

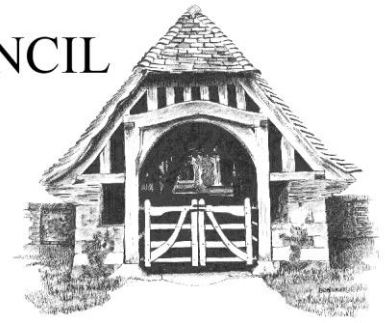
WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mike Kay (Chairman), Mark Hipgrave, Clive Scott-Hopkins, Paul Mason, Graham Pobjoy, Herman Bleekendaal, MJ Streater (Clerk). Also, present: 5 members of the public.

	<p>Public Question Time:</p> <p>A local resident confirmed a recent conversation with Cllr Hunt regarding the representations made during the application process of 21/01745 Old Malt House Cottage resulting in its subsequent approval. In addition, they highlighted the correspondence between The WSL Parish Council and Cllr Johnson expressing concern in the approval decision (it should be noted that Cllr Hunt had been copied on this correspondence). Cllr Hunt agreed to investigate and returned with a response from the Planning Officer "The assessment was based on the planning history on the property, where there was no evidence that any other use was on site. Furthermore, there was an appeal against 08/02364/FULL confirmed the building has and was being used for agriculture".</p> <p>This response has not appeased the residents or their appointed Planning Consultant. A discussion then ensued that the RBWM Head of Planning claimed, through a third party, that the approval was not within his area of responsibility, despite his signature being on the document.</p> <p>The Chairman commented that the resident should continue to pursue Cllr Johnson and the MD of RBWM. Clive Scott-Hopkins stressed the importance of referring to the comment made by the Appeal Decision in 2008 that the building was no longer being used as a cattle shelter ("former cattle shelter").</p> <p>The decision then has to be made by the residents (in conjunction with their Planning Consultant), whether to progress to a Judicial Review.</p> <p>Despite general levels of disappointment expressed by the Parish Council regarding the lack of response from the Borough Councillor Andrew Johnson in this matter, it was accepted that he had had a positive impact of the decision reached recently where the Bellman Hanger application was successfully defeated. Efforts should be made to establish why we are not getting a response or support from Cllr Johnson in his position of Borough Councillor for the Hurley and Waltham's Ward.</p> <p>A member of the public wished to raise the application for Shurlock Row Garage this is covered under Planning.</p>	Residents
FC/75/9/2021	Apologies: Received from Cllr Hunt	
FC/76/9/2021	Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on 10 th August 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.	Clerk
FC/77/9/2021	Declaration of Interests: No interests were declared	
FC/78/9/2021	<p>Significant Matters Arising from the June Minutes:</p> <p>Shurlock Road Nature Reserve, Shurlock Road, WSL:</p> <p>Rupe Patel was not present but the Chairman confirmed that as there were still some issues outstanding this should be moved forward to the October meeting. Herman Bleekendaal</p>	

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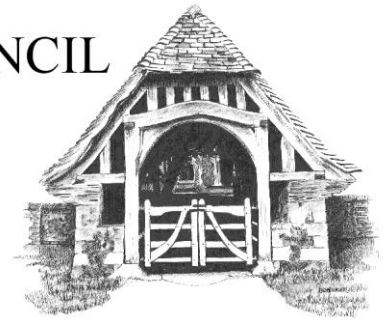
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	<p>requested that if a proposal is to be tabled at the October meeting that full documentation is circulated prior to the October meeting. (This to be included in the meeting packs). The Chairman hoped that the final draft of the lease could be circulated in advance of the papers for the meeting to allow good time for their review.</p> <p>Bellman Hanger The Chairman confirmed that that he has investigated the specific Highways concerns It was thus felt that a Planning expert should be asked to review this. Clive Scott-Hopkins is keen that the Preservation Society continue to pursue the incorrect statements made by the Planning expert employed by RBWM.</p> <p>Old Malt House Cottage see Public Question time</p>	<p><i>Rupe Patel/Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Chairman</i></p>
<i>FC/79/9/2021</i>	<p>Planning Application: Reference 21/02446/FULL Address Shurlock Row Garage The Street Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0PS Proposal New first floor Parish Council Comments: The parish council objects to the proposed application on several points as set out below. 1. The proposed extension is of poor design and harms the existing street scene within the conservation area. 2. We believe the proposed extension is in conflict with GB2 3. Parking within Shurlock Row is already a problem and with the expansion of the site will only get worse. We draw the planning officer's attention to clause 8.2 of the Shurlock Row Conservation area statement which specifically refers to the village garage and that it does not make a positive contribution to the conservation area. It goes on to say that should any redevelopment proposals be made, the opportunities would be taken to seek to achieve a development that would make a more positive contribution to the appearance of the village. We do not consider that the current design is enhancing the appearance of the building. We would also like it noted that the Parish council supports businesses within the parish although we feel that this application should be refused for the reasons stated. If the LPA is minded to approve the application: The only acceptable approach, in view of likely increased use of improved facilities, is for a Legal Agreement with the Council that staff working on the site and Sales and Service users will be provided with adequate on-site parking to prevent the need for road parking in front of resident's properties in the village street.</p> <p>Reference 21/02335/FULL Address Land To The South of Pool Farm Pool Lane Waltham St Lawrence Reading Proposal Construction of an agricultural barn, retention of the mobile home as a day/rest room and hardstanding. Parish Council Comments: The parish council strongly objects to the proposed agricultural barn and mobile home as it conflicts with GB2-1-17. The proposed barn is excessive in size compared to the area of the land that it will be servicing. It should also be noted that this area is a floodplain and should be refused on these grounds. If the council were minded to approve the mobile home it should be on a temporary basis only to establish the viability of the farming enterprise.</p>	<p><i>Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Clerk</i></p>
<i>FC/80/9/2021</i>	<p>Trees in a Conservation Area There were none</p>	

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	<p>Darvills Lane: No update</p> <p>Wicks Lane: No update until it is established whether there is going to be a further application for the Barns.</p> <p>Brook Lane: Continues to be an issue with potholes, unlikely to be addressed given the RBWM financial situation.</p> <p>Ditches and allotments:</p> <p>Straight Mile ditch is being addressed with RBWM</p> <p>Hedge at the allotment site: This has perhaps been slightly over zealously cut back and must not be repeated.</p> <p>Footpaths and Bridleways:</p> <p>Footpaths: No strimming has been done. Parish Council agreed to appoint a local resident to trim vulnerable areas.</p> <p>Chicken Farm Kissing Gate: This needs to be addressed with the landowner as it is on a Public Footpath</p> <p>Kissing Gate Sue's Piddle: To be addressed in October</p> <p>Burial Ground:</p> <p>Sycamore Tree, Shottesbrooke representative is on holiday, Paul Mason to meet on his return</p> <p>Replacement Water pipe, under discussion with Mark Hipgrave and Rupe Patel.</p> <p>Replacement bench – Clerk has a list of names of willing contributors. To be reviewed in October to establish whether the Parish Council needs to also contribute to ensure continuity of quality.</p> <p>Rose Garden looks sad and untended. The contractor has been away with personal issues. This needs to be sensitively addressed. Paul Mason to contact the contractor.</p> <p>Parish Maintenance:</p> <p>Contract Compliance is still poor, new tenders will be presented at next meeting.</p> <p>War Memorial: 3 quotes were circulated, the decision was taken to approve the middle quote, this will be funded from the Capital Reserve. Paul Mason was asked to check the posts were galvanised. Any extra up to £500 was agreed if required to cover this as it will significantly extend the life of the posts. To ensure it is complete by 11th November</p> <p>Jubilee Celebrations. Meeting of committee due 14th September.</p>	<p><i>Paul Mason</i></p> <p><i>Herman Bleekendaal</i></p> <p><i>Paul Mason</i></p> <p><i>Paul Mason</i></p> <p><i>Paul Mason</i></p>
<i>FC/86/9/2021</i>	Correspondence: There was none.	
<i>FC/87/9/2021</i>	Meetings attended by Councillors: None	
<i>FC/88/9/2021</i>	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Continuing resident frustration with noise and more caravans moving into the site at Downgrove</p> <p>Mark Hipgrave to discuss with Owner before re iterating with Enforcement.</p>	<i>Mark Hipgrave</i>
	Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 2 nd October 2021 Neville Hall.	
<i>FC/89/9/2021</i>	Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 5 th October 2021 Neville Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 8.52pm	