WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

The Old School, The Street, Shurlock Row, Berkshire RG10 0PR

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Minutes of the Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025

Present: Cllr Kay (Chairman) Cllr Hipgrave (Vice Chairman), Cllr Williams, Cllr Craig, Cllr Patel, Cllr Goodchild, Cllr Crawley-Boevey, and MJ Streather (Clerk).

Also present: 1 Member of the Public.

Summonsed to attend: Cllr Kay, Cllr Hipgrave, Cllr Patel, Cllr Goodchild, Cllr Williams, Cllr Craig, Cllr Crawley-Boevey.

	Public Question Time: There were no questions.	
FC/156/3/2025	Apologies: Apologies noted from Borough Cllr Hunt and Borough Cllr Blundell.	
FC/1573//2025	Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 th February 2025 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.	Clerk
FC/158/3/2025	Declaration of Interests: There were none	
FC/159/3/2025	Significant Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes: There were none	
	Planning Applications: Reference 25/00274/CONDIT Address Bellman Hanger Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0PL Proposal Details required by Condition 9 (Ground investigation) of planning permission 22/00270/FULL (allowed on appeal) for the Erection of 12no. dwellings with associated parking and landscaping and the retention of the existing access road following the demolition of the existing buildings, warehouse, external storage areas and hardstanding. Parish Council Comments: Noted Reference 25/00255/CLD Address The Barn The Straight Mile Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0QP Proposal Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the existing use of the access consisting of a gate and hardstanding is lawful. Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council would like it noted that the location is considered to be dangerous for a new access given the proximity to the start of the National Speed Limit. Reference 25/00247/CPD Address Oak Tree Farm Twyford Road Binfield Bracknell RG42 5QD Proposal Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed 2no. single storey outbuildings ancillary to the main dwelling are lawful. Status Decided Decision Refused before consultation	Clerk
FC/160/3/2025	Tree Planning Applications: Reference 25/00295/TCA Address Dunvegan House The Street Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0PR Proposal Apple Tree – fell. Parish Council Comments: No Objection subject to approval by the Arboticultural Officer.	Clerk
FC/161/3/2025	Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days: There were none.	
FC/162/3/2025	Other Planning Matters:	

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	Oak Tree Farm Binfield Road, due to concerns by local residents Enforcement have been requested to investigate genuine planned proposals. This has been done in conjunction with Binfield Parish Council as we share a cross boundary	Clerk
FC/163/3/2025	Enforcement Notices and Appeals: • 24/60124/Ref Old Oak Farm Pool Lane - Appeal ongoing • Andrews Yard Wall awaiting feedback from Enforcement	
FC/163/3/2025	Finance: Barrie Dancer confirmed as Internal Auditor Online payments of £905.08 were approved (Clerk Salary February, TAX and NI, Allotments Water, Allotment Cup)	Clerk
FC/164/3/2025	Reports from Representatives:	
	Annual Parish Meeting – Clerk requested to invite regular presenters:	Clerk
	 • Unfortunately correspondence between planning and a Borough Ward Councillor representing resident interests regarding land for sale in School Lane indicated areas of difference. Any real information about the land is of interest to the Parish. • Fly Tipping in Callins Lane; perpetrator may have been caught by the CCTV cameras that were subject to so much negativity. • Clerk to investigate with Accordis, a ".gov" email address for the Parish Council Borough Councillors: Nothing to report 	Clerk
	Communications: Still looking for positive stories to tell. Allotments:	Clerk
	Cllr Crawley-Boevey has sourced and engraved a trophy for the Parish best kept allotment to be awarded at the Village Show in September. This award will be highlighted to all allotment holders when new contracts are circulated on 1st April.	Clerk
	 Cllr Patel has identified a contractor to build a new plinth for the 2nd bench. Clerk will notify and liaise with both families about proposed donations. Maintenance of Memorial Garden to restart in March following winter break Drains/Ditches: All possibilities have been examined in detail for this complex project to prevent flooding in the village. The Parish Council has committed a total budget of £20k, to be drawn from CIL monies, which is likely to cover the most pressing and urgent areas. Cllr Craig to work, together with ANB, to scope the appropriate project. This to include ditches and related culverts. 	Cllr Craig

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	The meeting closed at.8.40pm	
FC/167/3/2025	Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 8th April 2025 Neville Hall.	
	Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 5th April 2025 Venue Neville Hall	
	AOB: None	
FC/166/3/2025	Correspondence: There was none	
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FC/165/3/2025	Reports from Representatives who attended meetings representing the Parish	
	CIL Monies: See above re Ditches	
	 Awaiting response and/or quote from Highways Safety regarding poles to erect the SID devices. Clerk to send additional request. 	Olork
	Speedwatch:	Clerk
	1st cut new season due w/c 10.3.25 Highways: Nothing to report	
	Parish Maintenance:	Boevey
	Cllr Crawley-Boevey to reapproach Sharon Wootten PROW re footpath towards Billingbear which requires some attention.	Cllr Crawley-
	Bridleways and Footpaths:	
	with Cllr Hipgrave to determine whether there are still funds available from an external source.	Hipgrave/Cllr Goodchild
	Shurlock Row culvert by the pond is a separate project, Cllr Goodchild to work	Cllr