

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council
held on Tuesday 8 October 2013 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: 11 members of the public & Borough Councillor Carwyn Cox

ACTION

Public Question Time:

Mario Lisle asked whether there were any updates on the local plan – the Chairman advised that this document was taking a lot longer to produce than had originally been envisaged. Hopefully the first draft will be available by the end of the year

FC/57/10/2013 Apologies:
Received from Stuart Craig

FC/58/10/2013 Minutes:
The minutes of a meeting held on 10 September 2013 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

FC/59/10/2013 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- SID (Speed Indicator Display). Borough Councillor David Evans had advised that putting a permanent SID up in Shurlock Row was not the best way to go as drivers tend to ignore them after a while. It is preferred to move them around the villages so he is therefore investigating whether RBWM will purchase a SID for the use of the Parish. The weekly running costs (moving the SID around and replacing the battery on a weekly basis) is c£70 per week (c£3,640 per annum). Whilst he should be able to persuade RBWM to buy the kit they are unlikely to pay the weekly running costs. He had suggested to the Chairman that we should look into the possibility of sharing the SID with another Parish Council so the two Parish Councils could share the running costs. White Waltham have advised that they are not interested so we now await the response from Hurley
- It has now been agreed that Shurlock Row will be put on a list of schemes for a 20mph speed limit, given the presence of the nursery school. There are a number of such projects ahead of the village so we will have to wait our turn. We can however expect some entrance white painted gates
- Land east of Shurlock Road (Downfield Pit) The Chairman has been in touch with Victoria Gibson the planning officer who has

CHAIRMAN

advised that this application is being recommended for approval – there have been no objections from Highways or the Environmental Agency (EA). This application will come in front of the Panel on 23 October. Borough Councillor Carwyn Cox will speak to the Environmental Officer to establish why the RBWM are so keen to approve the application. The new owner of Downfield east may allow the lorries through his access as an 'alternative route' but unknown as yet and the Borough have to agree

*FC/60/10/2013 Travellers update:
The Chairman advised that there was nothing new to report. The Downfield Road residents that were present drew to Cllr Cox' attention the new outbuildings erected but further action unlikely in advance of next month's oral hearing*

*FC/61a/10/2013 Planning Applications:
13/02793: Old Acres, Mire Lane, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council made no comment as the application had been withdrawn*

*13/02869: St Lawrence Parish Church
The Parish Council support this application*

*13/02791: The Neville Hall, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council made no comment as they were the applicants but understand that this will come back as PDR*

*FC/61b/10/2013 Trees in a Conservation Area:
3/02619: Dolphins, The Street, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer*

*13/02626: Dolphins, The Street, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer*

*13/02742: The Gables, Halls Lane, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer*

*FC/61c/10/2013 Plans that have arrived within the last couple of days:
13/02887: Birchfield, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council supported this application*

*13/02886: 8 Adkins Road, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council objected to this application on grounds of size and location*

*FC/61d/10/2013 District Planning Agenda/Other Planning Matters:
13/02615: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether a proposed timber outbuilding replacing the existing garage is lawful at Fernbank,*

The Straight Mile, Shurlock Row

The Parish Council made no comment and it was noted that this application had already been declared as lawful

13/02796: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether a proposed garden room following demolition of stables is lawful at Oakleigh, School Road, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council made no comment and it was noted that this application had already been declared as lawful

*FC/61e/10/2013 Enforcement Notices & Appeals:
Nothing to report*

*FC/62/10/2013 Finance:
The cheques issued in September 2013 were agreed and signed by the Chairman*

*FC/63/10/2013 Neighbourhood Plan Update
The Chairman advised at a meeting the previous evening further progress was made with the survey due out next week*

FC/64/10/2013 Reports from Representatives:

- The Vice Chairman advised that a party of volunteers had recently refurbished the War Memorial posts. The Parish Council thanked the volunteers*
- Jenny Baish advised that she hoped to have details on the proposed new pathway in the Burial Ground for the next meeting*
- Katie Sarsfield advised that she had spoken to one of the Parishoners about the purchase of Christmas tree lights*

JENNY BAISH

*FC/65/10/2013 Date of Next Site Visits:
Saturday 2 November commencing at 9.30am – Jenny Baish & Sandy Quinn sent their apologies*

FC/66/10/2013 Correspondence:

- Letter from BAM Nuttall – apologies for delay and disruption to the opening of the Milley Road bridge – it is now hoped that the bridge will be opened by the beginning of February 2014. Sandy Quinn advised that she had been asked to open the bridge at the official opening*
- Letter from RBWM about a proposed new footway along the Broadmoor Road – noted. The Parish Council will write in support of Borough Councillor David Evan's suggestion to have a raised footway rather than one crossing the road at two points in order to complete a circular walk via Halls Lane*

CLERK

*FC/67/10/2013 A.O.B.
Martin Hayes requested that the Clerk wrote to Wadsworth Brewery to complain about the general state of the gardens of The Star as it is now empty*

CLERK

*FC/68/10/2013 Next meeting: 5 November 2013 at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall
The meeting closed at 20.15 & the Confidential meeting commenced*