

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 13 Sept 2016 starting at 8:00pm
and finishing at 10:30pm (circulated 14 Sept 2016)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chairman)
Richard Fletcher (RF; Deputy Chairman)
John Merkel (JM)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

Those in attendance included:

E.Abbott	L.Ashwell	N.Bee (NB)
C.Drury (CD)	P.Gillett (PG)	I.Giuliani (IG)
K.Lerche-Thomsen	E.Light	P.Meehan
V.Moore	F.Roche (FR)	T.Roche (TR)
F.Rutland	D.Tait	N.Thomas (NT)
M.Walker	A.J.Walker	

143/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Alison Barraclough (AB), Franky Cookson (FC) and Darrel Poulos (DP)

144/16: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

145/16: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was then AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2016 as a true record of that meeting.

146/16: MATTERS ARISING

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

147/16: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There was discussion about whether the focus of the NP should change to reflect the current environment.

148/16: PLANNING

First The Chairman explained the consultative role of RPC in Remenham planning matters.

On 162288 (Malmesbury, Private Polo Facility) there was a discussion involving Cllrs and members of the public; LA noted the number of comments on this application on the WBC Planning website. There was concern about the effect of large lorry movements in-out of the site. JH thought that overall the traffic on White Hill (A4130) would be only marginally increased by this application, but others felt that in the critical months of June-July-August (when other events were taking place in Remenham) it could make a very significant difference to traffic locally. PG said that the polo season was May-Sept. Some thought polo players would arrive/leave by helicopter. NT said he was concerned about the volume increase on replacing the consented house with the polo stabling etc. There was mention of loud klaxons being used to start and end matches. The 10ft height of some exterior lights was thought to be excessive. IG mentioned that waste disposal might need to be reconsidered; JH said this had been considered. It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to ask it to ensure that: (i) minimal external lighting was no higher than 2m (not the 10ft proposed) off the ground, (ii) the volume of buildings should not be higher than that for the alternative consented Malmesbury House, (iii) noise should be minimised by rotating the exercise track in

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behind the equine centre and not allowing the use of klaxons, and (iv) the number of matches played in June-July-August (i.e. regatta times, when the local traffic on the A4130 is already very high and near saturation) should be limited (as well as there being an annual limit). The Chairman asked if residents would consider if they wished to attend a planning meeting when this application was discussed.

162001 (3 Riverside, Wargrave Road) was then considered. IG described the proposal as replacing an earlier structure with a modest green building. JM said he was concerned about the full width of the plot being used; he wondered how close to boundaries the adjacent buildings were. RF thought that the colour of the building proposed made it stand out too much. There was concern that the % increase in footprint was too large and it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that RPC was not happy that the design filled the full width of the plot (almost infilling) with a significant % area increase. It was acknowledged that a number of sites have been developed along this road.

149/16: WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that website visitors (654) were down on last month (1100), but we are still up on last year's numbers. This will continue to be monitored.

150/16: LICENSING;

There no matters to discuss.

151/16: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS;

The Chairman gave the background on traffic management in Henley and commented on whether the police enforced speed limits in Remenham. There was a difference of opinion of whether a 30mph limit was useful on the Wargrave Road. RF said that anything had to be enforceable. JH read a letter from a Remenham resident provided by JM. FR/TR spoke in favour of extending the 30mph section of Remenham Hill to beyond the entrance of Culham Court. It was AGREED that The Chairman would explore speed limits further with residents, enabling a decision to be reached.

152/16: FOOTPATHS;

There were no matters to discuss.

153/16: WOKINGHAM ISSUES;

The Chairman mention where the next phase of building was likely to take place and that this might have Green Belt implications.

154/16: HENLEY ISSUES;

There were no matters to discuss.

155/16: FINANCIAL MATTERS;

The Clerk reported that he had received two quotes that day from the Parish Hall Committee. These involved sound systems and cost £3500+. It was AGREED that The Clerk would seek a third quote for just the screen and projector installation for the next meeting.

156/16: ANY OTHER MATTERS;

There was no other business.

157/16: ISSUES RAISED FROM THE FLOOR;

PG commented on what he thought was inappropriate activity at Whitehill Farm, with 1-2m large tree trunks/stumps being chipped, resulting in noise that could be heard inside neighbouring houses. He was concerned that a retrospective planning application for this agricultural site might soon be made with a view to widening the range of recycled materials and the scale of the operation. It was AGREED that the Chairman would visit adjacent

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properties when there was such activity and that he would then take action as appropriate.

CD asked if The Chairman had a view on the possible use of Five Horseshoes Field as a wedding venue. JH said that he was aware of the situation. NB commented that there was already a website advertising the venue and that the WBC Enforcement Officer was investigating the appearance of a 6m x 3m pergola at the site. JH said that he thought environmental impact remedies were available, but agreed that there was a difference of view on what was/was not allowable and whether this was agricultural land. CD suggested that any weddings could aggravate traffic on the A4130 in June-August. The Chairman offered to try to resolve the situation (if asked by those wanting to avoid a neighbourhood disagreement). JM asked if RPC had a list of licensed events in Remenham.

158/16: MATTERS TO REPORT;

It was noted that The Clerk had reported to Cllrs that auditors Mazars had accepted RPC accounts without change.

159/16: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th Oct 2016 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

Actions:

- JH to* seek residents views on speed limits and checks 30mph for the Wargrave Road and Remenham Hill
- visit adjacent properties to Whitehill Farm when chipping/recycling activity was taking place and consider taking action as appropriate
- Clerk to* send comments/concerns on 162288 (Malmesbury, Private Polo Facility) and 162001 (3 Riverside, Wargrave Road) to WBC Planning
- obtain a third quote for just the screen and installation.

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