

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Hall
on 10 February 2015 starting at 8.00pm and concluding at 9.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (Chairman of RPC),
Alison Barraclough (AB)
Sue Laing (SL)
John Merkel (JM)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance
Felicity Rutland
Chris Leeming

16/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Peter Sly, Peter Grace, Richard Fletcher and Darrel Poulos.

17/15: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest. The Chairman indicated that he would circulate a new draft DoI for consideration.

18/15: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

19/15: MATTERS ARISING

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

20/15: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

It was AGREED that all comments so far received were to be compiled by The Clerk and circulated to Councillors for consideration before the March RPC meeting. The Chairman reminded RPC that the aim of the exercise was to engage with all in the Parish and thereby to get the NP right. As part of this engagement it was noted that relevant Remenham Newsletter deadlines were 24 April and 26 June 2015, allowing the NP to be fine-tuned after further consultation. A list of those thought to have attended the public meeting on 2/12/2014 was considered. There was mention that after the General Election a NP questionnaire would be produced. A question was raised as to why RPC's comments on the Joint Henley and Harpsden NP were not listed in the compilation of comments made and The Clerk was asked to check why this omission had occurred.

21/15: PLANNING

The Chairman explained the planning procedure for Listed Buildings. The following responses were AGREED;
F/2014/2828 and Bird Place Cottage, Henley Bridge. RPC noted a new application for a further single-storey extension and asked The Clerk to indicate to WBC that they had no comments to make, being happy to leave the matter in the hands of the Planning/LB Officer.
LB/2014/2829

The Clerk indicated that RPC had received an e-mailed letter expressing concerns on the Green Isle planning application (F/2014/2784). The Chair

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mentioned that he had spoken to members of Remenham WI and the relevant Planning Officer on the subject.

Chris Leeming commented from the floor on a road through the woods at Happy Valley/Conwys Bridge with piles of chalk evident, although he realised that this was out of Remenham Parish. The Chairman said he would contact the Enforcement Officer.

22/15: WEBSITE

SL indicated the good level of interest in RPC pages on the website and asked for help on the historical content of the site. The Clerk offered to help. Chris Leeming suggested from the floor that Henley library had Remenham maps from 1879.

23/15: LICENSING

The Chairman had nothing to report.

24/15: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS;

SL reported on work undertaken on Remenham Lane. The Clerk mentioned that he had been told that Nigel-Jeffries Landscaping had Public Liability insurance to undertake the bench installation on Remenham Hill and had experience of traffic control using lights.

25/15: HENLEY ISSUES

There were no Henley issues.

26/15: FOOTPATHS

AB reported that a person walking on a footpath across Culden Faw Estate had been bitten by a dog.

27/15: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

The Clerk mentioned that he had written to Dave White at WBC to confirm that RPC wished to have its 4 street lights included in an LED update scheme.

28/15: FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) The following cheques were signed by the Chairman/AB:

Number	Payee	Amount
596	CAB Henley	£100.00 (donation)
597	CAB Wok'ham	£100.00 (donation)
598	Whitehill Dir.	£348.00 (bench)
599	SH	£ 5.99
600	AH	£ 23.40 (expenses)

(ii) It was noted The Clerk had supplied RPC receipt information to WBC by the deadline.

(iii) The Chairman/AB signed a letter to NatWest Bank requesting
(a) the setting up for monthly payments to SH for the website
(b) requesting a balance on RPC's current account in order that £20,000 could be transferred to RPC's deposit account and
(c) the Clerk to be provided with a new cheque book.

29/15: MATTERS OF REPORT/AOB

One item was raised from the floor by Chris Leeming concerning the use of drones in the Parish.

30/15: DATE OF NEXT MEETING; 10 March 2015 at 8pm in the Parish Hall

ACTIONS REQUESTED

The Clerk to:


Compile comments on Neighbourhood Plan and circulate to Counsellors before the next RPC meeting

Forward RPC comments on F/2014/2683 & LB/2014/2829

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Forward cheques 596-600 to recipients and thereby order the bench
Forward letter to NatWest Bank regarding standing order, balance and
cheque book requests
Indicate date of delivery of bench when known to Nigel Jeffries Ltd
Contact Joint Henley and Harpsden NP to ask why RPC's comments omitted
The Chairman to: circulate a new draft DoI for consideration.

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