

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 8 Nov 2016 starting at 8:00pm  
and finishing at 10:10pm (circulated 9 Nov 2016)

**PRESENT:** Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chairman)  
Richard Fletcher (RF; Deputy Chairman)  
Alison Barraclough (AB)  
Franky Cookson (FC)  
Peter Grace (PG)  
John Merkel (JM)  
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance:  
Nigel Williams (NW)  
Alex Wilks (AW)  
Felicity Rutland (FR)  
Pat Sly (PSI)

**174/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman explained that Darrel Poulos (DP) had suggested that he take a sabbatical until the Spring of 2017.

**175/16: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman recused and absented himself from 162995 (under 179/16) because he knew the applicant both as parish councillor and a friend. The Deputy Chairman indicated that he wished to observe the discussion on this matter, but would not contribute to it. No other declarations of interest were made.

**176/16: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 Oct 2016 as a true record of that meeting.

**177/16: MATTERS ARISING**

The actions requested at the last meeting were reviewed. The Chairman thanked PSI and the Parish Hall committee for reaching a decision on the projector screen. There were no other Matters Arising other than those appearing in the agenda of this meeting.

**178/16: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)**

FR said that the analysis of the NP questionnaire had been delayed. The Chairman said that this was not a problem as a White Paper was expected that may change the backdrop for any NP.

**179/16: PLANNING**

For application 162995 (Land East of Remenham Piece) JM was elected as Chairman. AW expressed concern that relevant documents/plans were not yet on the WBC Planning website. It was thought that the application might be retrospective. It was felt that the structure was too large for the stated purpose (given the other structures on the field). Following a vote, it was AGREED that RPC would object to the application on the basis of massing within the Green Belt. JH then returned to the meeting as Chairman and RF re-joined discussions.

On 162804 (Old School House) it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that RPC had no comments.

The Chairman brought the meeting up to date on Malmesbury (new polo facility). There was discussion about the state of Thames Bridge House. JM

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mentioned that the Environment Agency may now be involved with 162001 (3 Riverside).

Concern was expressed by PG on a tarmac surface that had been laid to the cricket club pavilion and that tree-roots may have been damaged. It was AGREED that The Clerk would contact the Enforcement Officer.

**180/16: WEBSITE**

FC brought RPC up to date with recent usage of the website (886 unique visitors; 2472 pages viewed) and progress she and Steve Hounsome had made on updating the website. These included photos reflecting the seasons, a what's-on page, a streamlined Parish Council section, and a more evident e-mail point of contact for the Hall. She mentioned how they had overcome issues with uploaded photographs, but she said there was more to do on traffic alerts that updated regularly, Newsletter/website links and a simpler access to the Emergency statement. The Chairman congratulated her on the excellent progress.

**181/16: LICENSING**

The Chairman indicated that the Rewind Festival had been sold and that he would meet with the new owners in the next 2-3 weeks. He mentioned that The Henley Festival had asked to close the towpath from 11:15-17:15 on its last Sunday for an extra performance. PG said that he was unhappy about this as it had been a free public time for local families to visit.

**169/16: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS**

The Chairman described Henley-in-Action initiatives to improve air quality in Henley where DP had been pivotal. FC asked how soon this might be enacted. JH said that the cost might be modest and that he had seen similar schemes in operation in Clapham, South London. He said that he hoped to bring a document to RPC in December. There was discussion about the effect of heavy goods vehicles and number-recognition cameras on the bridge and in Watlington determining levels of through-traffic. There was a brief discussion about bicycles. JM said that a 30mph/40mph change might be appropriate on the A321 near Green Isle. JH said that a 20mph speed limit and 'please drive carefully' signs on Remenham lanes might be helpful, but AB said these would be disregarded by many drivers. The Chairman brought the meeting up-to-date on RAG; FC commented that the RAG section of the website had been updated. PSI and JM said that the traffic island near the bridge had lost its bollards. It was AGREED that The Clerk would contact WBC Highways.

**170/16: WOKINGHAM, HENLEY AND FOOTPATH ISSUES**

There were no additional matters to discuss.

**171/16: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Two cheques were signed

000639	£200.00	Thames Valley Police
000640	£ 75.98	The Clerk (projector screen purchase)

The Clerk reminded RPC that in November 2015 it had considered the budget/precept. It was AGREED that The Chairman/The Clerk would have these ready for the December meeting. It was noted that a cheque to Toad Hall for RAG bulbs was in effect to be returned.

**172/16: MATTER TO REPORT AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS;**

There was no other business.

**173/16: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

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*ACTIONS:*

*JH to*

*bring to the December RPC meeting*

- (i) a document on the Henley-in-Action initiative*
  - (ii) the Budget/Precept recommendation (with the Clerk)*
- check on naming of Lane outside Parish Hall*  
*obtain information on SpeedCheck*

*The Clerk to*

*write to WBC Planning on (i) 162995 indicating that it wished to object to the application on the basis of massing in the Green Belt and (ii) 162804 saying it had no comments*

*contact*

- (i) the WBC Enforcement Officer expressing concern over the tarmac surface that had been laid to the Henley Cricket Club pavilion, where tree-roots may have been damaged*
- (ii) WBC Highways over the traffic island near the bridge that had lost its bollards*

*bring to the December RPC meeting the Budget/Precept recommendation (with the Chairman)*

*send cheque 000639*

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