

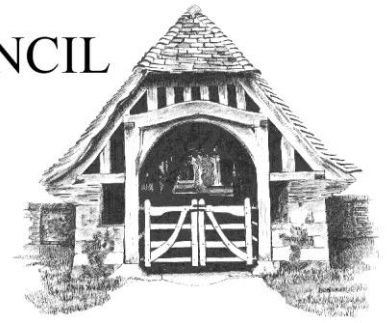
WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th December 2021.

Present: Mike Kay (Chairman), Mark Hipgrave, Clive Scott-Hopkins, Paul Mason, Rupe Patel, Graham Pobjoy, Herman Bleekendaal, MJ Streater (Clerk). Also, present: Cllr Hunt and 6 members of the public.

	<p>Public Question Time:</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the audience for wearing face coverings.</p> <p>A member of the public raised concerns regarding the recent clearance of land adjacent to the Straight Mile. The Chairman requested the Clerk to update the meeting regarding the situation. The Clerk confirmed that although the land-owner had been contacted by the Clerk regarding clearance of the overgrown ditch and hedgerow in October 2020, there had been no reaction. Support from RBWM had been enlisted, which resulted in an almost identical letter being sent to the land-owner.</p> <p>The reaction was relatively swift, and resulted in land being cleared, within the ditch and to the south of the ditch. This clearance was all done within the confines of the land owners property, no highways permission was required.</p> <p>Some neighbours have commented that the clearance is quite extreme. The landowner has stopped the clearance as a result of some aggressive reaction from residents. The Parish Council will work with the Landowner to ensure, clearance is completed and tidied up.</p> <p>Other residents have received similar letters from the Parish Council and as yet no action has been noted.</p> <p>This clearance is important to maintain the flow of natural water resources within the village to prevent unnecessary flooding during times of heavy rain.</p> <p>The resident confirmed that they will be pursuing the matter with RBWM.</p> <p>A member of the public raised concerns regarding a side in Pool Lane which has recently been put on the market, he suggested that this piece of land has considerable hard core (20,000sq ft) placed down in a flood zone area.</p> <p>The Chairman requested Mark Hipgrave to investigate whether this plot has permission for the land being raised.</p> <p>2 members of the public raised concerns about the late notice of notification regarding the application for Glebe Farm (21/03066) and the potential impact of the infrastructure of Shurlock Row and the ensuing traffic issues.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council were aware of recent late notifications, and this is on the agenda for a separate meeting called with Head of Planning and Enforcement regarding decisions made and the whole planning process. He confirmed also that whilst aware of a petition regarding the application cited, the Parish Council would be concentrating their comments on the application from a legal planning perspective, he also confirmed that the Planning Officer will also only concentrate on Planning matters..</p>	<p>Herman Bleekendaal/ Clerk</p> <p>Mark Hipgrave/ Herman Bleekendaal</p> <p>Chairman</p>
FC/117/12/2021	Apologies: Received from Cllr Johnson.	
FC/118/12/2021	Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on 9 th November 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.	Clerk
FC/118/12/2021	Declaration of Interests: Clive Scott-Hopkins declared an interest in 21/03066 Glebe Farm.	

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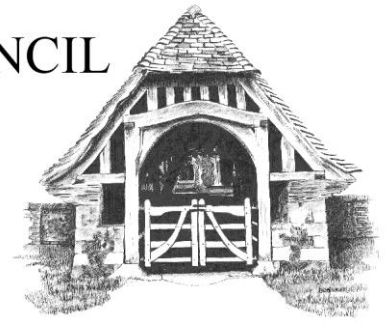
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FC/119/12/2021	<p>Significant Matters Arising from the October Minutes: Shurlock Road Nature Reserve, Shurlock Road, WSL: Nothing further to report.</p>	
FC/120/12/2021	<p>Planning Application:</p> <p>Reference 21/03227/REM Address Land At The Junction of Mire Lane And Twyford Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading Proposal Reserved matters (Appearance and Landscaping) pursuant to outline planning permission 21/02136/OUT for outline application for access, layout and scale only to be considered at this stage with all other matters to be reserved for the construction of a single storey extension to the existing agricultural machinery and concentrate feed storage barn. Parish Council Comments: Noted</p> <p>Reference 21/03207/FULL Address Beenhams Farm Beenhams Heath Shurlock Row Reading Proposal Additional stable block comprising x18 stables and x2 tack rooms. Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council Objected for a number of reasons: This is just continued infringement in to the greenbelt and this planning application should be refused. The application Conflicts with GB2,GB6 and NPPF (145/6) by reason of greater impact on openness of Green Belt, harm by reason of scale and material increase in level of activity.</p> <p>Reference 21/03066/OUT Address Glebe Farm Hungerford Lane Shurlock Row Reading RG10 OPE Proposal Outline application with all matters reserved for a replacement equestrian building. Parish Council Comments: The parish council strongly objects to this application on the following points.</p> <p>Highways The application states that Glebe farm is a High Goal Polo establishment. This is incorrect as the polo field is too small for High Goal Polo. This means that all horses kept on site will be travelling elsewhere to play, causing a large increase in traffic on minor country roads. The vehicles used to transport the horses are large American style transporters which are totally unsuitable for the roads surrounding the site.</p> <p>The Access Vehicles need to enter from Hungerford Lane. The vehicles used for transporting the horses will then need to be parked at the stable yard. The stable block is to be moved to allow for the large transporters. This whole area is only suitable for smaller horse movements which correspond to the existing number of stables. Darvill's Lane is a 4ft wide adopted road with a weight limit of 7.5 T which is confirmed by RBWM when they undertook a repair after the road was washed away due to flooding. Also it is NOT suitable for HGV's. Signs have been installed by the RBWM on both entrances to Darvill's Lane to confirm this.</p> <p>Openness of the Greenbelt This large building is set away from the present stables which would materially harm the openness of the Green Belt by the intrusiveness of a separate development in the landscape. It therefore fails the NPPF para 149b test as not being 'appropriate' and 'fails to preserve the openness of the Green Belt'. As such a net increase of 18 stables is inappropriate and the application should be refused; it would also impact further on road safety with increased use of large horse transporters on the sub standard sightlines at the Shurlock Row crossroads.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

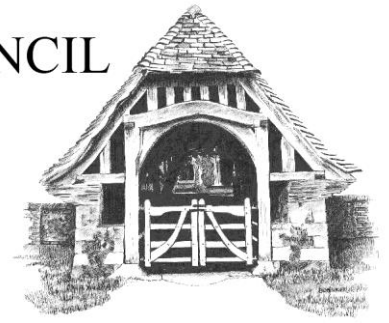
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FC/121/12/2021	<p>Trees in a Conservation Area TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA. Reference 21/03344/TCA Address 1 Boveny Cottages The Street Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0PU Proposal(T1) Eucalyptus crown reduce by 6m to leave a height and spread of 10m. Parish Council Comments: No Objection subject to approval by the Arboricultural Officer Reference 21/03471/TCA Address South Lodge Manor Farm Manor Drive Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0PX Proposal(T1) Cherry - crown reduce by approx. 25% of leaf area (this equates to the removal of up to approx. 1-2m of the radial crown spread and the height) and supply and install x4 flexible braces to replace the existing bracing (T3) Apple - remove x3 branches (T4) Hornbeam - crown reduce by approx. 30% of leaf area (this equates to the removal of up to approx. 1-1.5m of the radial crown spread and the height). Parish Council Comments: No Objection subject to approval by the Arboricultural Officer Reference 21/03400/TCA Address Exton House And Tall Trees The Street Shurlock Row Reading ProposalT1 - Purple Plum - fell. T2 - Goat Willow - fell, T3 - Weeping Willow - Crown lifting to 2m above ground level, T4 - Bird Cherry - Crown reduction by 1m leaving 7m height and spread. Parish Council Comments: No Objection subject to approval by the Arboricultural Officer Reference 21/03383/HR Address The Lodge Twyford Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0HE ProposalHedgerow is dead in places and is generally slipping down into drainage ditch, to remove and replace it with a new hedge planting, post and rail fence. Parish Council Comments: No Objection.</p>	Clerk
FC/122/12/2021	<p>Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days: Reference 21/03323/FULL Address Oak Tree Farm And Barn At Oak Tree Farm Twyford Road Binfield Bracknell ProposalRedevelopment 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: Parish Council noted that this was another application which had appeared late on the RBWM website. It requested further time to consider the application.</p>	Clerk
FC/123/12/2021	<p>Other Planning Matters: No other further updates to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Malt House • Wicks Lane 2 Barns vs 1 Barn • Andrews Yard, mobile home has gone, allegedly new one being delivered mid-December. Enforcement on hold. • Downgrove- Enforcement have spoken to the owner re height of bunds. Sewage is an environmental issue. Clerk to raise. • RBWM meeting with Planning and Enforcement: still no date 	Clerk Chairman
FC/124/12/2021	<p>Enforcement Notices and Appeals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milley Road Lights No update, Graham Pobjoy to establish if they are still live. 	Graham Pobjoy

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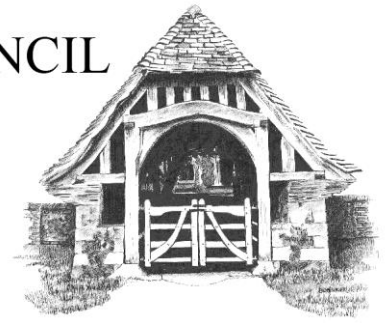
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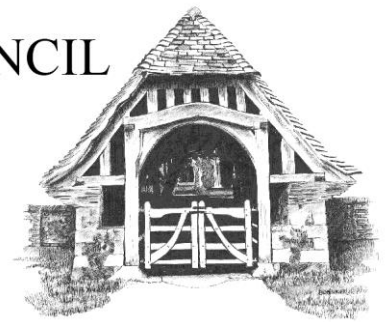
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<p>FC/125/12/2021</p>	<p>Finance: Online Payments of £520.50 (Clerks Salary), £523.45 Countrywide November, (£4,031.04) ANB Memorial post works were approved and signed. Accept online payment £30 for additional Memorial Inscription Lacey. Budget Planning A number of projects were suggested by Councillors for consideration in the 21/22 budget including: Burial Ground clearance and bulb planting (est cost £500), Neville Close Trees clearance, (£1000), Defibrillator (£2000 each maybe 2), Speedwatch, guns and signs (£1500), Ditch clearance (up to £1000), Footpath clearance (£500), Shurlock Row Pond and Culvert clearance (£1000). Allotments tidying. Parish Notice Boards (SR Pond one is falling down.) Un-disclosed pieces of land, Footpath along Milley road. Re surfacing the Pound, likely to be too expensive for the Parish Council. Highways to be consulted. Chairman suggested that a group should be working during 2022 to examine spending of CIL monies. The Chairman will review all proposed projects and build a budget around them over Christmas for consideration as to which might be included at the January meeting. Precept to be set by 21st January (RBWM timetable),</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chairman</p>
<p>FC/126/12/2021</p>	<p>Reports from Representatives: Report from the Clerk:: Mire Lane Ditches/Road Damage The area of Mire Lane is currently experiencing heavy HGV traffic due to the redevelopment of Viners. Significant road damage is occurring and adding a flooding issue caused by uncleared ditches. Road Damage: it is suggested that the PC approach the Owner, Contractors and sub-contractors (JPLD and RW Armstrong) to ask for some highway care. Ditches A local resident highlighted that their internet supply and water supply had been damaged. Thames Water have identified a possible blockage under the new drive access to Woods Grove. Permission sought to write to the owners of the 4 properties to establish whether a service contract exist for the driveway access The new owners of Winterbrook are keen to progress this project (and contribute financially if required to resolve the stagnant water in their ditches caused by the blockage Andrews Workshop (now Andrews House) The mobile home has gone (plus the left hand column of the wall). Allegedly a new bigger mobile home is due to be delivered on 21st December, when the family will return. The exit of the site was performed in an unprofessional way and there are currently wires and pipes strewn across the site from disconnected services. Enforcement have been briefed on all of the above. Ditch Clearance The Straight Mile See notes under public questions Further work will also be required further west down the Straight Mile, this involves a different land owner. Work then needs to take place on the northern side of The Straight Mile, and there will then be virtually a clear route for all natural drainage channels. This is the final part of 3 years of work by Herman to identify where blockages are and to resolve them. Report from RBWM Cllr Hunt: A Christmas message was circulated by Cllr Hunt, also a Police report. Performance Management is also under discussion at RBWM. To go live April 2022 Communications Nothing to report Highways and Speed Limits:</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Herman Bleekendaal/ Clerk Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/ Enforcement</p>

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	<p>Speedwatch ready to start. Rupe Patel has been half trained. Names for the Straight Mile to be sent to Graham Pobjoy</p> <p>Weight Restrictions, full report yet to be received from Thames Valley.</p> <p>Ditches and allotments:</p> <p>Hedge height to be trimmed in the spring.</p> <p>West End Ditch still requires final clearance.</p> <p>Sue's Piddle gateway is still outstanding</p> <p>Footpaths and Bridleways:</p> <p>Clerk to contact Sharon Wootton (PROW) to ask for volunteers to come to help with clearing footpaths Still outstanding.</p> <p>Burial Ground:</p> <p>New tap to be installed by Rupe Patel</p> <p>Rogue tree next to Magnolia to be considered for removal</p> <p>Contributions towards new Bench will be matched or topped up by the Parish Council as required to be installed in the Spring. Expected cost to be obtained.</p> <p>Oak Tree requested by relative (Clerk has costed Oak, young sapling is circa £100). Rupe to confirm to relative when this will be planted. Wording for plaque has been received by the Clerk.</p> <p>Green Waste Removal TBC</p> <p>Parish Maintenance:</p> <p>Dog Poo Collection new quote of £8 per bin. Based on current 5 bins.</p> <p>New Tender: Tender awarded to ANB. Other suppliers to be considered for the Nature Reserve in Spring 2022</p> <p>Christmas Tree Lights The Pound: installed</p> <p>Xmas Trees Shurlock Row: installed.</p> <p>War Memorial: installed</p> <p>Jubilee Celebrations: Next meeting due 16.12.21. The Chairman confirmed he is discussing banking details with Jubilee Committee.</p>	<p>Herman Bleekenaal</p> <p>Herman Bleekendaal Clerk</p> <p>Herman Bleekendaal Clerk</p> <p>Rupe Patel</p> <p>Rupe Patel/ Clerk</p>
<i>FC/127/12/2021</i>	Correspondence: There was none.	
<i>FC/128/12/2021</i>	Meetings attended by Councillors: None	
<i>FC/129/12/2021</i>	AOB: None	
	Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 8 th January 2022 Neville Hall.	
<i>FC/130/12/2021</i>	Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 11 th January 2022 Neville Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 9.19pm	