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

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

	<p>Public Question Time: A number of residents raised concerns over the Plots for sale on School Road. Cllr Hunt confirmed that Enforcement are still working on an Article 4 notice, but as yet no sight of any documentation. The residents have also been liaising with RBWM re TPO status for a number of trees. They have yet to see any form confirmation that these have been authorised. Clerk to chase.</p> <p>A number of residents continue to be concerned regarding the number of lorries and the speed at which they are travelling to Oak Tree Farm, Binfield Road. It was confirmed that the owner has arranged a 'Public Meeting ' for 10am Saturday 10th May on site to listen to peoples' concerns. Clerk to ensure this meeting is publicised on local WhatsApp. Clerk also to ensure the Enforcement Officer is aware. As yet no Planning Application received.</p>	<p><i>Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Clerk</i></p>
FC/16/5/2025	<p>Election of Officers: Mike Kay was proposed as Chairman by Mark Hipgrave and Seconded by Rupe Patel. He was duly elected. Mark Hipgrave was proposed as Vice Chairman by Sarah Goodchild and seconded by Mike Kay. He was duly elected. Both Officers signed the Acceptance of Office documentation.</p>	
FC/17/5/2025	Apologies: There were none	
FC/18/5/2025	<p>Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th April 2025 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th April 2025 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
FC/18/5/2025	<p>Declaration of Interests: Cllr Good child declared an interest in 25/01043/CONDIT and 25/00682/FULL re The Old Workshop.</p>	
FC/19/5/2025	Significant Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes: There were none	
FC/20/5/2025	<p>Planning Applications: Cllr Goodchild left the discussion. Reference 25/01043/CONDIT Address The Old Workshop The Street Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0PS Proposal Details required by Condition 4 (Brick, Bonding And Mortar); Condition 6 (External Joinery); Condition 7 (Window And Door Details) and Condition 8 (Rainwater And Drainage Goods) of planning permission 20/00982/FULL for the construction of a detached five bedroom dwelling following demolition of the existing former joinery workshop and builders yard. Parish Council Comments: Noted Reference 25/00682/FULL Address The Old Workshop The Street Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0PS</p>	<i>Clerk</i>

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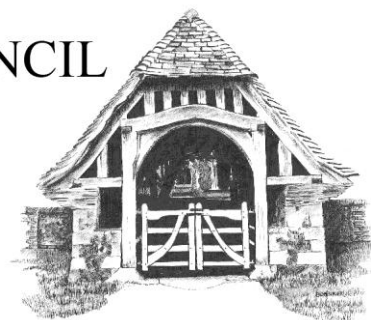
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	<p>Proposal Single storey rear/side extension and alteration to fenestration (Part-retrospective).</p> <p>Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council are disappointed that this application has proceeded without permission. As a sign of goodwill the Parish Council would appreciate the lowering or removal of the wall between the property and the street, in keeping with the street scene and in line with the property being in a Conservation Area.</p> <p>Cllr Goodchild rejoined the discussion.</p> <p>Reference 25/01021/FULL</p> <p>Address Baldassarre Farm Baldassarre The Straight Mile Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0QR</p> <p>Proposal Erection of GRP enclosure.</p> <p>Parish Council Comments: The Parish Council would request that the Planning Officer visit the site, as they believe that the proposed GRP enclosure is nowhere near the power cables, or the site of the proposed solar farm.</p> <p>Reference 25/00943/CPD</p> <p>Address Cedar House The Straight Mile Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0QP</p> <p>Proposal Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed alterations to internal layout and fenestration to the existing outbuilding and use as ancillary residential annexe are lawful.</p> <p>Parish Council Comments: Noted</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
FC/21/5/2025	<p>Tree Planning Applications:</p> <p>Reference 25/01037/TCA</p> <p>Address The Old School House The Street Shurlock Row Reading RG10 0PR</p> <p>Proposal (G1) Beech Hedgerow and (T1) Laurel Tree - Reduce as shown.</p> <p>Parish Council Comments: No Objection subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer.</p>	Clerk
FC/22/5/2025	<p>Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days:</p> <p>Reference 25/00831/CPD</p> <p>Address Little House Milley Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0LA</p> <p>Proposal Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed detached garage and replacement outbuilding ancillary to the main dwelling is lawful.</p> <p>Approved prior to consultation.</p> <p>Parish Council Comments: Noted</p> <p>Reference 25/01096/CPD</p> <p>Address Orchard End Sill Bridge Lane Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 0NT</p> <p>Proposal Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed 2no. single storey side extensions, 2no. two story rear extensions, alterations to fenestration and 1no. single storey outbuilding is lawful.</p> <p>Parish Council Comments: Noted</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
FC/23/5/2025	<p>Other Planning Matters:</p> <p>3 Church Farm Cottages.</p> <p>Letter to Enforcement and Highways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has come to our attention that the owners of 3 Church Farm Cottages have installed a new driveway with no prior Planning Permission. The front garden previously had no drive. You will be aware that this is a Conservation Area Trees have been felled (Conservation Area requires permission) The Street scene has been changed (Conservation Area) 	Clerk

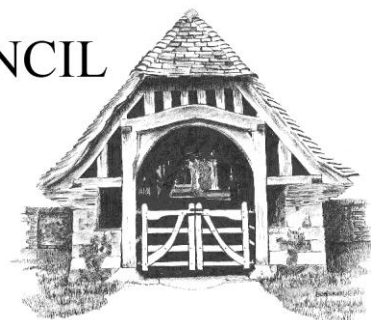
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The construction of the new drive with no verge means that ingress of gravel onto Halls Lane is excessive, with no apparent remedy in place. There is a Utility Pole right in the middle (Was permission sought?) of the drive. The owners have installed 6ft fences alongside each side of the front garden which reduces visibility and the open nature of adjoining front gardens. <p>Andrews Yard wall see above Planning comments.</p>	
FC/24/5/2025	Enforcement Notices and Appeals: 4 Beenhams Cottages Appeal dismissed - details awaited	
FC/25/5/2025	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online payments were approved of £5,506.27 (Accordis new cable, MJS Toner, Carol Gavagan Memorial Garden, Creativworks file loading, Braywick Heath March, Clerk Salary and NI Contribution, APM expenses, Zurich Insurance, New Projector) Council approved the Standard Documents: Financial Regulations, Burial Ground Rules and Regulations, Allotment Rules and Regulations, Financial Risk Management Plan, Risk Assessment, Standing Orders, Code of Conduct Policy, Complaints Policy, GDPR Compliance. Asset Register was also approved subject to some additional data to be input. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
FC/26/5/2025	Reports from Representatives: Clerk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A successful Annual Parish Meeting was held, with good support from residents. .gov.uk email address must be live before 31st March 2026. Clerk to raise at February meeting as there will be a £75 cost. Year end on going, Chairman to review figures. Borough Councillors: No further update Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To look at ensuring that the Clerk is able to upload documents to the the website Allotments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All bar 2 have paid for the new year. Cllr Crawley-Boevey to email all allotment holders regarding Parish Council Cup. Burial Ground: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 new Benches on order, concrete plinth installation Sunday 11th Grave clearance to begin now weather is dry. Quote received for Gate repair, Clerk to invoice half to Neil Curtiss. Drains/Ditches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invoice to be expected from ANB for £22,000 to be funded from CIL Reserve Bridleways and Footpaths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PROW Officer continues to do a good job within the Parish. Parish Maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No response from RBWM re bin emptying and Grass Cutting at Nature Reserve. Posts outside Church and Neville Hall to be allocated to Working Groups. Highways: Nothing to report	<p>Cllr Goodchild /Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Patel</p> <p>Cllr Patel, Cllr Crawley-Boevey</p>

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	Speedwatch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poles to be installed asap and SIDs to be activated CIL Monies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove Christmas Lights from CIL schedule, Allotments Cup to be added Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested to trim verges on junctions around the Parish notable at War Memorial. • First 2 noticeboards are currently being refurbished. Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that Cllr Craig had resigned as a Parish Councillor 	Cllr Patel Clerk Cllr Crawley-Boevey
FC/27/5/2025	Reports from Representatives who attended meetings representing the Parish Council: None	
FC/28/5/2025	Correspondence: Covered above	
	AOB: Cllr Goodchild to look at drafting a Parish Councilor vacancy piece for the Lychgate. Aim to get new person in place late Summer.	
	Date of Next Site Visits: 9am Saturday 7th June 2025; Venue: Neville Hall	
FC/29/5/2025	Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 10 th June 2025; Neville Hall.	
	The meeting closed at 8.35pm	