

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Hall
on 9 December 2014 starting at 8.00pm and concluding at 10.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (Chairman of RPC),
Richard Fletcher (RF)
Alison Barraclough (AB)
John Merkel (JM)
Darrel Poulos (DP)
Clerk: Ann Hooton/Paul Sermon

2 members of the public (Felicity Rutland & Chris Leeming)

67/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Peter Grace (PG), Sue Laing (SL) and Peter Sly (PS)

68/14 AMENITY VEHICLE David Alan (WBC) described alternatives that might be available after the amenity vehicle service is discontinued. Residents can take waste to Bracknell, Reading and Ewelme. He said options needed to avoid waste co-mingling. It might cost RPC £500-700 for each visit of an amenity vehicle to collect 4 different types of waste (unless two parishes were served in a trip). WBC would still operate free assisted collections for the elderly and free collection of fridges/freezers. WBC will still continue to provide collections of 5 large items from a household(s) for £27. Green waste often formed a significant fraction of collected waste. WBC were to have a meeting in January on the topic and RPC would be informed. David Alan mentioned that there was a compost bin offer on their website. The Chairman mentioned that he had made contact with clubs who seemed amenable to having bottle banks on their sites. Felicity Rutland warned that waste collection banks (e.g. at Waitrose in Henley-on-Thames) were often overflowing. DP asked if WBC could provide a waste collection facility on a few specified weekends. It was AGREED that RPC would not at this stage continue the amenity vehicle service on RPC's account.

69/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

70/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2014 as a true record of that meeting.

71/14 ACTION LIST

- a) Bench on hill. It was indicated that the two quotes received were not for the same quality of base. The Clerk was asked to seek further quotes and to ask for the existing quotes to be for the same concrete base; DP wondered whether SOHA might have contractors who could do this work.
- b) Telephone Kiosk; AB said that it was still not known who had painted the kiosk

72/14: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman mentioned the consultation event on 2 December 2014 and said that he had had a number of responses/suggestions. He suggested that amendments were made to the Plan in January 2015. This would facilitate discussion with other interested parties (e.g. The National Trust). He said that the intention should be to circulate the updated Neighbourhood Plan and a questionnaire inviting comments/suggestions for further refinement in the

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March/Easter 2015 issue of the Village Newsletter. Copies of this DP suggested should be delivered by hand to councillors to engage with households on the Plan.

73/14: PLANNING

The following responses were AGREED;

F/2014/2445	Underwood, Remenham Hill; Proposed erection of replacement dwelling with basement and detached garage. Demolition of existing dwelling. <u>No comment.</u>
F/2014/2506	Pillar Lodge, Kentons Lane; Proposed erection of one dwelling with basement. Demolish existing dwelling. <u>No comment.</u>
VAR/2014/2650	Museum Conways Bridge. <u>No comment.</u>

The following outcomes were NOTED;

F/2014/1792	Bird Place Cottage: <u>Permission granted</u>
F/2014/0332	Place Farm Park: <u>Withdrawn</u>
F/2014/0331	Park Place Farm: <u>Withdrawn</u>
F/2014/1637	The Old Turkey Farm, Remenham Hill: <u>Approved</u>

74/14: WEBSITE

The Chairman mentioned that RPC had to be careful about the posting of photographs and e-mail addresses on the website. He recommended that RPC should accept the advice from WBC lawyers. This was AGREED. He mentioned that navigation on the website would involve tab-signposting and a disclaimer. SL would control the home page. It was NOTED that Steve Hounscome had agreed to be the website administrator at £10/month.

75/14: LICENSING

The Chairman said there were no licensing matters to consider at this time.

76/14: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS;

The Chairman mentioned the opportunity for tree planting on White/Remenham Hill and asked if The Clerk wanted to get involved and he agreed. DP mentioned that Suri Poulos might also be asked (because of her expertise).


77/14: HENLEY ISSUES

The Chairman mentioned a meeting with police representatives relating to HRR. The proposal was that both sides of the river should work together on planning and organising HRR.

JM agreed to sit on the Townlands Committee for future meetings.

78/14: FOOTPATHS

Following an e-mail from organisers, there was discussion of proposed closure of the Thames Towpath for the Henley Festival in 2015 and RPC AGREED that the Chairman should proceed to object as in 2014. AB mentioned issues with the footpath across HRR land, that flood signs had been rotated by persons unknown and needed realigning and that she was still being challenged when walking on footpaths on the Culden Faw Estate land.

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79/14: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman reported on having attended a Planning Training meeting.

80/14: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following cheques were signed by the Chairman/Vice-Chairman:

Number	Payee	Amount
594	SL	£11.98 (2 months Website hosting)

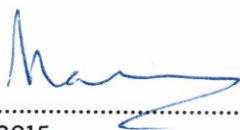
81:14 MATTERS OF REPORT/AOB

The Chairman introduced (i) a proposed RPC Code of Conduct document and suggested that this was reflected upon for the January meeting and (ii) reported that he had tried to change meetings to Mondays but had come up against a problem of Hall availability and so meetings of RPC would continue to be on Tuesdays.

82/14: DATE OF NEXT MEETING; 13 January 2015 at 8pm in the Parish Hall

ACTIONS REQUESTED

The Clerk: Updating bench quotes
The Clerk: Forwarding 'no comment' recommendation on VAR/2014/2650
JH: Neighbourhood Plan updating
The Chairman: Henley Festival 2015 Towpath

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