

# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Present: Mike Kay (Chairman), Mark Hipgrave (Vice Chairman), Clive Scott-Hopkins, Paul Mason, Herman Bleekendaal, Graham Pobjoy, MJ Streater (Clerk).

Also, present: 2 members of the public, Cllr Hunt.

	<b>Public Question Time:</b> There were no questions from members of the public	
	<b>Apologies:</b> Were noted from Rupe Patel.	
	<b>Minutes:</b> Minutes of the 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 meeting were, subject to two amendments, approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the EGM held 25 <sup>th</sup> August were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. AGAR was approved as Minute FC/60/8/2020	Clerk
	<b>Declarations of Interests:</b> The Chairman and Mark Hipgrave declared an interest in Cherry Tree Cottage, Clive Scot-Hopkins declared an interest in Bears Copse Farm	Clerk
	<b>Significant Matters Arising from the January Minutes:</b> <b>Shurlock Road Nature Reserve, Shurlock Road, WSL.</b> The Chairman has written to Kevin Mist to investigate the possible re routing of footpath 23 through the Nature Reserve. He has responded that RBWM are keen to progress the handover to the Parish Council first as "changing all the plans/details of ROW at this stage would be expensive and delay the transfer further". The matter will therefore be considered alongside discussions about completing the lease. All appears to be kept neatly and well cut.	Clerk
	<b>Planning Applications:</b> Reference 20/01867/FULL Address Waltham Farm Shurlock Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading Proposal Extension of existing fishery/fish breeding pond and relocation of existing stock fencing. <b>Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council had No Objection subject to it being restricted to private use.</b>	Clerk
	. Reference 20/01860/CLD Address Eastmere The Street Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0PS Proposal Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the existing use of the outbuildings for uses ancillary to the existing dwelling, including an artist studio and exhibition space and workshop/storage respectively and use of the land as garden area for incidental recreational enjoyment and cultivation is lawful. <b>Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council made No Comment, other than to note they are not aware of any comments made by the applicant that are untrue.</b>	Clerk
	Reference 20/02030/AGDET Address Field Between Tad Vanam And Field House Twyford Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading Proposal Notification to determine whether prior approval is required for the construction of a new agricultural barn.	Clerk

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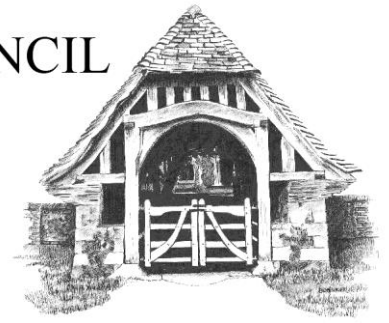
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	<p><b>Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council notes that the barn is too large in relation to the land area of less than 5 Hectares and can not rely on 2 separate locations (outside this Parish) always comprising the whole'. Where is the evidence of genuine agricultural use?</b></p>	
	<p>Reference 20/02044/CPD Address Winterbrook West End Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0NL Proposal Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed outbuilding to enclose the swimming pool is lawful. <b>Parish Council Comments: Noted (it was commented that the site has already been over developed)</b></p>	Clerk
	<p>Clive Scott-Hopkins left the discussion Reference 20/02115/AGDET Address Bears Copse Farm Plough Lane West End Waltham St Lawrence Reading Proposal Notification to determine whether prior approval is required for the construction of a new agricultural barn. <b>Parish Council Comments: Noted (It was commented that the site has already been over developed)</b></p>	Clerk
	<p>Clive Scott-Hopkins re-joined the discussion. Reference 20/01876/FULL Address Telecommunications Mast North of Bear Farm Spinning Wheel Lane Binfield Bracknell Proposal An extension to the existing lattice mast to accommodate replacement 3 no. new antennas and installation of new GPS antenna. The installation of new Remote Radio Units (RRU) and ancillary equipment to mast and upgrade to feeder cables and ancillary development thereto. <b>Parish Council Comments: No Comment</b></p>	Clerk
	<p>Reference 20/02060/FULL and 20/02062 LBC Address The Stable Barn Paradise Farm Sill Bridge Lane Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0NT Proposal New outbuilding with integrated storeroom. <b>Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council recommended refusal as it conflicts with policy CA2 1 and 3 on 'appearance' and 'design/scale' and LB2 5 on 'ground/setting' and 2.3.32 on 'overall character' (agricultural setting). The 2016 Appeal decision para's 20 and 22 are especially relevant.</b></p>	Clerk
	<p>The Chairman and Mark Hipgrave left the discussion. Reference 20/02208/FULL Address Cherry Tree Cottage 1 Milley Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0JR Proposal Single storey side extension. <b>Parish Council Comments: No Objection subject to no contravention to GB4</b></p>	Clerk
	<p>The Chairman and Mark Hipgrave re-joined the discussion. Reference 20/02200/FULL Address Fairview School Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0NU Proposal Part garage conversion, single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration. <b>Parish Council Comments: No Objection</b></p>	Clerk
	<p><b>Trees in a Conservation Area:</b> Reference 20/02133/TPO Address Five Oaks Farm Shurlock Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0HP Proposal (G1) x2 Ash and x2 Oak - crown reduce the crown spread on the tennis court side to between 3.5m-4m. <b>Parish Council Comments: No Objection subject to the Arboricultural Officers Report</b></p>	Clerk
	<p><b>Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days:</b> There were none.</p>	

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	<p><b>Other Planning Matters:</b> A number of residents have expressed concern regarding works taking place, over the recent Bank Holiday Weekend, in a field adjacent to Pool Lane. The Enforcement Team have been made aware of the placement of a large mobile home, erection of gates and the depositing of hardcore and are arranging for a meeting on-site with the owner who claims he will be using it to graze cattle.</p>	<p><i>RBWM</i></p>
	<p><b>Enforcement Notices and Appeals:</b> <b>Andrews Yard.</b> Unclear whether the enforcement team are still pursuing the felling of the trees, prior to the approved planning application. <b>Land behind Baskerville House.</b> The infill of the pond remains an issue if there is significant rainfall, as this area forms part of the drainage channel from the Straight Mile through to Hungerford Lane. <b>Beenhams Farmhouse:</b> Appeal in progress. <b>Bellman Hanger.</b> Re-planting of the verge and erection of temporary wire protection fence now complete.</p>	<p><i>Enforcement</i></p> <p><i>Herman Bleekendaal</i></p>
	<p><b>Finance:</b> Online payments of £1,166.04 were approved ( Accordis, Countrywide, Noticeboard maintenance and donation, Clerks salary. (This includes a £90 donation to WSLCC not £30) Payments received were noted Burial Ground Headstone; £80.00. The Chairman confirmed that HMRC owe £1,509 re VAT which is being pursued</p>	<p><i>Clerk</i></p>
	<p><b>Reports from Representatives:</b> <b>Report from the Clerk:</b> Parking on The Street Shurlock Row continues to be an issue. Clerk reported that Zoom meetings would continue for now, particularly in light of most recent Government Guidelines. Also, that there has been dispensation granted to not hold a 2020 Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to publish a note in the Lychgate that parish residents should contact the Clerk for the link details to Zoom meetings. Documents were supplied for the audit on time to PK Littlejohn. Period for the Exercise of Public Rights 1<sup>st</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October. Members of the public should contact the Clerk. <b>Communications:</b> Nothing new to note <b>Highways and Speed Limits:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details are being finalised for a speeding campaign. Results expected October.</li> </ul> <b>Footpaths and Bridleways:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are still some fallen trees that require clearing, Herman Bleekendaal to contact Sharon Wootton (PROW Officer).</li> </ul> <b>Parish Maintenance.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Countrywide maintenance programme is on track.</li> <li>• Fly tipping at Mowbray Dene still outstanding on both Highway land and landowners' site.</li> <li>• Dog Poo Bins have been delivered, to be installed by Gary Aldred and then Nick Kohl notified.</li> <li>• Neville Close trees: trimming discussions ongoing.</li> </ul> <b>Burial Ground:</b></p>	<p><i>Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Graham Pobjoy</i></p> <p><i>Herman Bleekendaal</i></p> <p><i>Paul Mason</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A quote will be available for the October meeting regarding hedges and trees requiring works</li> </ul>	<i>Paul Mason</i>
	<p><b>Capital Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Micks Bench should be installed before October meeting.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Ditches and Allotments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ditches in Brook Lane and Mire Lane are cleared, Haines Estate still awaited.</li> <li>Positive response reported from residents to the cleaned-up allotments.</li> </ul>	<i>Paul Mason</i>
	<b>Correspondence:</b> There was none.	
	<b>Meetings attended by Councillors:</b> There were none. Clerks Forum due 9.9.2020 and RBWM Update 11.9.2020	
	<b>AOB:</b> Defibrillator in Shurlock Row has been used and new pads have been ordered to replace. Herman Bleekendaal to take over weekly checking of the equipment. Update details on the website.	<i>Herman Bleekendaal</i>
	Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020.	
	Date of Next Meeting: Virtual Meeting Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 7pm 2020.	
	The meeting closed at 8.56 pm.	