

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 10 November 2015 starting at 8:00pm
(circulated 16 Nov 2015)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (Chairman)
Alison Barraclough (AB)
Sue Laing (SL)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

140/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Richard Fletcher, Peter Grace, John Merkel and Darrel Poulos. It was noted that the meeting was quorate.

141/15: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

142/15: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13 Oct 2015 as a true record of that meeting. This was to be uploaded to the website. It was noted that Fenella Copas and Verity Harvey (of The Copas Partnership) had both attended the Meeting at 8pm on the 11 Sept 2015).

143/15: MATTERS ARISING

There were no other Matters Arising, other than those appearing in the agenda of this meeting. The Chairman said he had yet to contact (i) the EA/WBC Enforcement Officer over a large boat moored between Green Isle and Marsh Lock or (ii) the Police over the need for a speed check on Remenham Hill/White Hill. The Clerk said he had contacted WBC Planning (see 145/15) but was yet to obtain new quotes on the phone box (now possibly to be located near the noticeboard (see 152/15)).

144/15: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

It was AGREED that the questionnaire to move forward the NP would be circulated to residents, companies and those with an interest in Remenham by 12th Jan 2016.

145/15: PLANNING

RPC AGREED that The Clerk had correctly summarised their views to WBC on two applications:

152418	3 Riverside, Wargrave Road	Certificate of lawful use	RPC commented on the number of similar applications being made for properties along the Wargrave Road
152400	Thames Bridge House	Variation to condition 16	RPC commented that it was happy for the Planning Officer to decide on the timing of any drainage survey (i.e. before or after demolition of current buildings that represent an eyesore)

The Chairman provided some feedback on Barn Cottage from a meeting with HRR on 3rd Nov.

146/15: WEBSITE

SL outlined that there had been a 20% increase in the frequency of visits (3042) to the RPC website pages in the last month. She reminded the meeting that the website was now almost 1 year old. She said that she would use this to encourage additional contributions and links to other websites.

147/15: LICENSING

The Chairman mentioned a Safety Advisory group.

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148/15: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS;

The Chairman described long-, medium- and short-term traffic and highways issues. He then described the good progress made by RAG in planting bulbs on White Hill/Remenham Hill.

149/15: HENLEY ISSUES

There was nothing to report.

150/15: FOOTPATHS

The Chairman provided feedback on footpath discussions with HRR on 3 Nov, when he had suggested a meeting between HRR and the WBC Rights of Way Officer. SL/AB thought that it would be good to have a Remenham footpath map on the website. The Clerk said that he thought that Wargrave had one. The Chairman suggested that the WBC Rights of Way Officer would be able to help. The Clerk AGREED to contact WBC to obtain such a footpath map for Remenham.

151/15: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

The Clerk AGREED to read the Community Emergency Plan document sent by WBC and provide a draft outline response to be considered at the Dec RPC meeting; this might also include an RPC risk assessment. A request from WBC/4global for RPC to complete a survey on playing pitches was noted; it was thought that RPC did not have/need such pitches; it was AGREED that The Clerk would respond accordingly.

152/15: FINANCIAL MATTERS

A cheque (number 000612) was signed for £410.74 to Toad Hall Garden Centre cover the cost of bulbs and equipment for RAG. There was discussion about whether RAG needed RHS membership and if this depended upon whether RAG was acting as an agent for RPC. It was not thought to be currently appropriate. A draft budget produced by The Chairman was considered and it was AGREED that a sum should be set aside for moving/renovating the phone box possibly near to the present noticeboard. There was discussion about whether some buildings might be listed as Community Assets.

153/15: DATE OF NEXT MEETING; 8 Dec 2015 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

ACTIONS:

The Chairman would:

- contact the EA/WBC Enforcement Officer over a large boat moored between Green Isle and Marsh Lock
- contact the Police over the need for a speed check on Remenham Hill/White Hill
- ensure that the questionnaire to move forward the NP was circulated to residents, companies and those with an interest in Remenham by 12th Jan 2016

The Clerk would:

- contact the WBC Rights of Way Officer to obtain a Remenham footpath map for the website
- read the Community Emergency Plan document sent from WBC and provide a draft outline response to be considered at the 14 Dec RPC meeting, which might also include an RPC risk assessment
- send cheque 000612 to Toad hall Garden Centre for RAG bulbs and items

Signed.....Chairman

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