

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a planning only meeting of Waltham st Lawrence Parish Council
held on 4 August 2015 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

Present: John Birkett (Chairman)
Mike Kay (Vice Chairman)
Clive Scott-Hopkins
Katie Sarsfield
Maggi Bevan
Mark Hipgrave
Suzy Young
Sally Burtenshaw (Parish Clerk)

In attendance 1 member of public

ACTION

David Perkins – Neighbourhood & Streetscene Delivery Services Lead from the RBWM addressed the Parish Council prior to the meeting about the Devolution of Services to Parishes (revised menu of options)

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:
There were no questions

FC37/08/2015

APOLOGIES:
None

FC38/08/2015

MINUTES:
The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2014 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman following a slight amendment

FC/39a/08/2015

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:
There were no applications

FC/39b/08/2015

TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA:
15/02198: Tall Trees, The Street, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council had no objection to this application subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer

FC/39c/08/2015

PLANS THAT HAVE ARRIVED IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS:
Two applications had been received for Great Martins in Shurlock Row. The Clerk will communicate with the Case Officer to seek deferment to September

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FC/39d/08/2015

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

- Jonathan Howe Landscape Officer from RBWM had made contact with the Parish Council to establish how they wished to spend S106 contributions that have collected from various developments in the vicinity of the Parish. A suggestion was discussed relating to the land opposite the unauthorised traveller site currently owned by the RBWM. This will be discussed in greater detail at the September meeting
- It is noted that the owner of St Lawrence Nurseries are appealing against refusal to convert a barn on the land

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- *It is noted that the RBWM have given permission for The Star to be converted into living accommodation. The Parish Council noted that the planning officer had not taken all the issues into account including the deficiencies and discrepancies in the application. They therefore agreed that they should go into greater detail on their responses to contentious planning applications. The Parish Council also noted that there had been no comments made by members of the public which was a key reason for the planning officer's decision. A more proactive approach needs to be adopted when putting items onto Facebook and Twitter*

FC/40/08/2015 FINANCE:

- *The cheques issued in July 2015 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman*

FC/41/08/2015 DATE OF NEXT SITE VISITS:
5 September 2015 commencing at 9.00am

FC/42/08/2015 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
8 September 2015 at 7.00pm.

FC/43/08/2015 AOB
Suzy Young noted that she had agreed the purchase of mulch for the burial ground at a cost of £25

Mark Hipgrave advised that:

- 1. He had drawn up an agreement for all the allotment holders, both present and in the future, to sign. The Clerk will send to all the allotment holders for completion*
- 2. He has requested, but is struggling to obtain, three quotes for the much needed refurbishment of the Pound fencing*
- 3. Following a complaint received from the Clerk relating to the difficulty experienced whilst trying to use the parish notice boards – locks stiff or not working at all - he advised that he had a contact who would give them some TLC*
- 4. 'Slow down in our village' vinyl labels are quite expensive – Clerk to go back to White Waltham Parish Council to see how much we can buy their surplus for*

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The Chairman advised that he had requested that white lines, slow signs and cutting back of the hedge close to Downfield Pit. Due to the width of the road it is not possible to put white lines in the middle of the road. He will continue to push for an improvement to the situation. He also advised that landscaping would be allowed at the school and will be discussed at the September meeting

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The meeting closed at 19.50 and the confidential meeting took place