

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 8 March 2016 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: 22 members of the public

ACTION

Public Question Time:

A member of the public asked the Parish Council about the rumours circulating about Bellman Hanger relating to a different planning application being considered for the site. The Chairman advised that the Vice Chairman, Clive Scott-Hopkins and himself had recently met with representatives from Shanly Homes. The current application is for 3 large houses and the new proposal is for 16 2-3 bed roomed affordable houses. After a discussion by the Parish Council, he also advised that they would not support as this sort of site is not suitable at the location and, as the local infrastructure could not support it. They also appreciate that there are affordable housing needs in the Parish. The Parish Council will write to Shanly Homes to advise them of their views.

FC/117/03/2016 Apologies: none received

FC/118/03/2016 Minutes:
The minutes of a meeting held on 9 February were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman following a minor amendment

FC/119/03/2016 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- Drainage in Halls Lane – Mike Kay advised that the works have been completed by RBWM and that new drains have been inserted. It would appear that they are too high for the level of the road so water is not draining away. A nearby resident has been in touch with the RBWM to complain.
- Open Space along Shurlock Road – Maggi Bevan advised that the Parish Council had no vested interest in the scheme and that this was purely an exercise to sound out local feeling. She reported on the responses to amongst other things, an online survey. 65 people had responded and, on the whole, were positive. CSH said that a majority of those in favour were horse riders wanting to use it as a bridleway which would clash with other users. It was agreed that a meeting needs to be held with RBWM to clarify plans/schematics and then an 'open evening' should be arranged so that residents can

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attend to give their opinions. The Chairman will speak to RBWM

CHAIRMAN

- WSL School update – there is no update on the parking issues
- FOI Request update – Maggi Bevan advised that the Parish Council were at a loss to understand why £270,000 was spent on moving an old building to the school, when that amount of money could have been expended on something more suitable and more in keeping with the local environment. Whilst the school needed the dining hall the Parish Council considered this to be a poor value for money with a better result with fewer public funds.
- Horse Margin on Twyford Road – Katie Sarsfield advised that she had chased up RBWM. Their suggestion was to put bollards along the length of the fence which the Parish Council were not in favour of. Both Katie Sarsfield & Suzy Young will speak to Hugh Jones to change the signage at the corner as it is very dangerous.
- Network Rail site by Miley Bridge – there are 3 acres of land currently being used with only one acre having planning permission. The other two acres have been rented from Church Farm for one growing season only. The situation needs to be clarified as to what is going on at the site and an Enforcement Officer should visit the site. This will be revisited at the next meeting
- Callins Lane – Suzy Young advised that enforcement of weight limits of lorries using the road can only be made by the Police. RBWM had been made aware of the issues.
- Mains gas in the Parish – the Chairman advised that he had received no response but that he will chase the matter up and report back at the April meeting
- Footpaths & Bridleways – Discussions were held as to whether Footpath 25 could be upgraded to a bridleway. There are concerns that it goes over the M4. Katie Sarsfield will contact RBWM to see if this is possible
- Noticeboards – Mark Hipgrave advised that workmen have now been instructed to refurbish all three of them within the next 2 weeks

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FC/120/03/2016

Travellers update:

- Clive Scott-Hopkins advised that there was still no news even though the 4 months is now up. He thought that the delay was hopefully a good thing
- The Chairman advised that RBWM had made contact with the travellers to advise that there were too many on the site. As a consequence of this one family had moved into the Neville Hall car park. The Neville Hall Trustees had to instruct bailiffs to get them removed

FC/121a/03/2016

Planning applications

Clive Scott Hopkins declared an interest and left the room
16/00637: Farm Barns approx. 300 mtrs south of Hungerford Lane/Wicks Lane, Shurlock Row

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*The Parish Council made no comment
Clive Scott-Hopkins returned to the meeting*

16/00424: Old Oak Cottage, Sill Bridge Lane, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council had no objection to this application providing materials used match the original building

16/00354: Old Acres, Mire Lane, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council objected to this application on grounds of GB4 'disproportional addition to the original'

16/00584/585: Paradise Farm, Waltham St Lawrence

The Parish Council maintained their previous objection on both local (GB2 B1 + 6, GB8 1, LB2, LB3, CA2) and national (NPPF 17 "conserve heritage assets", 132 "great weight", 133 "loss of significance") policy grounds; as well as having regard to two previous Appeal decisions in 2001 and 2007. They also considered that the visible rooflights detracted from the uninterrupted roofline. It should be noted that the barn was previously used as an adjunct to the farmhouse for stabling.

Conversion to a separate residence would adversely affect both the farmyard character and the setting of the 15th century farmhouse, all listed buildings in a Conservation Area.

Please bring to Panel if the recommendation changes to approve and record this objection in full

FC/121b/03/2016

Trees in a Conservation Area:

*16/00374: Sunny Brow, The Straight Mile, Shurlock Row
The Parish Council had no objection to this application*

FC/121c/03/2016

*Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days:
None received*

FC/121d/03/2016

District Planning Agenda/Other Planning Matters:

- Certificate of Lawfulness to determine whether the proposed commencement for extension to existing barn, access way, yard area and associated landscaping works approved under permission 13/00163 is lawful at Zacara Polo Ground, Shurlock Row – noted*

FC/121e/03/2016

Enforcement Notices & Appeals:

FC/122/03/2016

Finance:

- The cheques issued in February were agreed and signed by the Chairman*

FC/123/03/2016

Neighbourhood Plan update:

Clive Scott-Hopkins advised that all responses have now been received and these will be published in due course. The next meeting is on 14 March

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FC/124/03/2016 **Reports from Representatives:**

- Maggi Bevan presented an updated Risk Register which was discussed at length. Some minor amendments were suggested, the register will be updated and then adopted at the April meeting

FC/125/03/2016 **Correspondence:**

- Family Friends – noted but agreed that the Parish Council could not support this
- The proposed renaming of Binfield Road near Bear Farm was noted
- Litter left by runners taking part in the Wokingham Half Marathon – noted and agreed to object to the event happening again in the Parish unless a schedule of cleaning operations is in place

FC/126/03/2016 **A.O.B.**

- Continued pressure is to be applied to the RBWM about the condition of passing places in Brook Lane when the weather improves as the road is currently under water
- The Clerk will write to Mark Cornwall-Jones Chairman of the Trustees of the Cricket Club to see if they will reconsider the provision of a play area at the ground
- A member of the public spoke to the Parish Council about cats eyes that are not working & suggested the removal of the central white lines in roads as it slows cars down. This is currently being trialled in several counties

FC/127/03/2016 **Date of Next Site Visits:**
Saturday 2nd April at 9.00am

FC/128/03/2016 **Next meeting: 5th April at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall**

The meeting closed at 21.27 & the Confidential meeting commenced

*J. Birkett .
5th April 2016*