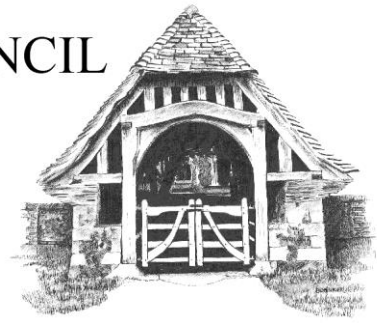


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Minutes of the Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 6th August 2024

Present: Cllr Kay (Chairman), Cllr Hipgrave, Cllr Patel, Cllr Goodchild, Cllr Williams, Cllr Craig, Cllr Crawley-Boevey, and MJ Streater (Clerk).

Also present: Borough Cllr Blundell and 6 Members of the Public.

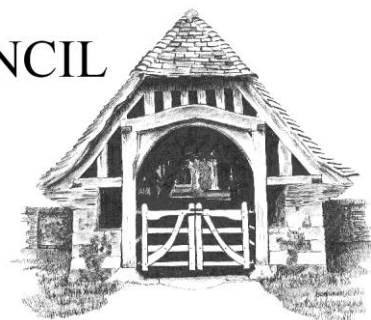
Summoned to attend: Cllr Kay, Cllr Hipgrave, Cllr Patel, Cllr Goodchild, Cllr Williams, Cllr Craig, Cllr Crawley-Boevey.

	Public Question Time: A member of the public discussed in outline a revised Planning Application, currently being validated by RBWM. This has been the subject of previous refusal. The Parish Council expressed concerns regarding the property not being in keeping with local properties but will review in full when validated by RBWM (likely September meeting). A member of the public asked whether or not the Parish Council would be taking on the lease to the Nature Reserve? The Chairman commented that given the lack of response by RBWM to the concerns raised, together with escalating costs, it currently looks unlikely. A member of the public raised concerns about the development at Viners, and its impact on the local road (Mire Lane). The Chairman commented that applicants were expected to ensure the locality is made good at the end of the project. A member of the public raised concerns about the Parish Council's initiative to enforcing the clearing of ditches as landowners may not have the funds to undertake the necessary works. It was highlighted that Cllr Craig has approached Landowners with responsibility for ditches that appear to be blocked and explained the need for owners to clear their land on an informal basis for the benefit and protection of the entire Parish. If the requests are ignored, only then will formal enforcement through RBWM be sought.	
	Apologies: Apologies noted from Borough Cllr Hunt.	
	Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved	Clerk
	Declaration of Interests: There were none	
	Significant Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes: There were none	
	Planning Applications: Reference 24/01647/FULL Address 4 Beenhams Farm Cottages Beenhams Heath RG10 0QB Proposal Replacement dwelling. Parish Council Comments: Noted Reference 24/01494/FULL Address The Darach Farm Milley Road Waltham St Lawrence RG10 0JR Proposal Change of use from agricultural land to residential land to increase residential curtilage. Parish Council Comments: No Objection. Reference 24/01748/LBC Address Old Post Office The Street Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0JJ Proposal Consent for replacement windows. Parish Council Comments: No Objection subject to approval by the Conservation Team.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
	Tree Planning Applications: There were none.	

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	Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days: There were none.	
	Other Planning Matters: None requiring action.	
	Enforcement Notices and Appeals: None requiring action	
	Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online payments of £2,266.25 (excl VAT) were approved (Clerk salary July, ANB Dog Bins x2, Braywick June Cuts) 	Clerk
	Reports from Representatives: urgent matters only	
	Allotments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broken tap to be repaired by working parties. 	Cllr Patel
	Burial Ground: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 plots identified as requiring weeding, filling in and grass seed. Approved to progress. Clerk to obtain family permission where appropriate. 	Clerk/Cllr Patel
	Drains/Ditches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Craig continues to liaise with landowners, with generally a positive response. The Parish Council is keen to work together with Landowners and provide advice and help if required. The allotment ditch will be dug out, utilising working parties, when an identified digger is free. 	Cllr Craig
	Highways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with RBWM road safety team was very positive. Full report expected to be available for Sept meeting. 	
	CIL Monies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved to look at first draft of new website. Will still be linked to wsl.link Machinery for working Groups (cutter and hedge trimmer). Cllr Patel authorised to purchase subject to 3 quotes up to £1,600. The requirement for a second storage bag to hold the equipment was noted. Clerk to investigate insurance cover of equipment Shurlock Row Pond remediation plan still being considered Notice Boards: to become a working parties project, repair and maintenance as required. 	Cllr Goodchild Cllr Patel Clerk Cllr Goodchild
	Reports from Representatives who attended meetings representing the Parish Council: None to report	
	Correspondence: Protocol received regarding contacting Planning and Enforcement.	
	AOB: None	
	Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 7 th September 2024 Venue TBC	
	Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 10 th September 2024 Neville Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 8.32pm.	