REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 12 May 2015 starting at 7.15pm and Concluding at 8.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (Chairman)

Richard Fletcher (RF; Deputy Chairman of RPC),

Alison Barraclough (AB)

Sue Laing (SL) John Merkel (JM) Darrel Poulos (DP) Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance Linda Ashwell (LA) Felicity Rutland (FR) David Mills

61/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Peter Grace (PG).

62/15: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

63/15: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2015 as a true record of that meeting.

64/15: MATTERS ARISING

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

65/15: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

The Chairman noted that, with the new Government elected, the NP would continue to be relevant and useful. He said that he, RF and The Clerk were to visit HRR the following day and hoped to invite Sir Steve Redgrave (Chairman of Trustees, HRR) to speak at a September RPC meeting on the NP. He would also invite and Charlotte Geeves (Chief Executive, Henley Festival).

66/15: PLANNING

Current applications considered		
LB/2015/0712	Bird Place Cottage	Relating to installation of fitted wardrobes, etc
F/2015/0863	Bird Place Cottage	Relates to demolition/building of a boathouse next to the HRR building in a conservation area.
WBC decisions noted		
F/2014/2784	Green Isle	Revised application approved by WBC
F/2015/0485; 0493	1a Wargrave Road	Applications refused by WBC

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On LB/2015/0712 and F/2015/0863 it was AGREED that on behalf of RPC The Clerk should indicate to WBC that it had no concerns.

On the Green Isle planning application (F/2014/2784), it was noted that the revised application was approved by WBC. The Chairman outlined some of the thinking behind the decision reached by WBC. RF commented on the value of the NP in planning matters.

On the 1a Wargrave Road applications (F/2015/0485; 0493), RPC noted the reasons for their refusal by WBC.

67/15: WEBSITE

SL indicated that there had been over >2158 visitors to the website in the last month, with 4337 pages viewed.

68/15: LICENSING

There was nothing to report.

69/15: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS:

DP asked that in the forthcoming HRR-RPC meeting that the issue of taxis during the HRR (especially on Friday and Saturday nights) be reviewed. Consideration of other Traffic and Highways matters was deferred until the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) following this meeting.

70/15: HENLEY ISSUES

Consideration of Henley matters was deferred until the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) following this meeting.

71/15: FOOTPATHS

There was consideration of whether there was a definitive footpath/right of way in front of Leander Club, or whether this was a Permissive Path. The Chairman thought that the latter was the case. AB highlighted issues with the use of footpaths across HRR land.

RPC had received an e-mail seeking permission from Shiplake College to film near Leander Club at the start of June. It was AGREED that The Clerk should reply that RPC were happy for this to occur, if a small donation to a suitable charity or Remenham Church was made.

72/15: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

There was discussion about the siting of a bottle bank. AB and contractors remained unhappy about locating this in Aston Lane. It was AGREED that The Chairman should seek alternative sites.

73/15: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Chairman presented the unaudited accounts for 2014-2015, which were ACCEPTED by RPC.

The Clerk reported that JM needed to visit NatWest with proof of identity and relevant form provided become an RPC account signatory.

There was discussion about repairs to the Noticeboard and the phone box. It was AGREED that The Clerk should obtain quotes in the next month on various options to enable a decision to be taken.

One cheques was signed by The Chairman/RF: 000607 PO Box Provision £312.40

74/15: MATTERS OF REPORT/AOB

Several matters from the floor were deferred until the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) following this meeting.

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75/15: DATE OF NEXT MEETING; 9 June 2015 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

ACTIONS REQUESTED

The Chairman to:

seek alternative bottle-bank sites

The Clerk to:

write to WBC planning in relation to LB/2015/0712 and F/2015/0863 to indicate that RPC had no concerns

write to Shiplake College that RPC were happy for filming to occur, with the request that a small donation might be made to Remenham Church or alternative charity

obtain quotes in the next month on various options for the noticeboard and the phone box to enable decisions to be taken.

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