

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 13 October 2015 starting at 8:00pm  
(first circulated 25 Oct 2015)

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

In attendance  
Linda Ashwell (LA)  
Chris Leeming (CL)

**126/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Peter Grace (PG) and Darrel Poulos (DP). RF was still unwell and awaiting surgery.

**127/15: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made; it was AGREED that DoIs of councillors with their signatures redacted would be uploaded to the website, alongside the RPC Code of Conduct.

**128/15: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8 Sept 2015 as a true record of that meeting. This was to be uploaded to the website.

**129/15: MATTERS ARISING**

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

**130/15: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)**

It was AGREED that we would progress this, gathering together amendments and then re-circulating.

**131/15: PLANNING**

RPC noted that WBC Planning had approved applications for Bird Place Cottage (boathouse), Century House (garage) and 5-6 Wargrave Road (extension). It was AGREED that two applications (152418; 152400) for which RPC comments had been requested, but about which details were not yet available, would be considered after the meeting and RPC comments included in the Nov RPC minutes. Following a request from HRR, The Clerk said he had sent HRR extracts of 2012-2013 RPC minutes relating to their Barn Cottage planning application (see Appendix). JM said that he was concerned that a large boat had been moored between Green Isle and Marsh Lock for a significant period of time. It was AGREED that the Chairman would talk to the WBC Enforcement Office or the Environment Agency.

**132/15: WEBSITE**

SL indicated that there had been 2524 visits to the website in the last month and added that aspects of the history of Remenham (e.g. initially Remenham Farm House) were being developed. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the oldest resident in Remenham had been born in the village.

**133/15: LICENSING**

There was nothing to report.

**134/15: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS;**

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The Chairman reported that the finish on Ferry Lane reflected the fact that it had been rebuilt and resurfaced in recent work. He then outlined potential Highways developments, including technology to measure vehicle speeds and numbers as a function of time. AB reminded the meeting that she had requested that the police be asked to measure vehicle speeds on the 30mph section of Remenham Hill/White Hill. This was AGREED. JM asked if the emergency services could be asked about the effect of present and future traffic flows in Remenham on attendance at accidents/incidents. SL mentioned the case of a car that had been parked in an allocated bay on Remenham Lane, when it was hit by another vehicle that did not stop.

LA requested support for the planting of bulbs (predominantly along the grass verge on the northern side of the A4130 between Culham Lane and White Hill Garage) by a newly-formed Remenham Amateur gardening (RAG) group. The Chairman said this would complement tree planting. There was discussion about the need for this to avoid urbanising Remenham Hill (i.e. that containers should not be used). CL asked whether wild flower species could be used/encouraged. The Chairman suggested that those involved should wear high-visibility vests etc (in addition any suggested group logo-bearing tops) during any planting. SL suggested that any tops should be bright and that those involved should be covered by WBC/PC insurance. AB wondered about the suggested need for a RHS subscription. The Clerk agreed to check on these matters. The Chairman proposed that an upper limit of £500 should be set aside for this. This was AGREED.

**119/15: HENLEY ISSUES**

There was nothing to report.

**120/15: FOOTPATHS**

After discussion led by The Chairman, it was AGREED RPC make no comments on the recent request from Henley Festival to close the towpath.

**121/15: WOKINGHAM ISSUES**

RPC noted feedback from The Clerk on a meeting of the Wokingham Clerk's Forum of 23 Sept.

**122/15: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

A cheque (number 000612) was signed for £120.00 to cover External Auditors (Mazars) costs of checking/signing off of RPC accounts. The Clerk was asked to look again into the costs of moving/renovating the phone box. The Clerk mentioned that the parish precept (£10,710.00) had been received.

**123/15: DATE OF NEXT MEETING;** 10 Nov 2015 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

Signed..........Chairman

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## APPENDIX

RPC Minutes of 2012-2013 relevant to a Planning Application (F/2012/0329 (in March 2012) corrected in April 2012 to F/2012/0239) requested by HRR at 8 Sept meetings

### **'Erection of 1 detached dwelling with detached garage, altered access, landscaping and demolition of existing dwelling and out buildings at Barn Cottage, Remenham Lane'**

Minute 137 on Mar 2012: It was agreed to object to this application on the grounds of the proposal being out of character and discordant with the location. Councillor Pitts would be asked to make request for it to be put on Wokingham Planning Committee agenda for consideration. CL volunteered to ask for the building to be listed and to keep SMG informed of progress.

Minute 44 on Jul2012: Revised drawings – as there was fundamentally no change from the original application it was decided to object on the same grounds as previously.

Minute 118 in Dec 2012: SMg would reply to the Planning Inspectorate re-iterating the objections made by the Council to the Planning Application as made to WBC.

Minute 137 in Jan 2013: Other Matter – SMg had taken photographs during his recent walk on footpath 11 (see Item 141) of the flooded area around the Barn Cottage Appeal site. These showed that the flooding would have a significant impact on the proposed dwelling. Although the date for comments had passed he would write to the Planning Inspectorate as it was felt that aspect caused by unpredictable weather conditions should be taken into account.

*SMG/SMg = Scott MacGregor (Vice-Chairman of RPC)*

Signed..........Chairman

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