

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 12 March 2013 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: 14 members of the public

ACTION

Public Question Time:

- Tom Saunders requested that Martin Hayes contact Streetcare at RBWM. He is concerned about the deterioration of the roads in the Parish, the potholes need repairing

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1. Apologies: received from Borough Councillors Maureen Hunt & David Evans.

Sandy Quinn sent apologies and advised she would be arriving late

2. Minutes:

The minutes of a meeting held on 5 February were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- The Clerk advised that following a conversation with the Estate Manager Dorothy Allard at Shottesbrooke, and following her conversation with Barty Smith they are not convinced that a padlock on the kissing gate at the end of the Burial Ground is the best option. They will after further discussion revert back to the Clerk before the next meeting
- The Clerk requested again that the two dog poo bins are erected. One in allotments and one in Halls Lane
- The Vice Chairman mentioned the proposed works at Milley Road bridge and the proposal to remove the hedgerow and its replacement with a metal crash barrier. It was agreed that it would be inappropriate and that the hedgerow should be replaced once the work had been completed. Martin Hayes suggested that the speed limit should be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph. This will be discussed later in meeting under point 7
- Nick Kohl asked why the minutes are not displayed on all the notice boards around the Parish, and also not being posted on the Parish website. The Clerk advised that it was a time issue and that she always ensured that one was displayed on the notice board in the Pound. Katie Sarsfield offered to place the minutes on all three notice boards and would place them on the website too. The Clerk will scan the approved documents and send them via e mail to Katie Sarsfield for action
- Nick Kohl also enquired why White Waltham Parish Council posted their draft minutes on their notice boards and Waltham

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VICE CHAIRMAN &
STUART CRAIG

KATIE SARSFIELD &
CLERK

St Lawrence did not. Stuart Craig advised that it is not legal to post unauthorised minutes. To clarify the situation the Vice Chairman will contact the Clerk at White Waltham Parish Council to ask if they did indeed publish their draft minutes and if that was lawful

VICE CHAIRMAN

4 *Travellers update:*

The Chairman advised that Mr Pickett who owns the land was not served papers until 19 February therefore the Travellers have until 19 March to leave site.

The latest press release from RBWM 11 March states:

*The 28-day notice served on the owner and occupants of the unauthorised traveller site at Five Oaks Farm, Shurlock Road, Waltham St Lawrence – that the Council will take direct action to clear the land if they do not leave voluntarily – ends on Tuesday, 19 March
The Council is continuing to liaise with partner organisations to establish an agreed date for the works.*

Once a date is agreed, the owner and occupants will be given at least 48 hours' notice before the work to clear the site starts.

The Council also continues to work with the occupants to find a satisfactory solution leading to the site being cleared.

5a *Planning applications*

13/00514/15 Bear Farm, Binfield

The Parish Council had no objection to these applications

13/00176: Birchfield, Shurlock Row

The Parish Council had no objection to this amended application

13/00269: Oakhurst, School Road, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council had no objection to this application

The Vice Chairman advised that the RBWM had already reached their decision on this application. The Clerk confirmed that she had written to the Case Officer Michael Byrne advising that the application had arrived too late for the February meeting and requested that they wait till March for the Parish Council's response. She had received an affirmative response but since then the application has been revised

13/00263: Annexe at Oak Cottage, West End

The Parish Council had no objection subject to the removal of PDR

13/00310: Tad Vanum, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council advise taken together and in view of the history of the site they believe that there is a conflict with GB4

The Chairman declared an interest and left the room & Sandy Quinn joined the meeting

13/00557/8 Foxcote, Shurlock Row

The Parish Council support these applications

The Chairman rejoined the meeting

- 5b *Trees in a Conservation Area:
13/00366: Cherry Tree Cottage, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application*
- 5c. *Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days:
None received*
- 5d *District Planning Agenda/Other Planning Matters:
No other matters*
- 5e. *Enforcement Notices & Appeals:
The Chairman advised that the three Appeals had been dismissed for
Land at Beenhams Farm, Beenhams Heath. The applicant was refused
change of use of land for polo playing, the stables have to come down
and the concrete bases need to be removed*
6. *Neighbourhood Plan Update:
The Chairman advised that both he and the Vice Chairman had
attended a meeting the previous evening which attempted to finalise
the latest survey which will when complete be sent to all householders
in the RBWM. A new list of all Ward potential development sites has
now been published and the Chairman asked the Vice Chairman to
report on these at our April meeting as affecting our Parish.*

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- 7 *Reports from Representatives:
Sandy Quinn advised that:*
- *A notice about the raising of Milley Bridge will be published in
the next edition of the Lych Gate*
- Stuart Craig advised that:*
- *The allotment rentals are due to be renewed in April and that
there are two new allotment holders so we are now full*
 - *The ditch at Sill Bridge has been cleared yet a huge concrete
block is impeding the flow of water. Despite requesting this
blockage be removed at several meetings with RBWM and the
EA it still remains in place. A letter was composed which the
Clerk will send to RBWM and copied to EA stating that unless
the blockage is removed within the next 21 days the Parish
Council will take steps to have the blockage removed*

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- Vice Chairman advised that:*
- *The Parish Council should object to the hedge being removed
and replaced by a metal crash barrier at Milley Bridge when the
old bridge is raised. It was agreed that he would make contact
with RBWM and also to request that the current speed limit of
40mph is reduced to 30mph*
 - *He also reported that whilst attending the recent Parish
Conference he along with all the other attendees were advised
that the Local Plan will be ready in the summer*
 - *Devolved Services a list of services was read out all of which
were unanimously agreed to not get involved in. These included
the Parish Council cleaning road signs & car park maintenance*

VICE CHAIRMAN

*The Halls Lane triangle was discussed – Alistair Brooker has
suggested that posts are put in. The general feeling was that*

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local people need to be asked. Martin Hayes has taken this action point

8. *Date of Next Site Visits:
Saturday 6 April at 9.30am*

9. *Finance:*
 - *The cheques issued in February were agreed and signed by the Chairman*
 - *Colin Dean the independent examiner of the Parish accounts has resigned. It was agreed that a new person needs to be sourced. The Clerk will speak to the RFO and Katie Sarsfield will ask her accountants*
 - *The Chairman will write a letter of thanks to Colin Dean*

10. *Correspondence:
Nothing received*

11. *A.O.B.*
 - *Katie Sarsfield advised that a pre fete committee was being formed and she had been asked to join on behalf of the Parish Council*

12. *Next meeting: 10 April 2012 at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall*

*CLERK & KATIE
SARFIELD*

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 20.40 & the Confidential meeting commenced

- JS - K.S.
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