

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PARISH COUNCIL

Neville Hall, Milley Road, Waltham St Lawrence RG10 0JP

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Minutes of the Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th August 2026 in the Neville Hall, Waltham St Lawrence.

Present: Mike Kay (Chairman), Mark Hipgrave, Isabelle Crawley-Boevey, David Yarnton, Rupe Patel (part), MJ Streather (Clerk)

Also Present: 3 Members of the public

	Public Question Time: The Chairman highlighted that due to holiday season, the Parish Council would be confining its discussions to planning and urgent matters only during the meeting. Two members were present to discuss the recent update on School Road. Contrary to the correspondence received from Enforcement, the relevant members of the residents of School Road stated that they were not copied on the email closing the enforcement case pending confirmation of land ownership of the plot which has breached Article 4 direction (they are now aware). All efforts are being made to establish who owns which plot. Once this is established the information can be supplied to RBWM and request for the case to be re-opened.	ACTION All
FC/62/8/2026	Apologies noted from: Cllr Goodchild, Cllr Patel, Borough Cllr Hunt, Borough Cllr Blundell	
FC/63/8/2026	Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 7 th July 2026, were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 28 th April 2026 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.	 Clerk
FC/64/8/2026	Declarations of Interest: There were none.	
FC/65/8/2026	Significant Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes: - There were none.	
FC/66/8/2026	Planning Applications: Reference 26/01740/PDXL Address Oak Tree Farm Twyford Road Binfield RG42 5QD Proposal Single-storey rear extension no greater than 7.06m in depth, 3.40m high with an eave's height of 3.40m.	

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	Parish Council Comments: Noted Reference 26/01745/FULL Address Oak Tree Farm Twyford Road Binfield RG42 5QD Proposal Single-storey front extension, 2 no. front bay windows, single-storey rear extension, roof alterations including hip to gable, PV panels, alterations to fenestration, alterations to external finish and a replacement garage, following demolition of existing elements. Parish Council Comments: No Objection provided it is not considered to be over development. Reference 26/01638/CONDIT Address Billingbear Park Golf Club The Straight Mile RG40 5SJ Proposal Details required by Condition (2) (materials sample board) (3) (tree protection) (4) (electric vehicle charging details) (5) (hard and soft landscaping scheme) (6) (Ecological Mitigation Scheme and updated Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment) (7- Part A) (Biodiversity Gain Plan) (7- Part B) (Habitat Management and monitoring plan) (8) (construction environmental management plan) (9) (biodiversity enhancements) (11 - second part) (Energy and sustainability statement) (12) (surface water drainage system) (14) (flood warning and evacuation plan) (15) (drainage network upgrades) (16) (archaeological work) (18) (certificate from the Delivery Partner) (20) (bicycle storage facilities) (23 - partial in relation to phase 1) (site specific Construction Environmental Management Plan) (24) (delivery and servicing plan) (25) (car park management plan) of planning permission (26/00128/FULL) for a (Phased development of the site, comprising construction of padel tennis and pickleball courts (Phase 1); construction of a putting course (Phase 2); and demolition of existing marquee to the rear of the clubhouse and replacement with new extension and construction of a simulator building (Phase 3); together with car parking alterations and hard and soft landscaping. Parish Council Comments: Noted Reference 26/01434/FULL Address 4 Beenhams Farm Cottages Shurlock Row RG10 0QB Proposal Single-storey front extension following demolition of existing conservatory. Parish Council Comments: No Objection Reference 26/01679/FULL Address Land Adjoining Church Farm Barn Halls Lane Waltham St Lawrence Proposal Conversion and change of use of an agricultural storage barn to 1no. dwelling with raising of the eaves, mezzanine floor, new roof, 1no. flue, hardstanding, landscaping and alterations to fenestration and external finishes.	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
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FC/67/8/2026	Trees in a Conservation Area: There were none.	
FC/68/8/2026	Plans that have arrived in the last couple of days: Reference 26/01843/VAR Address Orchard End Sill Bridge Lane WSL RG10 ONT Proposal Variation (under Section 73) of planning permission They are now aware 25/02591/FULL to vary the wording of Condition 17 (Ground Sourced Heat Pump). Parish Council Comments: Noted Reference 26/01841/NMA Address Orchard End Sill Bridge Lane Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 ONT Proposal Nonmaterial amendments to planning permission 25/02591/FULL as per covering letter. Parish Council Comments: Noted CLlr Patel joined the meeting. Reference 26/01760/FULL Address Oak Tree Farm, Binfield Road Proposal Engineering works relating to the resurfacing, bunds, drainage, and the raising of ground levels to facilitate the use of the land for a cricket pitch (retrospective) Parish Council Comments: Objection details to be considered by Cllrs Hipgrave and Williams and a draft circulated to Councillors between meetings for approval or comment to meet the submission deadline. The response will be dealt with under the delegated authority provisions. Reference 26/01784/AGDET Address Land At Binfield Paddocks Twyford Road Bracknell Proposal Notification to determine whether prior approval is required for a forestry building. Parish Council Comments: The building seems excessive for the amount of land it appears to be servicing. Reference 26/01755/CPD Address Winterbrook West End Road Waltham St Lawrence Reading RG10 ONL Proposal Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed detached outbuilding incidental to the main dwelling is lawful. Parish Council Comments: No Objection, subject to the openness of the Greenbelt not being compromised.	<i>Clerk</i> <i>Clerk</i> <i>Cllr Williams/Cllr Hipgrave</i> <i>Clerk</i> <i>Clerk</i>
FC/69/8/2026	Matters dealt with under Delegated Authority:	

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	- Although the bill for July parish maintenance was not detailed on the agenda, it was approved at the meeting and will be noted under the delegated authority provisions. - The request by the Clerk to apply for a debit card: the Chairman suggested that this would not be permitted by the bank, due to the dual signature mandate requirement. Clerk will also discuss with Church Treasurer how they pay in cheques. - It was highlighted that JS G&G are doing 'nominated' jobs around the Parish during this current hot spell, as opposed to cutting grass that does not need cutting. This to include strimming in the allotments, Memorial Corner and others briefed by Cllr Patel.	<i>Clerk</i> <i>Cllr Patel</i>
<i>FC/73/8/2026</i>	Urgent Matters: - New Borough Local Plan: Cllr Yarnton to review the document and feedback and comments to the Chairman. Cllr Williams to consider as well. All to report back at next meeting. - Speedwatch: SID data is becoming clearer, some interesting statistics that may be of interest to Thames Valley Police (max speeds recorded of 119mph, and 111mph). The hairman recommended that the data should be shown at the 'Have your Say' session 12th August. This could possibly result in a Police Speed camera exercise. - The Chairman requested that Cllr Yarnton contact ANB re the balancing pond clearance and request a new quote.	<i>Chairman, Cllr Yarnton, Cllr Williams</i> <i>Cllr Yarnton</i> <i>Cllr Yarnton</i>
	AOB: None	
<i>FC/74/8/2026</i>	Date of next site visits: Meeting Saturday 5 th September 2026 at 9 am, Neville Hall Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 8 th September 2026 Neville Hall at 7pm	
	The meeting closed at 8:12pm	