

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council held on
6th February 2018



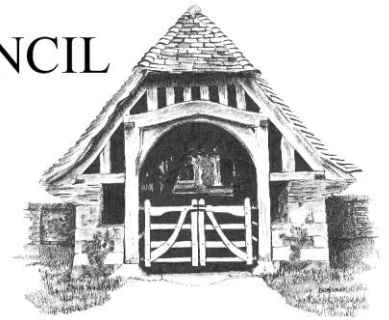
Present: Mike Kay-Chairman, John Birkett – Vice Chairman, Clive Scott-Hopkins, Mark Hipgrave, Katie Sarsfield, Maggi Bevan, Suzy Young, MJ Streater (Clerk)

Also present Cllr D Evans, Cllr M Hunt, 13 members of the public

		ACTION
	<p>Public Question Time: Many members of the public were present to discuss the Planning Application for Bears Copse. A member of the public raised concerns about drainage from the proposed Nature Reserve leaking into his property and asked for details of the Project Officer. A member of the public asked for clarification as to why the precept increase agreed in January was based on Nature Reserve Annual expenditure of £7,000, with 6 months budgeted, when lower expenditure estimates had been received. The Chairman explained that the lower estimates could not be considered reliable and the Parish Council had prudently relied upon the costed RBWM estimate. A member of the public asked why the CPRW support was not being given by the Preservation Society rather than the Parish Council. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council financial involvement enabled the Parish Council to play an active role, and sounding out of residents, as detailed in the January minutes, provided overwhelming support for this approach.</p>	<p><i>Suzy Young/ Maggi Bevan</i></p>
<i>FC/318/2/2018</i>	<p>Apologies: Received from Cllr C Cox</p>	
<i>FC/319/2/2018</i>	<p>Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2018 were approved subject to some minor amendments</p>	<i>Clerk</i>
<i>FC/319/2/2018</i>	<p>Declarations of Interests: Clive Scott-Hopkins declared an interest in Paradise Farm, and the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mark Hipgrave and Katie Sarsfield declared an interest in Cherry Tree Cottage</p>	
<i>FC/320/2/2018</i>	<p>Significant Matters Arising From The January 2018 Minutes: Campaign for the Protection of Rural Ruscombe (CPRW): There is a follow up meeting for Parish Council Members on Monday 12.2.18 Open Space and Nature Reserve; Although the project is still ongoing as a planning exercise, the member of the public's concerns have been noted and will be raised with the Project Officers if/when the project goes live.</p>	<p><i>Clive Scott-Hopkins, Maggi Bevan/Suzy Young</i></p>
<i>FC/321/2/2018</i>	<p>Planning Applications: Clive Scott-Hopkins left</p>	

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	<p>17/03974 Full Paradise Farm Twyford Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 OHL Conversion of existing Barn B to dwelling, alteration and amendments to fenestration, single storey side extension, associated landscaping and parking. Parish Council had no objection Clive Scott-Hopkins returned</p> <p>17/03975 Listed Building Consent Paradise Farm Twyford Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 OHL Consent to install partitions, undertake alterations and amendments to fenestration and construct a single storey side extension in connection with the conversion of the barn to a dwelling Parish Council had no objection</p> <p>18/00039/FULL 2 Parkers Cottages Milley Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 OJS Single storey front/side extension Parish Council had no objection</p> <p>17/03969/FULL Barn Bears Copse Plough Lane West End Waltham St Lawrence Reading Erection of 2 No. dwellings, garage with room in roof, parking and associated landscaping following demolition of existing buildings and removal of hardstanding Parish Council had no objection in principle, however, whilst the principle of demolishing a large modern barn now with a “non-conforming” use, in an elevated position adjacent to a prominent public footpath, and substituting with a semi-detached pair of cottages may be considered acceptable under ‘very special circumstances’, the length of the development is not. It is proposed to stretch the footprint from left to right of the whole of the ‘garden’ site (ref 02-20) as compared to the barn taking up less than half of the width (p9 Planning Statement), (the newer open bin enclosure de-minimus and should be discounted); as such it intrudes further into the ‘openness of the Green Belt’. This can be corrected with a single garage at each end without accommodation above. If approved it would be advisable to remove PDR from the vacated site to discourage a replacement barn to serve the surrounding agricultural land, which would defeat the deemed planning gain.</p> <p>18/00067 VOC Former Cherry Hill Milley Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 OJP Variation of condition (5) (under section 73) to substitute approved plan with amended plan for a new dwelling and double garage following demolition of existing dwelling and double garage approved under 16/03123 Parish Council had no objection</p> <p>18/00239 Agricultural Determination Land At The Junction of Mire Lane And Twyford Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading Notification to determine whether prior approval is required for an agricultural building.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>Parish Council had no objection as it stands, but we are concerned at examples of newly erected barns becoming houses and suggest that an informative be added as described in para 2.1.10 of GB1.</p>	Clerk
FC/322/2/2018	<p>Trees in a Conservation Area: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Katie Sarsfield and Mark Hipgrave left 18/00016/TCA Cherry Tree Cottage 1 Milley Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0JR (T1) - x 20 Leylandii Trees - Fell. (T2) - Conifer - Fell. (T3 and 4) - Cherry Trees - Fell. Parish Council had no objection subject to the replacement of 3 Native Trees and no negative report from the Arboriculture Officer</p> <p>The 4 Councillors returned</p>	Clerk
FC323/2/2018	<p>Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days:</p> <p>18/00222 The Shurlock Inn The Street Shurlock Row Reading RG10 OPS Variation of Condition 4 (under Section 73) to substitute amended plans for those approved under 17/00570/FULL for new extractor and ventilation system Parish Council to ask for an extension of dates to establish what is planned</p>	Clerk
FC/34/2/2018	<p>Other Planning Matters:</p> <p>Travellers Site Still no evidence of 'Gates' being installed. Fly tipping continues, and allegedly burning at night to recover copper The horses continue to be fed by a member of the public. Matter needs to be passed again to enforcement. Cllr Hunt commented that the matter has been referred to Community Wardens who will attend the site at night Contact Details Wayne Everley. Welfare concerns have also been reported to the RSPCA</p> <p>Beenhams Clerk was requested to find out when we can expect the report from Enforcement on the apparent business emerging</p> <p>17/03903 Bellman Hanger Clive Scott-Hopkins asked that a copy of the Highways report be sent to the case officer Susan Sharman</p>	Clerk Clerk
FC325/2/2018	<p>Enforcement Notices and Appeals:</p> <p>18/60005/REF The Barn, The Straight Mile Shurlock Row R10 0 Construction of new gate and driveway following removal of existing hard surface. Parish Council noted the appeal</p>	

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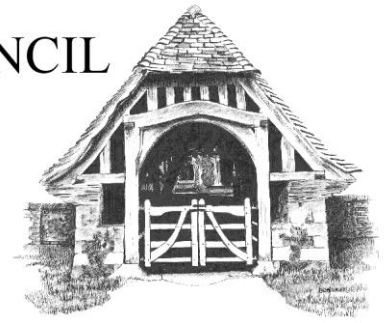
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	<p>17/01142/FULL Waltham Lodge Nut Lane Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 OHJ Construction of a replacement detached garage with accommodation in roof space Parish Council noted the appeal</p>	
FC/326/2/2018	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payroll paid according to contract • The cheques issued during January were approved by the Parish Council • Following the grant of £650 total from BALC Transparency Fund Katie Sarsfield was authorised to spend up to £500 max on the laptop, £250 on software and £100 on printer 	<i>Katie Sarsfield</i>
FC/327/2/2018	<p>Reports from Representatives: Report from the Clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubbish outside the Downfield Tip entrance. A member of the public commented that he had moved the entrance fence with the permission of the land owner to prevent further Fly Tipping • Clerk plus 3 members of the council will be attending GDPR Training 9.2.2018 and will report back 6.3.18 <p>Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly Tipping appears to be starting at the Network Rail site on Milley Bridge. Clerk was requested to contact Network Rail and ask for it to be cleared. • Parking is still happening outside the gate entrance to Milley Playing Field, sign is not evident <p>Bridleways and Footpaths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None reported <p>Highways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further pot holes in Brook Lane reported • Further complaints about speeding over Milley Bridge, Suzy Young to contact the Community Warden again regarding Speed Watch, and to ask for Broadmoor Road and Shurlock Road to be looked at, in addition to a traffic survey outside Bellman Hanger to re inforce the Highways Document <p>Burial Ground:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None reported <p>Parish Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None reported <p>Capital Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pound. Await a break in the weather to install • Village Shed. No further progress <p>Ditches and Allotments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Man hole cover at the top of Halls Lane has been replaced 	<p><i>Clerk</i></p> <p><i>John Birkett</i></p>
FC/328/2/2018	<p>Reports from Representatives who attended meetings representing the Parish Council There were none</p>	
FC/329/2/2018	<p>Correspondence:</p>	

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<i>FC/330/2/2018</i>	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman to share email re Cox Green says No so we can post it on our website • Parish Meeting invites to include, School, Charities, Neville Hall and Parish Council. Others agreed to be invited – the Parish Fete, the Village Show, the Silver Band and the St Lawrence Café. Council members to consider any others at next meeting. It was noted that presentations should be no more than 5 minutes. • Mark Hipgrave and Katie Sarsfield to liaise with the Brownlow Foundation re installation of new defibrillator at The Shurlock Inn • Council to consider where else we could usefully site a defibrillator and how would we fund it • Acknowledgement letter received from Assistant to Theresa May ref Ruscombe development, update awaited • Council resolved that RFO should become a signatory on the Bank Account and then proceed to implement on-line banking Chairman asked that the Financial Regulations be checked • Council were reminded of the need to pass a resolution declaring itself exempt from a limited assurance review as soon as practicable after the end of the year, to record this in the minutes and to publish it on the website and noticeboards. 	<p><i>Chairman/ Maggi Bevan</i></p> <p><i>Clerk to extend invitations</i></p> <p><i>Clerk/Katie Sarsfield/Mark Hipgrave</i></p> <p><i>Clerk</i></p>
<i>FC/331/2/2018</i>	Date of Next Site Visit 3rd March 2018	
<i>FC/332/2/2018</i>	Date of Next Meeting 6th March 2018	
	The meeting closed at 9.03 pm and the confidential meeting commenced.	