

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 12 July 2016 starting at 8:00pm
and finishing at 10:15pm (circulated 14 July 2016)

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

Those in attendance:
Linda Ashwell (LA)
Paul Budd
David Cook
Michael Dudley
Nigel Gray
Pat Sly
Anthony West (AW)
Sarah West
Mike Williams

126/16: WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLOR

The Chairman welcomed FC who was attending her first RPC meeting.

127/16: RECORDING OF MEETINGS

Following the practice of other Parish Councils, The Chairman suggested that audio recording were made of an RPC meeting and retained only until its minutes were agreed and signed off. This was AGREED.

128/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies; Peter Grace (PG) remains on sabbatical.

129/16: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

130/16: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Following a request from LA it was AGREED that minutes 120/16 should read: 'LA asked whether WBC could provide signage/bollards to protect 2016 bulbs planted by RAG and when the next planting took place. It was then AGREED that the Deputy Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2016 as a true record of that meeting.

131/16: AGENDA

AW requested that Agendas were not changed. The Chairman said that sometimes this was necessary to facilitate meetings.

132/16: MATTERS ARISING

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

133/16: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Clerk reported that he had obtained two quotes for the analysis of the NP Questionnaire responses; both were higher than that quoted by Felicity Rutland. It was AGREED that FR should be asked to follow up on her quote to extract data before the end of August 2016.

134/16: PLANNING

On 161849 (Malmesbury) it was AGREED that The Clerk would check that the proposed dwelling was the same as that consented by WBC Planning. Subsequently he confirmed that this was the case. RPC was concerned that

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there might now be two applications (for a polo facility and a house) to be considered. It was subsequently AGREED that The Clerk would indicate to WBC Planning.

On 161615 (HRR HQ) The Chairman was asked to seek clarification from HRR before the deadline for RPC comments.

On 161420 (Century House) it was AGREED that The Clerk would indicate to WBC Planning that it had no comments.

135/16: WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that there has been in Jan-June an increase in number of

visitors and pages viewed from 2015 to 2016:

2015- 4327 visitors and 11,882 pages

2016 - 4941 visitors and 14,155 pages

This appeared to be very satisfactory.

136/16: LICENSING;

The Chairman confirmed that the Thames swim on the last day the Henley Festival had been approved by WBC despite RPC's comments.

137/16: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS

The Clerk mentioned that he had asked the Chairman to consider RAG's request for the protection of RAG-planted bulbs. There was a detailed discussion about the progress made in the last year on traffic in Remenham Lane, Church Lane and the A4130 in Remenham in the period covering HWR, HRR, Henley Swim, Master's Regatta and The Henley Festival. This highlighted (i) one-way systems, (ii) clearways, (iii) suspended parking bays, (iv) event intensification, (v) events taking place over extra days, (vi) event traffic aggravating rats run traffic, and in some cases (vii) attendees not following advice/instructions. It was appreciated that HRR contributed to the costs of traffic control and there was a suggestion that other event organisers might be willing to also make a contribution. The Chairman outlined the situation in terms of WBC Highways and Thames Valley Police. He said that there had been no consensus in responses from residents on a one-way traffic scheme. It was AGREED that JH would ask residents again in a short questionnaire, while this year's events were fresh in their minds, what traffic control scheme would be best for the period 15 June to 15 July (longer than this year) and that outcomes would be discussed in the Autumn. DP wondered whether noise and air quality might be used to control traffic at this time. The Chairman reminded RPC that DP was involved in a committee considering air quality. FC wondered whether the Remenham Hill A4130 30mph limit could be extended to beyond the entrance to Culham Court. AB asked again that the police carry out a check on vehicles in the 30mph stretch of the A4130. The Chairman AGREED to look into both matters.

138/16: FOOTPATHS

AB mentioned a stile problem on a footpath as it reached Church Lane.

139/16: OUTREACH TO RESIDENTS

FC AGREED to consider how best RPC could reach out to residents; welfare was one option and focussing on what might produce a better environment.

140/16: FINANCIAL MATTERS

Views were expressed on the high quality of the new oak RPC noticeboard outside the Parish Hall; this had been installed within recent days and was already in use. Three cheques were signed:

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000633 £ 141.04 Zurich Insurance
000634 £1450.00 L.Newman (noticeboard)
000635 £ 155.81 Clerk Expenses/laser pointer/audio recorder
It was AGREED that RPC would consider telephone banking in September.

141/16: ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

There was no other business.

142/16: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13th Sept 2016 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

Actions:

JH to check/seek clarification on 161615 (HRR HQ)

ask residents again in a short questionnaire what traffic control scheme would be best for the period 15 June to 15 July (longer than this year) to enable a discussion in the Autumn.

check if the Remenham Hill A4130 30mph limit could be extended to beyond the entrance to Culham Court and if the police could carry out a check on vehicles in the 30mph stretch of the A4130

FC to consider how best RPC could reach out to residents (e.g. on welfare or producing a better environment)

FR to follow up on her quote to extract data before the end of August 2016.

Clerk to check on 161849 (Malmesbury) that the proposed dwelling was the same as that consented by WBC Planning and write to WBC Planning that RPC had no new comments on 161420 (Century House)

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