

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th January 2021.

Present: Mike Kay (Chairman), Mark Hipgrave (Vice Chairman), Clive Scott-Hopkins, Paul Mason, Graham Pobjoy, Rupe Patel, Herman Bleekendaal, MJ Streater (Clerk). Also, present: Cllr Johnson, Cllr Hunt and 13 members of the public.

	Public Question Time: A member of the public asked the Chairman to note that an incorrect statement had been made by a Parish Councillor in 2020. He asked that this statement be corrected. The statement was in connection to the Parish Council discussing their response to a Planning Application. The Chairman asked the Clerk to investigate the minute to confirm that the incorrect statement did not form part of the minutes. The Clerk subsequently confirmed that the statement formed no part of the Parish Council response. At the request of the member of the public their redacted statement is annexed to these minutes.	Clerk
FC/121/01/2021	Apologies: There were none.	
FC/122/01/2021	Minutes: Minutes of the 8 th December 2020 meeting were, subject to 1 minor amendment, approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.	Clerk
FC/123/01/2021	Declaration of Interests: There were none.	
FC/124/01/2021	Significant Matters Arising from the January Minutes: Shurlock Road Nature Reserve, Shurlock Road, WSL. The hedging which has died will be replaced in February. It is intended that this be done as a community project, involving residents guided by RBWM. It is recognised that this project will need to comply with COVID regulations in place at that time. (Likely date 6 th February). Rupe Patel will liaise with RBWM progress/status regarding the lease. Bellman Hanger It is considered unlikely this will restart until the spring, to facilitate relevant additional surveys being done.	Rupe Patel
FC/125/01/2021	Planning Applications: Reference 20/03364/DEM Address Viners Mire Lane Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0NJ Proposal Prior notification for the demolition of dwelling house, swimming pool and stables. Parish Council Comments: The design and access statement of 11/01274 says "the original house on the site was a small farm cottage built in the 17th century". Does the LPA consider that this part should still be retained for Historic reasons? Reference 20/03441/FULL Address Little Martins Lodge Shurlock Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0HN Proposal Creation of a new access and associated driveway (Retrospective). Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council had no objections. Reference 20/03433/FULL Address The Grange The Street Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0JJ Proposal Installation of photovoltaic cells to the existing pergola and outbuilding. Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council had No Objection subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
FC/126/01/2021	Trees in a Conservation Area:	

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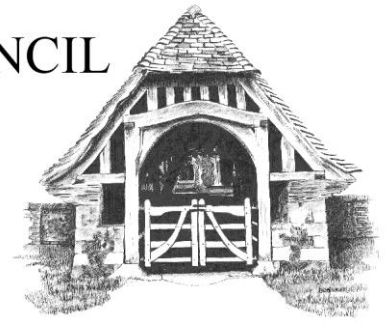
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	There were none.	
FC/127/01/2021	Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days: There were none.	
FC/128/01/2021	Other Planning Matters: There were none.	
FC/129/01/2021	<p>Enforcement Notices and Appeals:</p> <p>Andrews Yard: Neighbours have reached an agreement regarding the boundary issue. The Height of the wall however is still a matter for consideration by the Enforcement Team. Cllr Hunt has received a response from the Enforcement Team suggesting this case is assessed to be low priority. Response from the Parish is that it should be considered to be high priority. Opinion should also be sought from the Conservation Officer.</p> <p>Herman Bleekendaal raised the issue that there were still a number of Enforcement Issues still outstanding including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land behind Baskerville House • Other projects such as Beenhams Barn falling into disrepair. <p>Cllr Hunt confirmed that the specifics on the Enforcement Notice (Owner of the land, or the land itself relating to the land behind Baskerville House), need to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that the confidence level of the Parish in Enforcement generally as a function within RBWM is very low (although accepting that there has been action taken on certain projects, notably Pool Lane and Beenhams Farmhouse).</p> <p>Land behind Baskerville House: See above Herman Bleekendaal to confirm wording on notice.</p> <p>Beenhams Farmhouse. The date has elapsed regarding required action. To be followed up with RBWM by the Clerk.</p>	<p><i>Herman Bleekendaal / Cllr Hunt</i></p> <p><i>Herman Bleekendaal</i></p> <p><i>Clerk</i></p>
FC/130/01/2021	<p>Finance:</p> <p>Online Payments of £3,059.78 (6 months' Dog Poo Bins £325, Clerk Salary £510.90, HMRC £9.60, ANB removal of lights The Pound £300, Electrical configuration Lights The Pound £82.49, Castle Water -Allotments Oct to Mar 2021 £84.38, ANB Hedge Trimming Burial Ground £1,140, Countrywide Dec £523.45, Paul Mason lights The Pound £83.93, were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Receipts: 0</p> <p>Budget 2021/2022</p> <p>Given the current economic environment the Parish Council is reluctant to request an increase in the precept.</p> <p>The paper on the draft budget was discussed including various late received requests for additional expenditure on areas totalling £12,900 from Herman Bleekendaal (see attached). It was agreed to reduce the expected expenditure on the Nature Reserve to £6,000 in the budget to reflect the likely delay in adoption and to add an additional £800 in expected costs included in Cllr Bleenkendaal's schedule relating to dog poo bins and footpath sundry maintenance. Subject to these amendments the budget was agreed. Cllr Bleekendaal objected to the inclusion of expenditure on the Nature Reserve, on the basis of expected maintenance cost increases, the maintenance of the War Memorial in the budget as he believed that a grant could be obtained, and the non inclusion of the other areas he proposed for additional expenditure.</p>	<p><i>Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Clerk</i></p>

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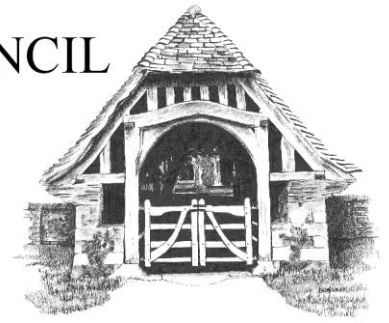
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	Resolutions agreed 1. That in 2020/21 £2,100 is transferred from General Reserves to the Capital Reserve 2. That in 2020/21 £765 is transferred from General Reserves to the War Memorial Reserve 3. That in 2020/21 £2,000 is transferred from the General Reserve to the Open Space Reserve 4. That in 2020/21 £35,333 is transferred from the General Reserve to a new S106 Reserve 5. That the further expenditure on the refurbishment of the Pound of £440 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 (£3,132 to date) be drawn from the Open Space Reserve 7. That the precept for 2021/22 be set at £24,500. Clerk to notify RBWM	
	MISSING THE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES	
FC/131/01/2021	Correspondence: Correspondence was received regarding a boundary query between Holcombe House and Andrews House referred to above	
FC/132/01/2021	Meetings attended by Councillors: Clerks Forum Wed 9 th December 2020 see above .	
FC/133/01/2021	AOB Working Parties at Nature Reserve. Rupe Patel to devise a plan.	Rupe Patel
	Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 6 th February 2021	
FC/134/01/2021	Date of Next Meetings. Virtual Meeting Tuesday 9 th February 2021 (Please contact the Clerk to join)	
	The meeting closed at 9.12 pm.	

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