

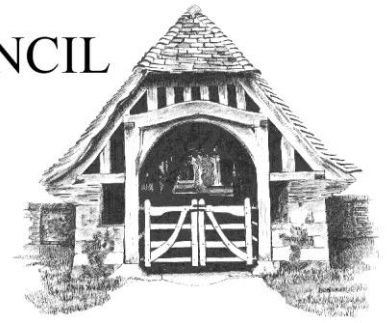
WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th October 2021.

Present: Mike Kay (Chairman), Mark Hipgrave, Clive Scott-Hopkins, Paul Mason, Rupe Patel, Herman Bleekendaal, MJ Streater (Clerk). Also, present: 7 members of the public.

	<p>Public Question Time:</p> <p>A member of the public raised the requirement for the area around the Pound to have the road resurfaced and potholes repaired as this is a focal point for the village. It was acknowledged this has not been reported through the RBWM reporting scheme, but opinion was low regarding the quality of recent pothole works executed. Initially the issue to be reported, but the question was raised whether the PC would consider funding repair works. Initial thoughts were to try and get repairs done as they should be by Highways.</p> <p>The hard pruning of the hedge at the allotments was referred to. A new hedge was planted some 15 years ago and the intention was always to remove the old hedge once the new one had grown into place. This is what had happened, but the top needs trimming to a height of circa 6ft (currently approx. 10ft). This work is anticipated to be undertaken during October.</p> <p>A member of the public highlighted that Oak Processionary Moth has been detected in Shurlock Row. This has been reported to the Forestry Commission, but the information may be useful for other members of the Parish. Rupe Patel was asked to ensure it is publicised locally.</p> <p>A member of the public asked whether there had been any response to the various submissions to RBWM regarding a possibly erroneous Planning decision. The Chairman confirmed that he had had an acknowledgement of receipt of the concerns, but no conclusive feedback. Cllr Hunt confirmed that discussions were ongoing at RBWM, it was thus agreed that further time for a response should be allowed. Anticipated this response should be before the next meeting (9th November).</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Rupe Patel</p> <p>Chairman</p>
FC/90/10/2021	Apologies: Noted from Graham Pobjoy	
FC/91/10/2021	Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on 7 th September 2021 were, subject to 2 minor amendments approved and signed by the Chairman.	Clerk
FC/92/10/2021	Declaration of Interests: Clive Scott-Hopkins declared an interest in 21/02606 Barns off Wicks Lane	
FC/93/10/2021	<p>Significant Matters Arising from the June Minutes:</p> <p>Shurlock Road Nature Reserve, Shurlock Road, WSL:</p> <p>The paperwork has all been submitted to the Solicitors for RBWM. Whilst this delay is frustrating, the next maintenance cycle is now not until March, thus provided the issues are resolved in time to allocate necessary budgets (Jan latest), there is less urgency.</p>	Rupe Patel
FC/94/10/2021	<p>Planning Application:</p> <p>Reference 21/02543/OUT</p> <p>Address Land At Binfield Paddocks Twyford Road (off Spinning Wheel Lane) Binfield Bracknell</p> <p>Proposal Outline application for scale only to be considered at this stage with all other matters to be reserved for the construction of an M4 noise abatement and landscaped screening bund with post rail fence.</p> <p>Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council supports the application.</p>	Clerk
FC/95/10/2021	Trees in a Conservation Area	

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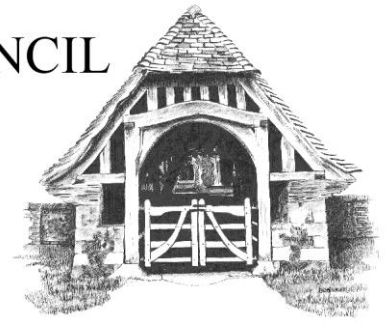
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	<p>Reference 21/02595/TCA Address Little Cross The Street Shurlock Row Reading RG10 OPS Proposal G1 - Hazel - fell, T2 - Damson - fell, T3 - Damson - fell, T4 - Damson - fell, T5 - Pear - reduce top by approximately 1m, T6 - Apple - section fell above ground level, T7 - Hazel - coppice at approximately 1m above ground level, G2 - Port Laurel, Pracantha and Cotoneaster (G) - fell, T8 - Rowan - fell, T9 Cherry plum - fell. Parish Council Comments: No Objection subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer.</p> <hr/> <p>Reference 21/02653/TCA Address The Grange The Street Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 OJJ Proposal Cherry tree - fell. Parish Council Comments: This was detailed to the Clerk on 23.9.21, the application approved 28.9.21 in spite of RBWM informing the Parish that it had until 21.10.21 to respond. Clerk to raise with RBWM the issue of notifying the Parish in time for the Council to make comment.</p> <hr/> <p>Reference 21/02902/TCA Address Orchard Cottage The Street Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 OJH Proposal Please see attached document. Parish Council Comments: No Objection subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
FC/96/10/2021	<p>Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days: Reference 21/02606/FULL Address Farm Barns Approximately 300 Metres South of Hungerford Lane Wicks Lane Shurlock Row Reading Proposal Alterations to two existing agricultural barns to provide a new dwelling and a detached ancillary outbuilding with habitable accommodation, and associated works. Parish Council Comments: No Objection to the cladding, but serious concerns regarding the impact of the basement on the Water Table and therefore potential flooding. (Still have serious concerns regarding the appropriateness of the road for access for increased traffic).</p> <p>The Clerk highlighted that 20/00715/FULL and 20/00714 Land To The South West of Howe Lane Farm for a gas fired Electricity Generating plant have reappeared as live. Under the sphere of mutual interest, Rupe Patel was asked to look at the new plans and report back to the Council. Clive Scott-Hopkins also to look into the differences if any ,in the applications.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Rupe Patel/Clive Scott-Hopkins</p>
FC/97/10/2021	<p>Other Planning Matters: The Clerk had confirmed that the appeal against the decision regarding Land at Hope House has been dismissed. Clive Scott-Hopkins commented that this dismissal was an important decision in relation to maintaining the Green Belt. Borough Local Plan Update Clerk has submitted comments drafted by Clive Scott-Hopkins and approved by the Parish Council. 'Borough Corporate Plan Consultation. There were no further comments made by the Parish Council. Bellman Hanger. Nothing further to report. Old Malt House Cottage. Clive Scott-Hopkins commented that he has recommended to the local resident that they should get a Legal Comment regarding previous use. The Chairman pointed out that they have employed a Specialist Planning Consultant, and that it was hoped that they would be aware of the legal position.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
FC/98/10/2021	<p>Enforcement Notices and Appeals:</p>	

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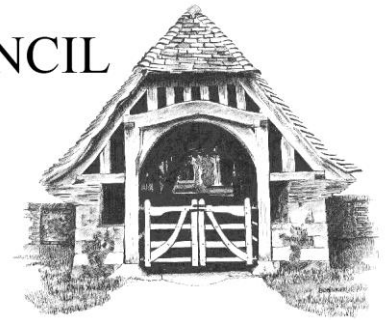
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	<p>There is still concern regarding planning decisions made by RBWM which ignore local concerns and appear not to be in line with planning law. This concern is shared by neighbouring Parish Councils. The Clerk was requested to take this up with the Clerks Forum and form a working party to highlight the concerns to RBWM. The Clerk highlighted that a new appointee is keen to foster closer relationships between the Parishes and RBWM.</p> <p>Enforcement Notices carry the same frustrations, again a senior member of the Enforcement Team has left, and yet to be replaced. Clerk to continue to chase, and Cllr Hunt offered to raise with Victoria Goldberg. The current situation makes a mockery of the Parish Charter that was drawn up.</p> <p>There was no update on any of the projects noted on the agenda:</p> <p>Milley Road Lighting Contravention Nothing further to report</p> <p>Andrew's Yard Mobile Home, Wall height, Trees. Clerk to pursue again with RBWM</p> <p>Downgrove Continued neighbouring residents alleged complaints about working hours, hardcore etc.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Hunt Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>FC/99/10/2021</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>On-line payments were approved and signed by the Chairman. For £144.00 (Accordis retainer), £520.50 Clerk Salary, £360.00 (PKF Littlejohn External Auditor), £35.00 ICO (or £40.00 if DD not available For Data Protection), Aquabridge £316.80.</p> <p>Continuing to try to get 2 credits for April and May invoices from Countrywide.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that errors in the External Audit were resolved with the Chairman but not to the required time frame hence a additional payment of £100 was included in the invoice.</p> <p>Proposed budget projects to be brought to the November meeting.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>All</p>
<p>FC/100/10/2021</p>	<p>Reports from Representatives:</p> <p>Report from the Clerk: Nothing to report</p> <p>Report from RBWM Cllr Hunt</p> <p>Cllr Hunt commented that all members of RBWM are now working from home apart from Voting Meetings. She also confirmed that no specific investment is planned in Technology to facilitate this. It was widely felt this is detrimental to communication.</p> <p>News articles drafted by Cllr Hunt to be circulated to the Clerk and Nick Kendal.</p> <p>Communications: Nothing to report.</p> <p>Highways and Speed Limits:</p> <p>The Clerk updated that Speedwatch would commence in December in the parish. There would be investment required on signage and a speed gun. TBC by Graham Pobjoy likely to be circa £500.00. Parish Council agreed it would support the initiative.</p> <p>Darvills Lane: maintenance completed and a new sign saying not suited to HGV's has been erected.</p> <p>Ditches and allotments:</p> <p>Issue on the Straight Mile has been taken up by RBWM, outcome awaited.</p> <p>West End Ditch has been cleared. Ditch by Temple Grove is currently being cleared.</p> <p>Request was approved to make 2 vacant allotments available for growing flowers for the Jubilee Celebrations.</p> <p>Footpaths and Bridleways:</p> <p>Cllr Hunt confirmed she has been dealing the vegetation issue in Pool Lane through the PROW team.</p>	<p>Cllr Hunt</p>

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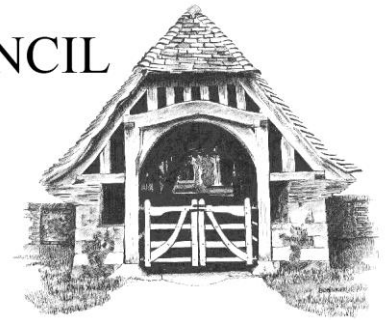
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	<p>No update from RBWM on overgrown footpaths. Herman Bleekendaal to provide a list of regularly overgrown paths to Paul Mason to consider for particular attention by a contractor. Cllr Hunt confirmed that due to 'Climate Change', RBWM had reduced trimming. Specific areas which are danger points need to be highlighted for regular trimming. Chicken Farm gate is to be addressed by the land- owner. Sue's Piddle has been reported to RBWM</p> <p>Burial Ground: Rupe Patel has met with Mike Jones Head of Parks and Countryside RBWM. Green waste from the Burial Ground will be put to one side and cleared by the Countryside team (frequency TBC). Minor amendment was approved to Terms and Conditions to insert a line to ensure new plots will follow the uniformity of the Burial Ground. Sycamore tree reduction still with Paul Mason. Water pipe will be re-laid to the edge of the hedge w/c 11.10.21 Bench Contributions: Parish will match the donations. Re oiling each year should be planned for. Plaques will be available if required. Rose bushes have all been trimmed ready for winter</p> <p>Parish Maintenance: Allotment hedge will be trimmed to 6 ft. Recent work in Parish has been much higher quality. Tender to be sent out this week. Neville Close clearing and Shurlock Row Pond to be part of budget process</p> <p>War Memorial: Replacement of posts and chains should all be completed by end of October.</p> <p>Jubilee Celebrations. Request to discuss financial arrangements for the Jubilee Committee. The Parish Council as Trustees of the Neville Hall Charitable Trust approved funding of initial costs up to £5,000 to facilitate deposits etc. The Clerk confirmed that Zurich have been approached and they confirmed that unless a gathering was anticipated to be greater than 500 people, the current policy would cover in terms of Public Liability. TBC nearer the time. All other issues to be handled by the Jubilee Committee.</p>	<p><i>Herman Bleekendaal /Paul Mason</i></p> <p><i>Rupe Patel</i></p>
FC/101/10/2021	Correspondence: There was none.	
FC/102/10/2021	Meetings attended by Councillors: None	
	<p>AOB: The Clerk reported that a further payment of £13,320 for CIL monies is to be paid, owed by Winterbrook. This represents 25% of the total CIL monies received. Dates for meetings next year to be considered, Clerk to circulate. Agreed that there was no appetite for Annual Parish Meeting this year. Planned for April 2022.</p>	<i>Clerk</i>
	Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 6 th November 2021 Neville Hall.	
	Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 9 th November 2021 Neville Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 8.58pm	