

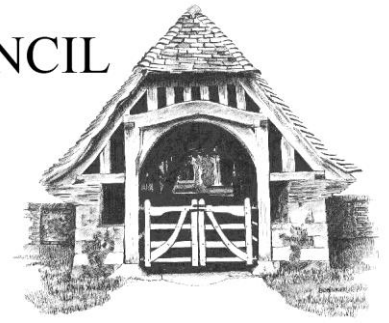
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Minutes Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th January 2022

Present: Mike Kay (Chairman), Mark Hipgrave, Clive Scott-Hopkins, Paul Mason, Rupe Patel, Herman Bleekendaal, MJ Streater (Clerk). Also, present Cllr Johnson, Cllr Hunt and 2 members of the public.

	<p>Public Question Time: The Chairman thanked the attendees for wearing face coverings. There were no questions from the public other than comments on Planning Application 21/03323 Full Oak Tree Farm.</p>	
FC/131/1/2022	<p>Apologies: Received from Graham Pobjoy</p>	
FC/132/1/2022	<p>Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on 7th December 2021 were, subject to 2 minor amendments approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>	Clerk
FC/133/1/2022	<p>Declaration of Interests: The Parish Council all declared an interest in 21/03564 Full Milley Farm</p>	Clerk
FC/134/1/2022	<p>Significant Matters Arising from the December Minutes: Shurlock Road Nature Reserve, Shurlock Road, WSL: Rupe Patel confirmed that it is likely the lease will be able to be signed in February (subject to final Parish Council approval), all the legals seem to be in order. Rupe Patel was thanked by the Chairman and Cllr Hunt for bringing this to a positive fruition.</p>	Rupe Patel
FC/135/1/2022	<p>Planning Application: Reference 21/03666/FULL Address Barn Bears Copse Plough Lane West End Waltham St Lawrence Reading Proposal x1 dwelling with garage, parking and associated landscaping, following demolition of existing buildings and removal of hardstanding. Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council Objects to the 1 large house. Although the barn is unattractive, a large house is out of keeping with the adjacent area. Previously an application for 2 smaller cottages was more acceptable as considered more in keeping with the nearby pair of cottages. (18/02701 The Parish Council had No Objection as the scaled down redevelopment meets with our previous recommendations, providing it is made clear (by legal agreement) that this replaces the existing barn with the need to remove PDR on land attached to Bears Copse). Reference 21/03605/FULL Address Winterset Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0PL Proposal Erection of a detached garage following demolition of existing garage. Parish Council Comments: No Objection Reference 21/03564/FULL Address Milley Farm Milley Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0JR Proposal Single storey side/rear extension. Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council declared an interest as the applicant is a Parish Councillor. Reference 21/03323/FULL Address Oak Tree Farm And Barn At Oak Tree Farm Twyford Road Binfield Bracknell Proposal Redevelopment of part of the site to provide 8no. detached dwellings, retention of the existing cottage, associated parking, landscaping and improved access along Twyford Road following the demolition of the existing main farmhouse, associated ancillary barns and temporary structures. Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council objects for the following reasons:</p>	

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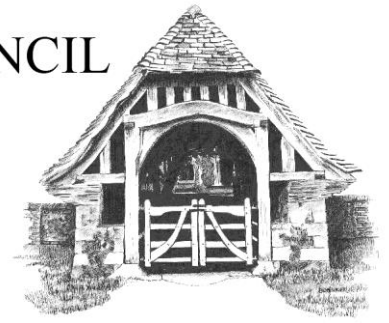
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	<p>1 The proposed 8 detached houses are to replace one main house with relevant GIA measurements of 1048.6sm proposed as against 564 existing an increase of 86% ie over-development ref: NPPF para 145g. Also contravenes GB2 A and Bi, ii.</p> <p>2 The majority fall outside the footprint of existing house and other buildings (polytunnels and caravan, should be excluded as 'temporary building') thereby impacting on the visual 'openness' of the GB a material factor.</p> <p>3 The existing barn is also to be demolished and taken into account in calculating total floor area but this is contrary to NPPF 145d in that the replacement will no longer be "in the same use" ie 'gym and tractor shed'; is also substituted by 3 buildings (not one).</p> <p>4 There is a highway issue in that a sharp downward bend exists just before the main entrance; although an additional (not substituted) access is proposed further along Twyford Road there will be nine households involved as compared with only 2 existing thereby increasing the safety hazard. With car use essential in this remote rural location. It is suggested that the existing entrance (close to the bend) should be closed, and the proposed new entrance should be the only entrance.</p> <p>PS if the LPA is minded to approve we request it be brought to Panel. Reference 21/03711/NMA Address Glebe Farm Cottage The Straight Mile Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0QP Proposal Non-material amendments to planning permission 21/02187/FULL for the relocation of 2no. windows from the rear ground floor elevation to the side ground floor elevation, repositioning of the rear access door and the addition of 1no. rear rooflight. Parish Council Comments: No Objection.</p>	
<p>FC/136/1/2022</p>	<p>Trees in a Conservation Area Reference 21/40001/HR Address Land To The South of Dolphins The Street Waltham St Lawrence Reading Proposal Notification to remove 33m of hedgerow. Parish Council Comments: No Objection.</p>	
<p>FC/137/1/2022</p>	<p>Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days: There were none</p>	
<p>FC/138/1/2022</p>	<p>Other Planning Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting date still awaited between WSL and RBWM Planning 	
<p>FC/139/1/2022</p>	<p>Enforcement Notices and Appeals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milley Road Lights Still awaiting comment from Enforcement Downgrove: Alleged sewage smell -with the Environment Agency Andrews Yard: With Enforcement 	
<p>FC/140/1/2022</p>	<p>Finance: On-line payments of: £2,142.32 (Clerk Salary £520.50, Castle Water £52.22, ANB £1,320, Community Heartbeat £105.60, Accordis £144.00), Countrywide Dec £ 523.45 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. Countrywide still required final OK from Paul Mason but was approved, subject to that. An online payment of: AB Walker Pamela Hyde inscription) £30 was accepted.</p>	<p>Paul Mason</p>

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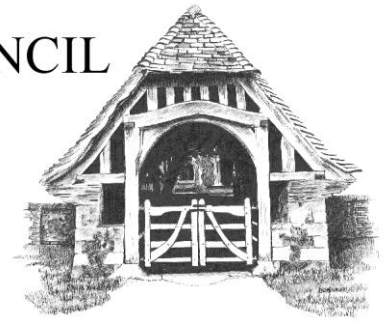
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	<p>Budget 2022/23 A discussion ensued regarding the Budget and Precept. Clive Scott-Hopkins asked that his strong feeling about not increasing the Precept be voiced and minuted. This was acknowledged, however the remaining Councillors felt that the Precept should be raised to £26,500 from £24,500. This to ensure that projects required to keep the Parish looking at its best and to continue with basic requirements such as grass cutting etc. In forming this conclusion the Parish Council noted that RBWM were reducing maintenance, which impacted this rural parish more than most, as part of budget cuts.</p> <p>Resolution</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That in 2021/22 £2,100 is transferred from General Reserves to the Capital Reserve 2. That in 2021/22 £320 is transferred from General Reserves to the War Memorial Reserve (recognizing the year's delay in works last year and increased costs) 3. That in 2021/22 £1,000 is transferred from the General Reserve to the Open Space Reserve 4. That in 2021/22 £13,320 is transferred from the General Reserve to the S106 Reserve 5. That the expenditure on the replacement war memorial posts be drawn from the Capital Reserve together with any other expenditure on capital equipment 6. That the legal fees incurred relating to the Open Space Nature Reserve (£888 year to date) be drawn from the Open Space Reserve 7. That the precept for 2022/23 be set at £26,500. <p>See website for Budget detail.</p>	
<p>FC/141/1/2022</p>	<p>Reports from Representatives:</p> <p>Report from the Clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Planning Portal goes live 31.1.2022 • Proposed new development site in Ruscombe is attracting interest in local press. Clerk to discuss with Clive Scott-Hopkins. • New owners of the land adjacent to Mowbray Dene Farm <p>Report from RBWM Cllr Hunt and Cllr Johnson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hunt will investigate the opportunity to call Oak Tree Farm to Panel (outside validation date) • Citizens Portal due to be launched March 2022. Clerk suggests when this is launched it should be published in the Lychgate. • Mark Hipgrave commented that no response has been available from Tree Dept on a case raised (this to be incorporated into planned meeting with Adrien Waite). • Cllr Johnson commented that the Local Plan is close to being approved. <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>Highways and Speed Limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speedwatch, Broadmoor Road ready to go, need permission from Highways to erect the signs. Rupe Patel to liaise with Herman Bleekendaal to ensure they know how to obtain the training. Approval to spend £752.38 for jackets and speed signs. • The Chairman raised the issue of the poor state of repair of the tarmac around The Pound. Cllrs Hunt and Johnson agreed to investigate how to bring this up on the Highways agenda. 	<p><i>Herman Bleekendaal/ Rupe Patel</i></p> <p><i>Clerk/Cllr Hunt</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Hunt/Clerk</i></p>

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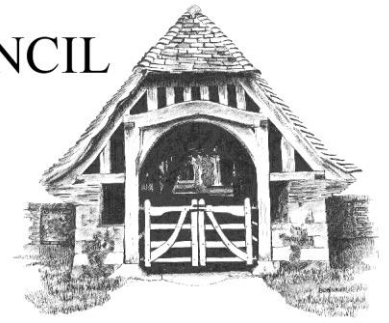
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.5T Weight Restriction sign project for The Straight Mile and Twyford Road (Shurlock Row). Cllr Hunt to liaise with the Clerk <p>Ditches and allotments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hedge height at the allotments, to be trimmed in the spring. <p>Footpaths and Bridleways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to discuss with Sharon Wootten. (to include Pool Lane). Kissing Gate at Sue's Piddle still outstanding. <p>Burial Ground:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sycamore Tree update. Update awaited Replacement of damaged pipe or re-siting of tap. To be undertaken in the Spring Oak vs Chestnut Tree Wording received; plaque required. Green waste removal update Area secured; final implementation required. Signage required, Rupe Patel to liaise with the Clerk. Consideration of rogue tree next to Magnolia Spring. Outstanding <p>Parish Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newdog poo collection contractor agreed to be ANB Groundcare with immediate effect. Two had been quotes received from Shorts and ANB. <p>Jubilee Celebrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday Night The Pound/ The Bell Saturday Breakfast Great Martins Sunday Lunch The Cricket Field. Clerk to discuss with Herman Bleekendaal re Insurance Herman Bleekendaal asked whether there was a possibility for a grant for the Jubilee. He was asked to provide a proposal but the Parish Council has limited powers. 	<p><i>Paul Mason</i></p> <p><i>Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Rupe Patel/ Paul Mason</i></p> <p><i>Rupe Patel Paul Mason</i></p> <p><i>Paul Mason</i></p> <p><i>Herman Bleekendaal/ Clerk</i></p>
FC/142/1/2022	Correspondence: There was none.	
FC/143/1/2022	Meetings attended by Councillors: None	
FC/144/1/2022	AOB: None	
	Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 5 th February 2022 Neville Hall.	
FC/145/1/2022	Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 8 th February 2022 Neville Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 8.55pm	