

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 8 December 2015 starting at 8:00pm
(circulated 9 Dec 2015)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (Chairman)
Richard Fletcher (RF; Deputy Chairman)
Alison Barraclough (AB)
John Merkel (JM)
Darrel Poulos (DP)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

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

154/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Peter Grace (PG) and Sue Laing (SL). It was AGREED that RPC could offer a 9-month Sabbatical to a councillor.

155/15: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

156/15: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

157/15: MATTERS ARISING

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

158/15: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

There was nothing to report.

159/15: PLANNING

The architect/planning advisor(er)/owner made a presentation and answered questions on 152913 (Thames Bridge House), on which RPC had already commented on drainage matters under 152400. The Chairman said that he had provisionally listed the application with WBC Planning. While aware that the current building was an eyesore, it was thought that the planned building (i) seen from the west was of an inappropriate contemporary-office style for the Green Belt, with too much glass and light pollution and (ii) that building on such a constrained site with serious traffic and pollution levels would require tight control of timescales and methods by WBC Planning.

Application 153020 (Old Police House Remenham Hill; proposed erection of a double-storey side extension to dwelling plus demolition of existing detached garage) was considered by RPC. It was felt that the % increase in area and volume of the house compared to the 1972 was too large.

On 153043 (26 Aston Lane Aston) RPC felt it wished to make no comment.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact WBC with the above comments.

160/15: WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that SL had indicated that in Oct 2015 there had been 3701 unique visitors to the website, with 5998 pages viewed. The busiest day appeared to have been the 6th Nov.

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161/15: LICENSING

There was nothing to report.

162/15: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS;

The Chairman indicated that bulb planting by RAG had gone well. The Chairman circulated a questionnaire that he had circulated to all households on Remenham Lane and Church Lane asking their views on traffic control options in the short-term, medium-terms and long-term. Responses were due by 20th December. It seemed that one could not introduce 'sleeping policemen' on unlit roads. AB reminded RPC about flooding on Aston Lane. The Chairman recommended that RPC take up WBC's street lighting upgrade programme. This was AGREED. DP said that this would mean a drop in electricity consumption/coasts.

163/15: HENLEY ISSUES

RPC noted that the news about Townlands Hospital was depressing.

164/15: FOOTPATHS

The Chairman said that the suggested HRR-WBC meeting on footpaths had not yet taken place.

165/15: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

The Clerk said he had responded to WBC of sports/playing fields. The attached Remenham Emergency Plan was AGREED and that it would go on RPC website and the new noticeboard (see 166/15).

The Chairman updated the meeting on Community Asset status and said that an application to register The Horns (Crazies Hill, Wargrave) had been refused by WBC. After a short discussion it was AGREED that RPC would seek to register the Parish Hall, The Flower Pot, The Little Angel and the Ferry lane slipway as Community Assets.

166/15: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following cheques were signed by JH/RF:

000613	£53.76	Bulbs (LA)
000614	£45.00	Open Spaces Society
000615	£65.00	SLCC
000616	£64.97	Clerk's expenses (1 st July-1 st Dec 2015)

Following the Chairman's recommendation, it was AGREED that The Clerk would apply to WBC Planning for a RPC BT K6 telephone box to be placed on land between the Church and the Church Hall and that this would contain a noticeboard (saving on the cost of a new oak noticeboard); it was AGREED that the planned budget should contain a sum of £3000 for this purpose.

In terms of precept it was AGREED that RPC would match WBC's % increase.

It was AGREED that RPC should consider the cost of replacing lost soil on 15+ sites along the towpath between Old Blades and Hambleden Lock, with WBC and partner organisations.

167/15: DATE OF NEXT MEETING; 12 Jan 2016 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

ACTIONS:

The Chairman would:

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provide feedback on responses to his questionnaire that he had circulated to all households on Remenham Lane and Church Lane after 20th December

explore whether WBC or other organisations might partner RPC in remedying soil erosion at 15+ sites on the towpath

The Clerk would:

Contact WBC Planning on 152913 (Thames Bridge House) to say that (while aware that the current building was an eyesore) it was thought that the planned building (i) seen from the west was of an inappropriate contemporary-office style for the Green Belt, with too much glass and light pollution and (ii) that any building on such a constrained site with its serious traffic and pollution levels would require tight control of timescales and methods by WBC Planning.

Contact WBC Planning on 153020 (Old Police House) to say that RPC felt that the % increase in area and volume of the house compared to the 1972 was too large.

Contact WBC Planning on 153043 (26 Aston Lane Aston) to indicate that RPC felt it wished to make no comment.

Contact WBC to say that RPC wishes to be involved with its scheme to upgrade street lighting.

Upload the Remenham Emergency Plan

Send cheques off to The Open Spaces Society and SLCC.

Contact WBC Planning with regard to the phone box

Explore the cost of replacing lost soil on 15+ sites along the towpath between Old Blades and Hambleden Lock.

Signed.....Chairman

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Remenham Parish Council (RPC) Community Emergency Plan

*Call 999 if you or someone else you spot
is in immediate danger*

Date accepted by RPC	Jan 2016	Date of issue	Jan 2016
Amended	-	Exercise	-
<p>In the event of finding persons/animals in difficulty in the river or on the towpath and needing assistance please telephone either of those below</p> <p>or Wokingham's Community Resilience Team (0118 974 6473) if additional support needed</p>			
Remenham Emergency Team Contacts			
John Halsall (coordin ator)	01491576190 07939041227	Paul Sermon	01491412908 07425131861
<p>In the event of seeing any pollution please report this to the Environment Agency hotline (0800807060)</p>			

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Signed.....Chairman

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