

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022

Present: Mark Hipgrave (Acting Chairman), Clive Scott-Hopkins, Paul Mason, Herman Bleekendaal, MJ Streater (Clerk). Also present, Cllr Hunt and 3 members of the public.

Due to Covid the meeting was held on zoom

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| | <p>Public Question Time: 2 members of the public were seeking advice and/or support for their quest to get funding towards 9 children from the village attending Altwood School. A last-minute change in policy by RBWM has resulted in 9 children being unable to access transport to Altwood School despite payment by the parents back in the spring. Mark Hipgrave with the agreement of the Council agreed to work with the residents and Cllr Hunt to investigate whether the WSL Charities, The David Brownlow Foundation or a Parish Council contribution could be used to contribute to the £18,000 shortfall. Fundraising should also be considered, as the residents can get quite motivated about a local initiative.</p> | <p>Mark Hipgrave</p> |
| FC/75/9/2022 | <p>Apologies: Noted from Mike Kay, Graham Pobjoy and Rupe Patel</p> | |
| FC/76/9/2022 | <p>Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th August were subject to 3 minor amendments, agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.</p> | |
| FC/77/9/2022 | <p>Declaration of Interests: There were none.</p> | |
| FC/78/9/2022 | <p>Significant Matters Arising from the June Minutes: Shurlock Road Nature Reserve Damage caused by the dry summer has been investigated by RBWM. Currently there are metal stakes indicating large fissures. The tape that had been placed has been removed and strewn across the Nature Reserve. Lease is ready subject to a solution to this issue Bellman Hanger Unanimous refusal which is a positive result, however Mike Kay has proposed that the Parish Council should write to Highways and RBWM to express the concern that the Railton Report was not even referred to by the Case Officer. He will work with the Clerk to draft this letter.</p> | <p>Rupe Patel</p> <p>Mike Kay/Clerk</p> |
| FC/79/9/2022 | <p>Planning Applications Reference 22/02231/OUT Address Land at The Junction of Mire Lane And Twyford Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading Proposal Outline application with all matters reserved for a temporary rural workers accommodation. Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council Objects - We are opposed to "accommodation for rural workers" in the Green Belt as this application appears to have no relevance to an agricultural worker required for security purposes. In any case a detailed business plan would be required to satisfy an exception. Our experience of "temporary" is that such a residential use inevitably becomes permanent. The Parish Council Objects: This proposal is obviously a massive intrusion into the Green Belt and should be resisted if possible. It borders an ancient woodland with protected wildlife and the pollution element could have an impact on the woodland, it could also have flooding implications. If allowed, only in the national interest, it should be lowered in height (14m) and special attention paid to emitting noise and external</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

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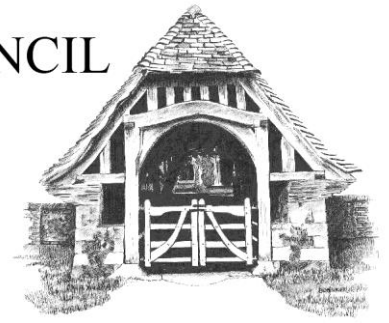
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| | <p>lighting. At the very least an encircling tree screen should be planted in an attempt to conceal such an intrusive facility.</p> <p>NB An EA letter to RBWM of 10.9.02 stated that they objected to an MSA at Great Wood "on flooding grounds" and said : "the Agency will support this objection at the forthcoming Inquiry"</p> | |
| FC/80/9/2022 | <p>Trees in a Conservation Area Reference 22/01882/TCA Address The Tithe Barn Twyford Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0HE Proposal Silver Birch - crown reduce to leave a height of 8-10m and a spread of 4m. Parish Council Comments: No Objection subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer.</p> | Clerk |
| FC/81/9/2022 | <p>Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days: There were none.</p> | |
| FC/83/9/2022 | <p>Other Planning Matters: Wicks Lane, there continues to be a significant amount of correspondence regarding the planned barn development. Clerk and Herman Bleekendaal to work with Public Rights Of Way Officer, to establish access rights. Also continue dialogue with the Flod Manager. Glebe Farm Enforcement have responded that there seems to be little justification for any Enforcement, given the length of time the site has been operating, Clerk and Herman Bleekendaal to continue to investigate historic conditions regarding Darvills Lane access. It is unacceptable for residents to have to endure the volume of HGV traffic.</p> | Clerk/Herman Bleekendaal Clerk/Herman Bleekendaal |
| FC/84/9/2022 | <p>Enforcement Notices and Appeals. Andrews Yard No further update Beenhams Barn This is now in a shocking state of repair, despite the schedule of urgent works served on the owner back in April. The Clerk was requested to re approach Enforcement and the Conservation Officer. Pool Lane No Further update</p> | Clerk |
| FC/85/9/2022 | <p>Finance: Online Payments of £531.50 were approved by the Council and signed by Mark Hipgrave.</p> | |
| FC/86/9/2022 | <p>Reports from Representatives: Clerk The Clerk confirmed that elections would take place on 4th May 2023, RBWM will run briefing sessions in advance. There are continuing complaints re speeding and Parking along the Street Shurlock Row. Cllr Hunt' Nothing to report. Communications> Nothing to report Burial Ground Removal of the Beech Tree is approved. Other Quotes re Trees and Hedges to be reviewed. Bridleways and Footpaths: No further update. Ditches and Allotments: As the season is almost finished, should aim to remove the wasps nest after departure of the wasps. Ideally no Chemicals to be used. West end Ditch Project progressing.</p> | |

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| | <p>Highways: New larger 7.5T signs to be installed imminently at the entrance to the Street Shurlock Row. Request to move the speed sign on Hungerford Lane rejected by Highways due to cost (with limited impact). Alternative solutions to be pursued.</p> <p>Parish Maintenance: No further update.</p> <p>Shurlock Row Pond: No further update</p> <p>CII Projects to be presented at October meeting</p> | |
| FC/87/9/2022 | <p>Reports from Representatives who attended meetings representing the Parish Council</p> <p>The Clerk attended a briefing by RBWM re Elections 2023</p> | |
| FC/88/9/2022 | <p>Correspondence: Continues re speeding and parking on The Street Shurlock Row. Speed watch is very active, so hopefully this issue should diminish.</p> | |
| FC/89/8/2022 | <p>AOB: The Parish Council will meet on Sat 1st October in their capacity as Trustees of Neville Hall Management Trust.</p> | |
| | Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 1 st October 2022 Neville Hall. | |
| FC/90/9/2022 | Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4 th October 2022 Neville Hall. | |
| | The meeting closed at 8.20 pm | |

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