustees
for use of residents of this Parish*

*c) Land behind Bell Inn owned by Shottesbrooke
Estates used as a football pitch*

*d) Land by Milley Bridge leased from Haines Hill
Estate also used as a football ground*

*e) Land at Yeo Memorial Cricket Ground in Shurlock
Row for cricket and social activities*

*2. Policy actions – 'PROTECTION FROM CHANGE OF
USE' – community facilities:*

*a) Neville Hall village hall designated as a Charitable
Trust with PC as Trustees*

*b) Primary School in West End and PNEU in Shurlock
Row (expansion as required)*

*c) Garage in Shurlock Row , and car showroom in
Waltham St Lawrence*

*d) Bell Inn (owned by village charities) and Shurlock
Inn (last remaining in Shurlock Row)*

e) Billingbear Park Golf Course

3. HOUSING POLICIES

*i. 'back garden policy' is in direct conflict with
Local Plan HOU II 'Residential Gardens in
Green Belt'*

*ii. 'affordable housing' Rural Exception Site should
be restricted to no more than 4-5 units in
WSL/SR (small villages unlike Wargrave)*

*iii. Sub division of one house into 2 or more units
for older or younger residents could be
acceptable*

- iv. *Village connection and vacancy criteria essential requirements for 'affordable housing' on suitable sites*
- v. *Flooding constraints especially between our two villages (zone 3) and sewage failures prevent development*
- vi. *3 Conservation Areas and 2 Recognised Settlement boundaries to remain as they exist/ see above*

FC/88/12/2014

Reports from Representatives:

- *Milley Road playing field – do we need to renew the lease on this area? This was discussed and it was agreed that an article will be placed in the Lych Gate to see what local reaction is*
- *Allotments – David Aldridge one of the allotment holders recently cleared the unused areas as several complaints had been received as to the condition of these areas. The matter of what to do going forward was addressed and finally agreed that when the current contract expires this will then be discussed*
- *Ditches: Stuart Craig asked the Councillors if they wanted Mark Pottinger to clear out the main drain along Broadmoor Road – it was unanimously agreed*

VICE CHAIRMAN

FC/89/12/2014

Correspondence:

- *RBWM community resilience plan - noted*

FC/90/12/2014

A.O.B. Nothing to report

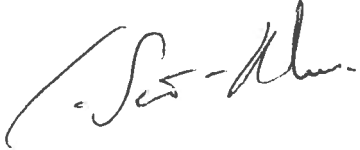
FC/91/12/2014

Next site visits : 10 January 2015 at 9am

FC/92/12/2014

Next meeting: 13 January 2015 at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall

The meeting closed at 20.50 followed by Confidential meeting


13-1-14.