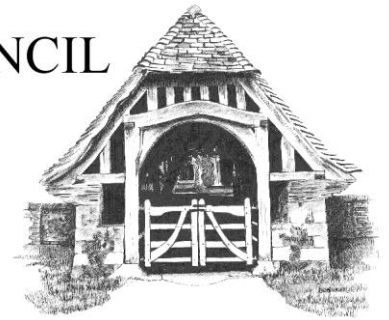


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REVISED Minutes of the Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023
 Present: Mike Kay (Chairman), Mark Hipgrave, Clive Scott-Hopkins, Paul Mason, Rupe Patel, Herman Bleekendaal,
 Graham Pobjoy, MJ Streater (Clerk).

Also present 5 Members of the Public, Cllr Hunt, 2 members of Thames Valley Police

	<p>Public Question Time: A member of the public requested an update on Wicks Lane and Glebe Farm. Wicks Lane: Herman Bleekendaal confirmed that the applicant for Wicks Lane has been advised that at the moment construction access approval is still pending with RBWM. It would appear that an impasse has been reached, as the applicant is still progressing towards starting the project. Despite willingness to assist all parties, the lack of powers of the Parish Council are highlighted by this project. Herman Bleekendaal continues to engage with the residents, the applicant and RBWM, so far with no final decision being made regarding access. The Member of the public was encouraged also to contact RBWM, it is hoped that finally the volume of pressure will result in some form of decision. Cllr Hunt asked for the Borough Councillors to also be copied on correspondence. Herman Bleekendaal and the Clerk to continue to engage with RBWM</p> <p>Glebe Farm: All the same issues were discussed; development of new stables resulting in significant HGV traffic, on a 7.5T restricted road; Private vs Commercial use of the Zacara site, damage to the surface on Darvells Lane. It was also discussed that come April, with the start of the new polo season, there is expected to be an increase in American style horse boxes to transport the ponies from their accommodation to the relevant polo playing field (Zacara, Windsor, Sussex, etc...), thereby affecting the infrastructure of the surrounding area. The Member of the Public raised the petition that was raised in 2022. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council understands and sympathises with the issues raised but has a lack of power to affect any changes. It was thus recommended that a pressure group/petition is the route to follow, with the support of the Parish Council through Herman Bleekendaal and the Clerk. The summary was to try to get a meeting of Planning, Highways, Thames Valley Police and Enforcement. Cllr Hunt offered to assist. Highways is the most critical to start with.</p> <p>The applicant for the Solar Energy Farm raised the point that following the negative response by residents to the proposed Hydrogen Plant, a revised application is being worked on, focussing only on Solar Energy. Much discussion ensued, but the Chairman explained that until a new application is available to view, no comment on it can be made by the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Applicant was encouraged to keep liaising with Residents and resubmit.</p> <p>PCSO Lorraine Holmes was introduced to brief the Council on a new initiative 'Have Your Say'. She has liaised with the Clerk, and it is suggested that the first meeting is Wed 1st March (part of the Wednesday Group) 2.30 start. This will be to discuss, initially, Home Security and, thereafter, subjects requested by residents.</p>	<p><i>Herman Bleekendaal/ Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Clerk/Cllr Hunt/Herman Bleekendaal</i></p> <p><i>Applicant</i></p> <p><i>Clerk/TVP</i></p>
FC/136/1/2023	Apologies: Were noted from Cllr Johnson	
FC/137/1/2023	Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 th December 2022 were, subject to one amendment, agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.	<i>Clerk</i>

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FC/138/1/2023	<p>Declaration of Interests: There were no interests declared</p>	
FC/139/1/2023	<p>Significant Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes: Shurlock Road Nature Reserve: The mound will be rebuilt when weather permits. The lease has been verbally agreed on the basis of the caveats previously outlined. There is no finite date for completion of the lease as yet Bellman Hanger. No Further update was made</p>	
	<p>Planning Applications: Reference 22/03336/CONDIT Address The Old House The Straight Mile Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0QP ProposalDetails required by Condition 2 (external surface materials) of Planning Permission 22/01102/FULL for part single part two storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration, following demolition of the existing single storey rear element. Parish Council Comments: Noted Reference 22/03074/PDXL Address Hilarion Shurlock Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0HP ProposalSingle storey rear extension no greater than 8m in depth, 3.70m high with an eaves height of 2.40m. Parish Council Comments: We note that this is a permitted development application. However, we would like to highlight that: the Tennis Court permitted in 2020, and the wooden building which has 'appeared' without planning, have put increased load on an area in the Flood Plain. The neighbouring property has a significant flood issue anyway. We would thus ask that the Planning Officer considers whether this is acceptable as an application to be considered under permitted development, In addition there is concern that it is possibly over development. Reference 22/03407/CPD Address Zacara Polo Ground To The East of Great Martins Martins Lane Shurlock Row Reading ProposalCertificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed enclosure is lawful. Parish Council Comments: Noted. Attention should be drawn to the previous condition on Appeal that the Polo Ground is for Private Use Only.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	<p>Trees in a Conservation Area There were no applications</p>	
	<p>Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days: Reference 22/03430/FULL Address Land Between Heath Lodge And Heath Lodge Bungalow Beenhams Heath Shurlock Row Reading ProposalErection of x1 stable building. Parish Council Comments: Request to defer comments until after the February meeting given the late receipt of this application.</p>	
	<p>Other Planning Matters: Wicks Lane Barns No further update, other than as above School Lane resident is happy that RBWM are meeting their responsibility re TPO 23.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

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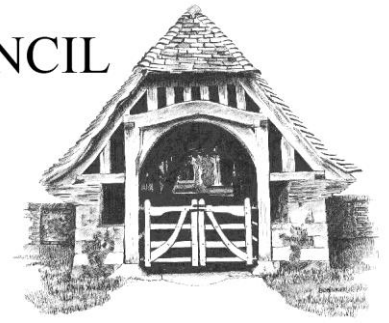
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	Zacara Polo and other associated Polo: See above. There are still outstanding issues regarding Enforcement. The Mound is deemed to require a Certificate of Lawfulness. No response from Enforcement regarding the numerous 5m CCTV towers	Clerk/Russell Taylor
	Enforcement Notices and Appeals. Andrews Yard: No further update Beenhams Barn: Enforcement attended the site, 10 th January, and is awaiting response from the owner as to which option they will pursue.	Clerk/Enforcement
	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online payments of £5,497.87 (Zuloo Plumbing, Accordis, Enviocare, Clerk for Paper/ink, ANB Dog Poo Collection, ANB Parish Maintenance, Castle Water, Clerk Salary and Pape, Community Heartbeat Defib (to be funded from CIL)) The Clerk highlighted the possibility of receiving a bill for copies of parish documents from the Solicitors, Colemans. The Chairman recommended that the Clerk's salary should be increased in line with Government guidelines, and the increase was agreed by the Council back dated to April 2022. £50pm asap. Review of Clerks Salary Scale is outstanding. Chairman committed to resolve this before next meeting. <p>Budget 2023=24</p> <p>Clive Scott- Hopkins requested it be minuted that he was against any increase in the Precept. The Chairman Highlighted that the expenditure in the Parish for 2022-23 was expected to be c£35K v expected income of c£26k (and there was a need to responsibly balance the budget).</p> <p>The Council Resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That in 2022/23 £1,700 is transferred from General Reserves to the Capital Reserve That in 2022/23 £800 is transferred from General Reserves to the War Memorial Reserve That in 2022/23 £1,000 is transferred from the General Reserve to the Open Space Reserve That in 2022/23 £600 is transferred from the General Reserve to the Election Reserve (to align with the latest RBWM estimate) That expenditure on capital items during the year, other than those funded through CIL monies, be drawn from the Capital Reserve That the legal fees incurred relating to the Open Space Nature Reserve (£1,848 year to date) be drawn from the Open Space Reserve That the precept for 2023/24 be set at £29,000 1 Councillor Against CS-H <p>The Clerk to fill in the RBWM Precept Document</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>CIL Team</p>
	Reports from Representatives: Clerk	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behan Memorial – proposal detailed a kerb around the grave. Confirmed that Burial Ground regulations restricted the memorial to a headstone. WLAC: Clerk will report back any update. 	Clerk

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Elections: Rupe Patel has drafted an article for the Lychgate • Road Sweepers: RBWM schedule unknown <p>Cllr Hunt: Nothing to report Communications: Nothing to report Burial Ground: Nothing to report Bridleways and Footpaths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncles Lane: agreed to support proposed works with contribution of £500 <p>Ditches and Allotments: Nothing to report Highways: Nothing to report Parish Maintenance: Nothing to report Shurlock Row Pond: Nothing to report CIL: To report proposals at February meeting</p>	<i>Clerk</i>
	Reports from Representatives who attended meetings representing the Parish Council: None	
	Correspondence: None	
	AOB: None	
	Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 4 th February 2023 Neville Hall.	
	Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7 th February 2023 Neville Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 9.10pm	