

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Hall  
on 13 January 2015 starting at 8.00pm and concluding at 10.00pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs John Halsall (Chairman of RPC),  
Richard Fletcher (RF)  
Alison Barraclough (AB)  
Sue Laing (SL)  
John Merkel (JM)  
Darrel Poulos (DP)  
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance  
Felicity Rutland  
Linda Ashwell

**01/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Peter Sly and Peter Grace apologised

**02/15: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**03/15: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2014 as a true record of that meeting.

**04/15: MATTERS ARISING**

There were no Matters Arising other than those appearing in the agenda of this meeting

**05/15: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was agreed that RPC would encourage comments from organisations within the Parish on the Neighbourhood Plan and that RPC would strengthen publicity on the Plan on the Website. There was discussion about the need for and timing of a survey on the Plan. In order to update the Neighbourhood Plan it was AGREED that The Clerk should (i) compile a list of all comments received on the draft plan and (ii) a list of those who had attended the public meeting on 2 December 2014.

**06/15: PLANNING**

The Chairman explained the planning procedure for Listed Buildings. The following responses were AGREED;

F/2014/2683 and LB/2014/2680 Bird Place Cottage, Henley Bridge. No comment. RPC was happy to leave the matter in the hands of the LB officer

F/2014/2784 Green Isle, Wargrave Road. On F2014/2784 (Green Isle) RPC thought that the proposed structure (although nominally just a 19% volume increase) had a larger apparent volume (and raised level of light pollution) than the existing property seen from the Thames Footpath. RPC believed that this is an important Thames view for many people between Henley and Marsh Lock that should be preserved/enhanced. In the proposal the main building would move downstream, exposing houses that were hidden behind. RPC believed that the proposed

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development would dwarf its surroundings and be harmful to the Green Belt. RPC decided not to support this application and its councillors (AB and JM) indicated they would be willing to speak on this proposal.

**07/15: WEBSITE**

SL gave an update on the website. It has had 2035 unique visitors, with the RPC pages being amongst the most popular.

**08/15: LICENSING**

The Chairman mentioned continuing discussions on licensing.

**09/15: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS;**

The imminent closure of Remenham Lane for 5 days was noted. The Chairman remembered a time when the lane was proud of surrounding land, but now it flooded easily with the result that the Royal Mail sometimes refused to make deliveries there. It was noted that after being contacted by Culham Court (Culden Faw Estate) about a broken roadside barrier near the Middle Culham entrance on the A4130, The Chairman said that he had already requested action from Wokingham Highways.

**10/15: HENLEY ISSUES**

There was discussion on the times of operation of HRR traffic control schemes and the impact of contractors' lorries and residents cars. The Chairman and DP said they were due to meet with HRR in January.

**11/15: FOOTPATHS**

AB reported that signs on some Parish footpaths had been rectified. The Chairman agreed that RPC would object to the footpath closure proposals from the Henley Festival for 2015. RPC noted that Loddon Valley Ramblers were also objecting

**12/15: WOKINGHAM ISSUES**

It was agreed that RPC would indicate that in principle it would wish to change its 4 street lights to LED-based ones (with lower power consumption) as part of a WBC programme. There was some discussion about parking on pavements. The Chairman suggested that RPC consider the provision of roller bins for waste and recycling on WBC-owned land on Ferry Lane. Some reservations were expressed.

**13/15: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (i) A cheque was signed by the Chairman/Vice-Chairman:

Number	Payee	Amount
595	SH	£130.00 (website quarterly support)

and The Chairman asked if future payments to SH could be made as a standing order.

- (ii) The Chairman recommended that the precept should at its present level (and related this to precepts in other Parishes). After discussion and agreement on some small changes in the budget, the Precept outlined in the attachment was agreed.
- (iii) RF suggested that 75% of the sum in the RPC current account should be moved to its reserve/deposit account.
- (iv) The quote from Nigel Jeffries Ltd. was accepted for the installation of a bench on White Hill/Remenham Hill.
- (v) RPC agreed that it would donate £100 each to CAB Wokingham and Henley-on-Thames.
- (vi) The Chairman reminded RPC that churchyard/graveyard maintenance might have to be revisited.

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**14/15: MATTERS OF REPORT/AOB**

Items raised from the floor were on (i) the Remenham Newsletter and (ii) future direction of the Remenham Hill Residents Association.

**15/15: DATE OF NEXT MEETING;** 10 February 2015 at 8pm in the Parish Hall

ACTIONS REQUESTED

The Clerk to:

Compile comments on Neighbourhood Plan and those attending the Public Meeting on 2 Dec 2014

Forward RPC comments on F/2014/2683 & LB/2014/2680 and F/2014/2784

Contact WBC over LED street lights

Forward cheque 595 to SH and set up Standing Order

Forward Precept information to WBC

Request transfer of 75% of current account to deposit account

Indicate acceptance of quotation to Nigel Jeffries Ltd

Order Mono Bench for White Hill/Remenham Hill

Indicate donation to CAB (x2) and prepare cheques for signing

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Attachment

ANNEX B

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED WITH COUNCIL TAX  
DEMAND NOTICES**

**Remenham Parish Council (RPC)**


	<u>2015/16</u> £
1. <u>TOWN/PARISH EXPENDITURE</u>	36,090
2. <u>DEDUCT INCOME FROM RENTS, FEES, CHARGES AND INTEREST</u>	2
3. <u>NET EXPENDITURE</u>	36,088
4. <u>ADDITIONS TO BALANCES</u>	+
OR	
<u>MET FROM BALANCES</u>	-14,668
5. <u>TOWN/PARISH PRECEPT</u>	21,420

Signed  Town/Parish Clerk

Date 30 January 2015.....

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Signed  Chairman

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