REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 14 July 2015 starting at 8:00pm and Concluding at 10:05pm

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (Chairman)

Richard Fletcher (RF; Deputy Chairman of RPC),

Alison Barraclough (AB)

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

In attendance Felicity Rutland (FR) Linda Ashwell (LA) Chris Leeming (CL)

91/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

92/15: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Three declarations of interest (DoI) forms have been received by The Clerk (JH, RF and DP). DP declared an interest in F/2015/0712 under 96/15.

93/15: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2015 as a true record of that meeting. This signed document was to be uploaded to the website.

94/15: MATTERS ARISING

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

95/15: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

The Chairman circulated a NP document produced very recently for Shinfield Parish. RF commented on the likely cost of such a document. SB said that RPC would need to be clear about the purposes of its NP. From the floor FR said that, with the help of a small group who were to meet shortly, the proposed NP questionnaire (with a pre-amble from The Chairman) would be ready for distribution at the 8th September meeting. It was AGREED that residents and those interested in Remenham would be alerted to the questionnaire on the website/Newsletter. JM/DP suggested that they should be informed that the questionnaire was (i) part of the NP review process and (ii) designed to give useful feedback via external analysis that SL might organise. It was AGREED that The Clerk would revise the flyer to advertise the 8th September meeting for the website and Newsletter with an explanatory paragraph. It was also AGREED that The Chairman would organise the refreshments for the 8th September meeting. CL asked about traffic matters, but The Chairman suggested this could be considered under 99/15.

96/15: PLANNING

The following current applications were considered:

			RPC Deadline
F/2014/2310	Park Place Farm	Single storey side alteration	6 Aug 2015
F/2015/1180	5/6 Wargrave Road (Aspen & Riverside)	Sheds and pillaring (retrospective)	14 July 2015
CLE/2015/1183	5/6 Wargrave Road (Aspen & Riverside)	Certificate of lawful use	14 July 2015
F/2015/0712	Arcadian Waters Remenham Hill	New dwelling, access and landscaping	30 July 2015
F/2015/1248	1A Wargrave Road	Flue to serve wood burner (retrospective)	16 July 2015
C/2015/1234	Underwood, Remenham Hill	Compliance with the following conditions of F/2014/2445	Start date 09 June 2015

DP gave a background to his application F/2015/0712, provided Design Panel comments and showed a model of the proposed development on a Green Belt site. After DP had left the Parish Hall, there was a detailed discussion on this application. RPC AGREED that it would not comment on the application, but would ask WBC Planning to make the appropriate decision. It was AGREED that The Clerk would indicate this to WBC Planning. DP returned to the meeting at this point and was told of RPC's decision. The Chairman mentioned that individual councillors were free to comment on the application in a private capacity if they wished.

RF commented on the history of the site(s) relating to F/2015/1180 and CLE/2015/1183, but it was AGREED that the Clerk should write to WBC Planning to say that RPC had no comments.

There was a discussion about F/2015/1248 and C/2015/1234 and it was AGREED that the Clerk should write to WBC Planning to say that RPC had no comments.

With regard to F/2014/2310 it was felt that longer consideration was required to check on proposed area changes and that the matter could be dealt with via e-mail.

97/15: WEBSITE

SL indicated that there had been approximately 2692 visitors to the website in June, up by about 700 on May and said that it was gratifying that the website had been commended. She said that she always welcomed more items to upload to the website.

98/15: LICENSING

There was nothing to report.

99/15: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS;

The Chairman circulated a Briefing Note and suggested that a small group should meet to decide on a strategy to ease traffic flows in Remenham. This might for example include clockwise one-way traffic flow on Remenham Lane/Church Lane, leafleting drivers in traffic jams, etc. It was hoped that this would be enacted in September. It was AGREED that The Chairman

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should undertake some initial expenditure on publicity material and leaflets and signs.

There was discussion about the proposal to plant trees on the right-hand side of Remenham Hill/White Hill as seen when travelling towards Henley. The Chairman indicated that WBC Trees/Highways staff were to come to advise on this matter on 23rd July. It was AGREED that a small group would meet with them on that day. LA said that she could not see exactly where such trees might go.

AB/The Chairman briefly discussed parking bays on Aston Lane.

100/15: HENLEY ISSUES

It was noted that 'The Save Townlands Beds' march in Henley town centre the previous weekend had been attended by The Chairman and JM.

101/15: FOOTPATHS

AB said that she had spoken Chilterns Ramblers about footpaths. It was AGREED that The Chairman should indicate to WBC that RPC does not want to lose any footpaths on HRR land.

102/15: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

There was nothing to report.

103/15: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk indicated that the RPC had made its submission to the external auditors and that this was now uploaded to the website.

The following cheques were signed:

000608 £100.00 P.Sly (internal audit) 000609 £ 61.10 Clerk expenses 000610 £135.30 Insurance

The Clerk reported that NatWest was still not taking the action requested by RPC and said that he would follow this up.

89/15: MATTERS OF REPORT/AOB

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jos There were no matters from the floor.

90/15: DATE OF NEXT MEETING; 8 Sept 2015 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall (prior to refreshments at 7:45pm and an open discussion about the Neighbourhood Plan, with contributions from Sir Steve Redgrave (HRR) and Charlotte Geeves (Henley Festival).

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