

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance
Linda Ashwell
Chris Leeming
Felicity Rutland

Before the start of the meeting there was a minute's silence while Cllrs remembered the massive contribution that Peter Sly, who had died within recent days, had made to Remenham and RPC. It was AGREED that RPC wished through The Chairman (JH) to send its condolences to Pat Sly and her family.

31/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from John Halsall (JH), Peter Grace (PG) and Darrel Poulos (DP).

32/15: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest. A new draft DoI was not yet ready for consideration.

33/15: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Deputy Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2015 as a true record of that meeting.

34/15: MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that NatWest had provided statements on RPC's accounts, initiated a standing order payment to SH and that the bank recommended RPC review where statements and cheque books were sent. It was AGREED that The Clerk should receive statements and chequebooks and that he would be asked to generate the forms for NatWest for RPC to sign-off. There were no Matters Arising other than those appearing in the agenda of this meeting

35/15: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

JM commented favourably on the collated comments (including those of Tina Jacobs). It was AGREED that JM/The Chairman (JH)/The Clerk would start revisions with any bonfire policy in agreement with recommendations that AB had circulated. The Clerk said that he had contacted those responsible for the Joint Henley and Harpsden NP asking why RPC's comments on the were not listed in the compilation of comments made, but said that he had received no response.

36/15: PLANNING

It was noted that there were no new applications to consider, but that WBC had approved planning applications for extensions to Bird Place Cottage, Henley Bridge.

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There was concern expressed by JM and SL that RPC had not heard from WBC about the Green Isle planning application (F/2014/2784), where RPC's objections were one of four on the WBC planning website. These concerns were supported by Felicity Rutland and Chris Leeming from the floor, who were worried about timescales being applied and any easing of planning procedures. The Clerk indicated that the WBC website indicated that no decision had been reached on this application. It was AGREED that JH/The Clerk would approach WBC Planning to check on the precise position with regard to this planning application.

There was a discussion on engineering work/bank stabilisation at Happy Valley/Conwys Bridge.

37/15: WEBSITE

SL asked if the standing order to SH could now incorporate a payment of £5.99 that was at present paid from a personal credit card. This was AGREED. SL indicated that there had been 2709 users of the Remenham website with 4573 pages looked at. She mentioned that there was a need to redirect those wishing to hire the village hall.

38/15: LICENSING

There was nothing to report.

39/15: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS;

The Clerk mentioned that Nigel Jeffries Landscaping (NJL) had completed the concrete base for the bench on Remenham Hill, but in doing so had blocked the pavement. Gareth Wiseman of WBC had contacted JH and The Clerk, asking that a request to undertake such work safely needed to be completed. NGL had been asked to do this. It was AGREED that provided NGL did not block the pavement or road they should be asked to install the bench safely and invoice RPC.

AB described potholes near The Flower Pot and the entrance to Culham Court. The Deputy Chairman reported that JH had asked WBC Highways to take action, but AB said some had been filled and others left untouched, and suggested that this was not cost-effective.

AB also expressed concern about vehicles on the A4130 driving out of Henley speeding and overtaking as they passed Aston Lane in a 30mph stretch of road. It was AGREED that JH/The Clerk would ask WBC Highways/TV police about the possibility of a speed check being carried out on vehicles on this stretch of road.

Felicity Rutland from the floor reminded RPC the problems with cones being placed along parts of Remenham Lane during regattas. She said that this year they would be placed around Remenham Church, but that they could be moved to allow churchgoers to attend services. She said Churchgoers would be reminded of this in the Remenham Newsletter etc.

40/15: HENLEY ISSUES

The Deputy Chairman questioned whether a change of traffic light operation on Henley Bridge was the cause of increase queue lengths on Remenham Hill and the Wargrave Road. It was AGREED that JH should ask WBC Highways/Henley Town/OCC about liaising on any future traffic lights changes and the effect of these on traffic flows/air pollution on both sides of the river.

41/15: FOOTPATHS

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There was nothing to report.

42/15: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

Linda Ashwell from the floor raised the question of litter, some of which SL thought was dropped from passing cars. It was AGREED that JH would be asked to explore the options with WBC.

43/15: FINANCIAL MATTERS

While waiting for an RPC cheque book, no cheques could be issued. The Clerk indicated that a letter had been received concerning the next Audit. It was AGREED that JH/The Clerk would complete the Audit paperwork to be considered at RPC's next meeting.

44/15: MATTERS OF REPORT/AOB

SL mentioned a drone video sequence that was on the internet showing UTRC racing along the Henley stretch of the river and related this to concerns raised from the floor by Chris Leeming at the last meeting.

45/15: DATE OF NEXT MEETING; 15 April 2015 at 8pm in the Parish Hall

ACTIONS REQUESTED

The Clerk to:

generate NatWest forms for signature to ensure that he receive statements and chequebooks
contact again Joint Henley and Harpsden NP to ask why RPC's comments were omitted
raise the standing order payment to SH to incorporate a payment of £5.99 that has been paid from a personal credit card
ask NGL to install the bench safely on the concrete plinth on Remenham Hill without blocking the pavement or road and if they have submitted retrospective paperwork to WBC and request that they should invoice RPC for payment

The Chairman to:

express to Pat Sly and her family RPC's condolences and sympathy on their loss of Peter Sly
circulate a new draft DoI for consideration
approach WBC Planning to check on the precise position with regard to the Green Isle planning application
cancel a regular credit card payment to SH of £5.99

The Chairman/The Clerk to:

ask WBC Highways/TV police about the possibility of a speed check on vehicles on the 30mph Remenham stretch of the A4130
ask WBC Highways/Henley Town/OCC about liaising on any future traffic light changes and the effect of these on traffic flows/air pollution on both sides of the river
generate audit paperwork for the next RPC meeting

JM/The Chairman/The Clerk to:

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Signed.....*Richard Motives*.....Chairman

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