

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 10 September 2013 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: 17 members of the public

ACTION

Public Question Time:

A member of the public complained about the speed of traffic between Crockfords Bridge and the junction of Shurlock Road/Broadmoor Road and asked if the speed limit could be reduced to 30mph. The Chairman advised that unless there are several accidents on a particular stretch of road and a continuous built up area which would warrant the speed limit to be reduced there is very little that can be done. He also suggested that if the registration number of the speeding cars are noted and the local PCSO is advised they may be able to prosecute

FC45/09/2013 Apologies:
Received from Sandy Quinn & Jenny Baish

FC46/09/2013 Minutes:
The minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2013 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman following a couple of minor amendments

FC47/09/2013 Matters arising from the Minutes:

- Speeding in Shurlock Row – Penny Lovejoy representing the residents of The Street was in attendance advised that a consensus on what the residents require will be passed to Cllr David Evans to take back to the RBWM. Some speed checks have been carried out with the local PCSOs had given proof that speeding actually is happening but no one is sure what happens now. Cllr David Evans will be approached by the Chairman to see if he can help in the acquisition of a SID. It is noted that a serious accident happened a few months ago by the Royal Oak cross roads the correspondence relating to this incident will be copied onto Rt HonTheresa May and the police
- Allotment boundary/Lawrence House – Stuart Craig will

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obtain 3 quotes for the maintenance of the hedge and treeline at this boundary. It is noted that the owners of Lawrence House have erected a garden shed and the question of whether this structure has been built 1 meter away from the boundary

FC48/09/2013 Travellers update:

The Chairman gave an update and advised that the Oral Hearing will be heard later this year but the result is not expected before 2014.

FC49a/09/2013 Planning Applications:

12/02289: Oak Cottage, West End

The Parish Council had no objection to this application subject to there being no conflict with GB4

12/02527: Annexe at Oak Cottage, West End

The Parish Council objected to this application on grounds of material increase in size (GB2, GB3 & NPPF para 89) and on a potential flood risk

12/02280/81 (LBC) Barn at Bears Copse Farm, West End

The Parish Council supported these applications

12/02333: Mathews Mead, West End

The Parish Council had no objection to this application providing the annexe is subservient to the main house

13/01661: Downfield Pit (Land east of Shurlock Road)

The Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:

1. Inaccurate and inconsistent information provided on the traffic survey and duration, accident record, number of lorry movements every 10 minutes and why there is a deemed 82% reduction from the 2011 refused application when reducing the height from 2m to 1m is only 50%
2. The flood risk and thereby possible contamination of the water courses from site leakage
3. Particular concern is the volume of heavy lorries over a nine month period accessing a narrow road (2 lorries could not pass together) round a blind bend and adjacent to a listed building without foundations.

If the Borough are still minded to approve we would need to see the following conditions:

- 1 Highways – we would wish to have a legal agreement on the precise route to be taken to the site, the size of the lorries and the nine month duration
- 2 Highways – attention should be given to blind bend on the Shurlock Road and the need to prevent two lorry movements in two directions simultaneously
- 3 Satisfaction that there will be proper monitoring for possible contamination of materials to be brought onto

the site and assurances that it will be top soil and not subsoil. Also we query the quality of the capping material and where it comes from (unknown)

- 4 The restored land should be restricted to agricultural/equestrian and not for motorbike scrambling
- 5 Planning permission should be required for any event/competition use of the site likewise stabling/feed stores etc and PDR to be removed
- 6 What sanctions will be in place if any conditions are breached, damage to housing along the route and disturbance of roads in our Parish?

FC49b/09/2013 Trees in a Conservation Area:
12/02542: Beech House, Halls Lane, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer

FC49c/09/2013 Plans that have arrived within the last couple of days:
None received

FC49d/09/2013 District Planning Agenda/Other Planning Matters:
Nothing received

FC49e/09/2013 Enforcement Notices & Appeals:

- 13/00973: Appeal decision on the proposed single storey rear extension at Sill Bridge, Sill Bridge Lane – dismissed
- 13/00674: Appeal decision on the proposed single storey extension at South Lodge, Manor Road - dismissed

FC50/09/2013 Finance:
The cheques issued in August were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

FC51/09/2013 Neighbourhood Plan update:
No updates to report

FC52/09/2013 Reports from Representatives:

- Creation of a new area and path in Burial Ground – only one quote has been received. Carried forward to October meeting to enable two more quotes to be obtained
- The quotation received for the ditch clearance presented by Stuart Craig was accepted
- The Vice Chairman requested that the Parish Council approved the purchase of some paint and brushes plus cleaner to maintain the posts around the War Memorial. This was unanimously approved. Some volunteers have stepped forward to help with this work
- Allotments – The Clerk will write to Mrs Ball the owner of Lawrence House to advise that the Parish Council acknowledge that the hedge abutting her property is the responsibility of the Parish Council

JENNY BAISH

FC53/09/2013 Date of Next Site Visits:
5 October 2013 at 9.30am

FC54/09/2013 Correspondence:
E mail received from Ruth Curtis-Talbot relating to the proposed Jubilee sculpture. It was agreed that Stuart Craig would liaise with her and Dick Budden and David Crawley-Boevey over this project

FC55/09/2013 AOB
The Clerk presented a list of the proposed site visit and meeting dates for 2014

FC56/09/2013 Next meeting:
5 October 2013 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 21.08 and the Confidential meeting commenced

(S. W. M.)
8-10-13.