

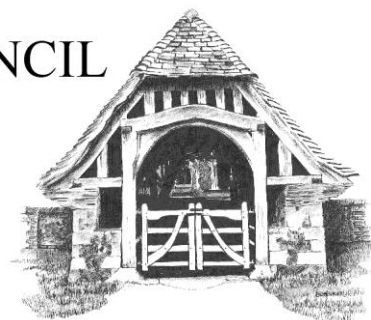
WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

The Old School, The Street, Shurlock Row, Berkshire RG10 0PR

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FC/48/7/2024	Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days: There were none.	
FC/49/7/2024	<p>Other Planning Matters:</p> <p>Reference 22/03100/FULL</p> <p>Address Beenhams Farm Beenhams Heath Shurlock Row Reading</p> <p>Proposal Conversion of 3 no. barns to provide 4 no. dwellings with associated works.</p> <p>Decision Refuse</p> <p>Milley Road New Builds: Clerk continues to try and encourage Highways to work with builders to finish off the front wall, which still appears to be falling into the road.</p> <p>Land behind Rogers Stores: Injunction has lapsed. No apparent activity</p> <p>Plots on School Lane: Land has been removed from sale.</p> <p>Old Oak Farm: Watching brief still required on application.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p>
FC/50/7/2024	<p>Enforcement Notices and Appeals:</p> <p>The Clerk provided correspondence with Enforcement recently; there is little evidence of a desire to work with Parishes. The Chairman committed to write to the CEO Stephen Evans referring to the meeting held in February indicating we were keen to work together.</p>	Chairman
FC/51/7/2024	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal Audit Report: the Council noted the points raised in the report, including that of cancelling quarterly payments to HMRC, which will allow payment by the year end. Also, that the Internal Auditor is not keen on the dependence on QuickBooks, which is not suited, in his opinion, to Parish Council accounts. The Chairman commented that he disagreed on a manual system and a digital basis was required to submit VAT returns. Online payments of £ £5,479.64 were approved (Clerk salary July, Malwarebytes renewal, printer ink supplies, ANB dog bins, Accordis retainer, Internal Auditor, Braywick Heath maintenance, London Hearts defibrillator, Myfiscal payroll and year end, C Gavagan Memorial Garden, Accordis Microsoft licences, BAL and NALC subscriptions.) 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
FC/52/7/2024	<p>Reports from Representatives:</p> <p>Clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk reaffirmed the point that 35 acres of land along Milley Road has been offered for sale in the Parish, which the Council were aware of. The Clerk requested feedback from Councillors who recently attended planning training, and the Councillor who attended basic councillor knowledge training. The Clerk has been in contact with the relevant DALC Clerk's re the lack of engagement experienced with regard to RBWM following the meeting with the CEO in February, there has been no other positive feedback. When asked to comment on this in relation to the Parish Charter there has been no feedback at all, though anecdotal feedback is that other Parishes feel as isolated as WSL. <p>RBWM Borough Councillors: Nothing reported.</p> <p>Allotment Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New policy allows sheds with conditions approved and in place. All new allotment holders in place. Clerk to send the confirmed list to Cllr Crawley-Boevey. <p>Communications: Nothing reported.</p> <p>Burial Ground: Nothing reported.</p> <p>Bridleways and Footpaths:</p>	<p>Relevant Councillors</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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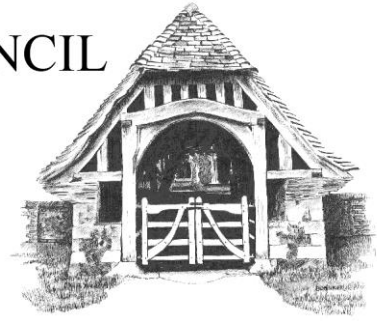
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive engagement reported, by Cllr Crawley-Boevey, with PROW Officer Sharon Wootten at RBWM who continues to be very responsive. Positive feedback has been received from residents and fed back to Sharon Wootten. <p>Defibrillators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defibrillator 4 purchased and awaiting installation in West End. There are now four defibrillators planned or in situ in the villages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shurlock Row: outside Shurlock Inn - Milley Road: phone box near the bridge. - The Street WSL: phone box outside The Old Post Office - West End: Outside WSL Primary School; timing TBC <p>Drains/Ditches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the positive response from the flood team at RBWM to assist Cllr Craig in chasing non-compliant landowners, there will be a final communication exercise to alert the residents to the next step in enforcement, published in the August Lychgate. This to be followed by letters from RBWM to stress the legal obligation. <p>Highways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress on pothole filling. 3 serious accidents locally; Memorial Junction, Hungerford Lane Junction, Beenhams Heath Road; will result in a renewed effort from the Parish Council to engage with the Traffic Safety Officer & Road Safety Engineer Derek Ingram to reappraise the signage at all the locations. Together with a renewed emphasis on Speedwatch utilising CIL funds available, it is hoped that a new focus can be brought to overall safety in the village. Clerk to supply photographic evidence to Derek Ingram and work with Cllrs Craig, Patel and Goodchild to ensure full visibility of the new focus is apparent. <p>Speedwatch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Patel is disenchanted with the recent volunteers' lack of activity towards Speedwatch. The Parish Council have invested funds in equipment to support this initiative, but volunteers appear to have allowed their interest to wane. The scheme is only as strong as the number of initiatives undertaken, so a plea to rejuvenate the interest in making our Parish a safer place to live. The Parish Council are investigating further schemes used by neighbouring Parishes. <p>Parish Maintenance: Nothing to report.</p> <p>Nature Reserve: Not PC responsibility to remove the bales, therefore no action.</p> <p>CIL Monies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final proposal and quote awaited on a new website; expected to link to WSL village website Speedwatch cameras: response awaited from neighbouring parishes. Garden Machinery: quotes and benefits to be assessed by Cllr Patel and Cllr Goodchild. Important aspect to consider is where the equipment will be stored, and how/where/when batteries will be stored. Shurlock Pond clearance: Confirmed to be common ground. Need to establish exactly what needs doing and total scope of the project. (May have to incur another ecological survey TBC) <p>Working Groups and Litter Picking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog bin at southern end of Darvills Lane requires repair. Team keen to utilise planned tools and machinery from CIL monies 	<p>Cllr Hipgrave</p> <p>All</p> <p>Cllr Craig/ Cllr Patel/ Cllr Goodchild</p> <p>All</p> <p>Cllr Goodchild/ Cllr Patel</p>
FC/53/7/2024	Reports from Representatives who attended meetings representing the Parish Council:	

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FC/54/7/2024	Correspondence: Protocol received regarding contacting Planning and Enforcement.	
	AOB: None	
	Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 3 rd August 2024 Venue TBC	
FC/55/7/2024	Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 6th August 2024 Neville Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 8.25pm.	