

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council on Tuesday 10 February 2015 in the Neville Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Clive Scott-Hopkins - (Chairman)
John Birkett - (Vice Chairman)
Martin Hayes
Jenny Baish
Katie Sarsfield
Stuart Craig
Sally Burtenshaw - (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: Borough Councillors Cox, Evans & Hunt + 40 members of the public

The Chairman announced with great sadness the news of the death of Sir Noel Davies that morning. He had been Chairman of the Village Charities and a stalwart member of our community

ACTION

Public Question Time:

- Mrs Tifford asked how much longer the lorries would be visiting the land to the east of Downfield Pit. The earth mounds are twice as high as they should be. The Chairman advised that the contract was for 9 months and that had started in July 2014 so should stop March/April time. There has been a slight hiccup as Great Crested Newts had been found on site. The Chairman advised that he has spoken to the Case Officer and that an Enforcement Officer will be going to the site. Cllr Maureen Hunt advised that an Environmental Officer had been to the site to see what was going on
- A member of the public asked who was responsible for the drainage in Hungerford Lane. Stuart Craig advised that the culverts are the responsibility of the RBWM and some owned by the landowner and would be their responsibility for clearing them out. In this case Haines Hill Estate are partly responsible and the Clerk would write to the manager
- It has been noted that there has been an increase in fly tipping in Callins Lane sofas and other rubbish, is there anything that can be done in terms of surveillance? Cllr David Evans will follow this one up

CLERK

CLLR EVANS

FC/105/02/2015 Apologies: Received from Sandy Quinn

FC/106/02/2015 Minutes:
The minutes of a meeting held on 13 January were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman

FC/107/02/2015 Matters Arising from the Minutes:
No matters arising

FC/108/02/2015 Travellers update:

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The Chairman advised that the result of the judicial review in the High Court was good news. The Judge ordered parties to send written submissions within 14 days. Cllr Evans advised that both parties have to send their submissions by 4pm on 12 February setting out their positions. Once the Judge has received those submissions he will then decide what the next steps are. The RBWM are currently in the process of prosecuting the owner of the site Mark Pickett, hearing will heard on 8 May. There are extra vehicles now on the site and the RBWM are currently investigating the ownership of the vans.

FC/109a/02/2015

Planning applications:

15/00118: Land to the south of Hilarion, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons:

- 1) RB Local Plan and NPPF emphasise unsuitability of inappropriate development in the Green Belt by reason of 'openness' and 'harm' considerations which exist here
- 2) The site lies in vulnerable EA flood zones 2 and 3 with artificial land raising causes widespread flooding including in adjacent gardens
- 3) "Consent is only sought for a single plot" and "unconnected with any others". This application cannot be treated in isolation from the rest of the site which represents an over-development in an unsuitable location
- 4) A residential settlement in this rural area is unsustainable where there are no shops, no leisure facilities, 3 pubs closed, inadequate sewage system and limited public transport
- 5) The access is close to a narrow blind bend on a commuter route with no pavements and is already a traffic hazard without towed caravans
- 6) After 5 years there is still failure of integration with the nearby settled community, resulting in several disturbance problems, which could be difficult to overcome in these surroundings

FOR THESE REASONS WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND
CONTINUED REFUSAL

15/04022: Land east of 3 Willow Cottages, Waltham St
Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application

15/00150: Paradise Farm, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection but are concerned that

entrance to barn should remain as is existing and it is currently in use for equestrian purposes

*15/00148 Paradise Farm, Waltham St Lawrence LBC
The Parish Council had no objection to this application*

*15/00176: Land adjacent to Dovercote, West End
The Parish Council had no objection to this application*

*FC/109b/02/2015 Trees in a Conservation Area:
15/00133: Appletree Cottage, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council had no objection to this application subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer*

*15/00059: Foxwood, Waltham St Lawrence
The Parish Council object to this application as it stands and in a Conservation Area we would wish to see a native hedge reinstated and sympathetic re-planting in this sensitive location with retention of T2 & T3*

*FC/109c/02/2015 Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days:
15/00216: Old Post Office, Waltham St Lawrence
It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Case Officer to request that this application be held over to next month*

*15/00288: Church Farm, Waltham St Lawrence
It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Case Officer to request that this application be held over to next month*

*15/00168: Land to the south of Hilarion, Waltham St Lawrence
It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Case Officer as this application is held over till 10 March and request that they respond on 11 March the day after the next Parish Council meeting*

*FC/109d/02/2015 District Planning Agenda/Other Planning Matters:
The next Panel meeting will be attended by the Vice Chairman to talk about the Parish Council's position in relation to recent applications at Orchard House & Paddocks in the Street, Waltham St Lawrence*

*FC/109e/02/2015 Enforcement Notices & Appeals:
Two appeals have been lodged for Beauley in Milley Road*

*FC/110/02/2015 Finance:
▪ The cheques issued in January were agreed and signed by the Chairman*

*FC/111/02/2015 Neighbourhood Plan update:
A draft has been prepared – are the Parish Council prepared to accept it on housing issues? This will be discussed at length during the March meeting*

CLERK

FC/112/02/2015

Reports from Representatives:

- *Stuart Craig advised that the work to the culvert under Broadmoor Road has still not started. The Clerk advised that this work is starting the first week of March and will cause major road disruption for two weeks*
- *Martin Hayes advised that the works to the pavement outside Mr Burton's house on Shurlock Road had now been completed. The Chairman reported that there is a big hole in the road on Brook Lane, Martin Hayes will deal with this*
- *Jenny Baish advised that there is one funeral scheduled for w/c 16 February*

MARTIN
HAYES

FC/113/02/2015

Correspondence:

- *Election advertising – notices will soon be placed on all the notice boards, on the Parish website and in The Lych Gate*
- *Transparency Code for Small Councils - noted*

FC/114/02/2015

A.O.B.

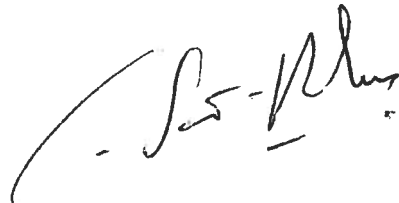
FC/115/02/2015

Date of next site visit: 7 March at 9am

FC/116/02/2015

Next meeting: 10 March 2015 at 7.00pm in the Neville Hall

The meeting closed at 20.50 & the Confidential meeting commenced



10-3-15