

# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council  
on Tuesday 12 June 2012 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm*

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

*In attendance: Borough Councillor David Evans & 12 members of the public*

## ACTION

### *Public Question Time:*

- *David Crawley-Boevey advised that the gully outside the Neville Hall is blocked and as a consequence rain water was  $\frac{3}{4}$  way across the road during the recent inclement weather. The Vice Chairman advised that he had already spoken to Streetcare about this but will follow it up* VICE CHAIRMAN
- *David Crawley-Boevey complained about the potholes around the Pound which are now dangerous and several inches deep. Martin Hayes will speak to Streetcare* MARTIN HAYES
- *David Crawley-Boevey complained about the bad condition of the Garden of Remembrance, very overgrown with weeds and dead shrubs. It was agreed that a gardener is required rather than a maintenance company.* VICE CHAIRMAN
- *John Burton asked if the Parish Council could have some mattresses that have been fly tipped removed from Callins Lane. The Clerk will contact Streetcare* CLERK
- *The Chairman will write to David Oram the Acting Chief Executive at the RBWM to express the Parish Council's displeasure that they were not sent the Notice of a Meeting of Planning and Housing which was held today relating entirely to traveller sites, even though the Parish was named as one of only three involved. As a result they were not able to be present. One of the Radius members did attend the meeting and reported that Panel recommended that the paper should be thrown out as there were no suitable sites available. Borough Cllr David Evans advised that this matter will be discussed at a Cabinet meeting on June 27 along with our petition* CHAIRMAN
- *A member of the public made the Parish Council aware that 4 Fourcroft Cottages in Shurlock Road and adjacent field (next to unauthorised travellers site) are up for sale now separately*

- 1 *Apologies: Received from Sandy Quinn & Borough Cllr Maureen Hunt*
- 2 *Minutes:  
The minutes of a meeting held on 15 May 2012 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman*
- 3 *Matters Arising from the Minutes:*
  - *The Parish Council have recently received an e mailed update on*

*the scramble bike position from Mrs Christodoulou. There has been an increase in activity again. The Chairman has recently spoken to Aldona Rahman the Environmental Protection Officer at the RBWM about the implications of this and what if anything should be done to safeguard nearby residents. David Lee advised that Downfield Pit (west) is not adequately capped and the adjacent site was never lined with suspect waste used at the time*

- *The Vice Chairman advised that a ditch in Callins Lane which had been filled in should be re-instated by 14 June and will follow this up*

VICE CHAIRMAN

4a *Planning Applications:*

*12/01429: Little Cross, The Street, Shurlock Row*

*The Parish Council had no objection to this application*

*12/01267: Broad Oak, Shurlock Road, Waltham St Lawrence*

*The Parish Council had no objection to this application*

*12/01240: Burdons Farm, Waltham St Lawrence*

*The Parish Council had no objection to this application*

4b *Trees in a Conservation Area:*

*11/01322: The Bell, Waltham St Lawrence*

*The Parish Council had no objection to this application*

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

*12/01578: Thatch Cottage, The Street, Shurlock Row - LBC*

*The Parish Council object to this application the raised roof line and style adversely affects the character of the listed building LB2 (3)*

6. *District Planning Agenda/Other Planning Matters:*

*It was noted that a Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Development has been received for The Barn at Glebe Cottage, Straight Mile, Shurlock Row to determine whether a proposed single storey extension is lawful.*

*The Parish Council ask that confirmation is made that under GDO 2008 Class A Condition A 2 (a) the exterior appearance will be similar i.e wood*

7. *Enforcement Notices & Appeals:*

*Nothing to report*

8. *Neighbourhood Plan update:*

*The Chairman advised that he and the Vice Chairman attend these meetings. Katie Sarsfield advised that she too is attending one of the meetings and that these meetings are open for anyone to attend not just for Councillors. A Parish presentation is scheduled for the autumn – date TBA*

9. *Reports from Representatives:*

- *Stuart Craig advised that the EA have cut away the overgrown vegetation along the Twyford Brook however this has all now grown back*
- *Stuart Craig advised that the vacant allotments have been advertised in the Lych Gate and it is hoped that new tenants can now be found.*

- Vice Chairman advised that the stinging nettles by the railway line in the Milley Road Playing Field need to be sprayed. This will cost £50 plus VAT the expenditure was unanimously agreed VICE CHAIRMAN
- The Chairman advised that there are two blocked manhole covers in Shurlock Row. One by Morland House and the other by the bus stop in the Street. Martin Hayes will advise Streetcare and also chase up the potholes and crumbling tar problems outside Ruscombe End in Twyford Road at the same time. MARTIN HAYES
- Martin Hayes advised that the RBWM have found a budget to have the 'Keep Clear' wording painted on the road outside The Grange near the Bell
- Jenny Baish seconded David Crawley –Boevey's comments (Public Question Time) about the condition of the Burial Ground. An advertisement will be placed in the Lych Gate for a gardener. VICE CHAIRMAN
- The Clerk advised that Dick Budden had very kindly repaired the vandalised bench in the Burial Ground. She will send a letter to him on behalf of the Parish Council to thank him. CLERK
- Katie Sarsfield reported on the recent Jubilee Party in the Parish. The figures have not as yet been finalised but it is hoped that we will break even. There are a lot of photographs on the parish website of the street party which are well worth viewing. A letter on behalf of the Parish Council thanking all those who helped to make it such a success will be sent out. KATIE SARSFIELD

10. Date of Next Site Visits:  
Saturday 14 July at 9:30am

11. Finance:

- The cheques issued in May were agreed and signed off
- The RFO had prepared draft accounts to 31/03/2012 these were discussed and approved subject to audit
- It is noted that the RBWM will be paying £750 towards the recent purchase of the Jubilee mugs thanks to Councillor David Evans
- The Clerk advised that she and Nigel Backer will be meeting Hilda Holder the new RFO in July
- The Chairman advised that the renewal paperwork has arrived for the Insurance and due to be paid by end of June

12. Correspondence:

- Update on Localism, NPPF & Neighbourhood Devnt Plan - noted

13. A.O.B.

- The Clerk requested that the Parish Council acquire some dog poo bins. These should be placed around the village and in particular in the allotments and by the Old Vicarage in Halls Lane. She advised that if required she would empty them on a weekly basis. The Vice Chairman advised that he would look into this VICE CHAIRMAN

14. Next meeting: Tuesday 17 July 2012 at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall

The meeting closed at 20:55 & the confidential meeting commenced



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