

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 13 Dec 2016 starting at 8:10pm
and finishing at 10:02pm (circulated 17 Dec 2016)

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

In attendance:
Chris Leeming (CL)
Pat Sly (PSI)

174/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Peter Grace (PG); Darrel Poulos (DP) was on sabbatical. It was AGREED, following a suggestion from the Chairman, that RPC would give consideration to co-opting two non-voting councillors who would be in place until the next election. It was AGREED that The Chairman would come forward with a proposal in February.

175/16: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman mentioned that he had an interest in the HRR application 162897/898 to be considered under 179/16.

176/16: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8 Nov 2016 as a true record of that meeting.

177/16: MATTERS ARISING

Following concern at the last meeting about a tarmac surface that had been laid to the cricket club pavilion and that tree-roots may have been damaged, the Clerk reported that he had contacted The WBC Enforcement Officer, who said that he had already visited the site and was happy with the surface. AB and CL expressed concern about the effect on the water table. The Clerk reported that *the traffic island near the bridge that had lost its bollards had now been repaired*. There were no other Matters Arising other than those appearing in the agenda of this meeting.

178/16: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

The Chairman described local plans for housing in the period 2016-2036. These may not directly impinge on Remenham. It was AGREED that The Clerk did not need to coordinate any action with other parish Councils.

179/16: PLANNING

It was decided that RPC was happy with applications for tree works.

JM raised his concerns about the development of sites along the Wargrave Road. For application 163240 (Aspen, 5&6 Riverside), where a replacement building was sought that would represent an increase in area from 48m² to 143m², it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning expressing RPC's concern that this massing would damage the openness of the Green Belt. RPC wished to oppose this application.

RPC considered application 163194 (Aston Lodge, Remenham Lane) and asked The Clerk to write to WBC Planning to say that it had no comments.

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There was some surprise at 162897/898 (Land west of Remenham Lane; HRR shed) in terms of the height and volume increase and such a massing would impact negatively on the Green Belt and a Conservation Area. CL said he thought that this was part of a mechanisation of an important water meadow. AB thought the shed would have an impact on flooding. There was concern about the visual impact on views from the river and whether surrounding hedging would be replaced. It was also noted that items, machinery, tanks and vehicles (some under tarpaulins) were stored in the water meadow. It was AGREED that RPC would object to this application.

It was noted that WBC had refused applications 162804 (Old School House) and 162686/162676 (Units 7/8, Whitehill Farm) and approved 162001 (3 Riverside) and 162288 (Private polo facility).

It was also noted that appeals were to be held in January on 162367/162368 (Stonebridge, Henley Bridge) and 153483 (floating landing stages at Hobb's Boat yard). It was AGREED that The Clerk would confirm RPC's objections to these applications.

JM mentioned that Henley Town Council had advertised for part-time post to support Planning decision making. He thought that RPC might make use of similar support. It was AGREED that The Clerk would contact Henley to determine whether a fractional RPC post might be associated with the Henley one.

180/16: WEBSITE

FC brought RPC up to date with recent updates and usage of the website, which was down a fraction. There was discussion about introducing information on dragon boats and canoes. There was discussion about whether it was appropriate to raise the remuneration of Steve Hounscome (SH). The Clerk said he would talk with SH and come back with a way forward at the next meeting.

181/16: LICENSING

The Chairman indicated that he was to meet with those representing the Rewind Festival in the next week and report at a future meeting.

182/16: WOKINGHAM, HENLEY, FOOTPATH, TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES


AB reminded RPC that it had discussed the possible footpath closure on the last Sunday in the Henley Festival and reporting in the Henley Standard.

The Chairman updated RPC on the Henley Transport Strategy Group and its plans for traffic flows in Henley (with steadily moving traffic) and the relevance of this to Remenham and where expenditure might be needed (see 183/16). CL thought that there might be a problem with lorries turning onto the bridge, preventing vehicles from White Hill moving steadily onto Henley Bridge. JM asked that there be traffic monitoring in Remenham; the Clerk said this was mentioned under 183/16.

183/16: FINANCIAL MATTERS

Three cheques were signed

000642	£ 45.00	Open Spaces Society
000643	£100.00	CAB Wokingham
000644	£ 65.00	SLCC

Signed.....Chairman

The Chairman suggested that a 4% rise in the precept to £23150 was appropriate because RPC would need to start expenditure on traffic-related matters (£30,000 on traffic orders, £30,000 traffic signage, £10,000 Henley Bridge seed corn + £8000 for measurements of traffic flows and pollution in Remenham) and licensing reviews (£8000). This and the attached budget (see Appendix) were agreed. It was AGREED the Chairman would send the precept and budget details to WBC. It was noted that a cheque for bulb expenditure by RAG had been reimbursed. It was suggested and AGREED that the level of salary paid to the Clerk should be re-considered, given the work-load, JH/RF suggested subsequently that this should be raised to £250/month (subject to ratification at the next RPC meeting).

184/16: MATTER TO REPORT AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

There was no other business.

185/16: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10th Jan 2017 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

ACTIONS:

JH to

*come forward with a co-opting proposal in Feb
come to the Feb RPC meeting with an update on the Rewind Festival and
Henley Festival footpath closure on its last Sunday
send RPC precept and budget details to WBC*

The Clerk to

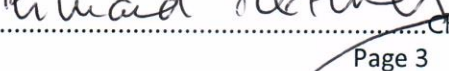
write to WBC Planning on

- (i) 163240 (Aspen, 5&6 Riverside) to say RPC objected because of massing in the Green Belt*
- (i) 163194 (Aston Lodge, Remenham Lane) to say RPC had no comments*
- (ii) 162897/898 (Land west of Remenham Lane; HRR shed) to say RPC objected because of the height and volume increase and such a massing would impact negatively on the Green Belt and a Conservation Area.*
- (iii) 162367/162368 (Stonebridge, Henley Bridge) confirming RPC's objections*
- (iv) 153483 (floating landing stages at Hobb's Boat yard) confirming RPC's objections*

contact Steve Hounscome over website remuneration.

send cheques 642, 643 and 644.

contact Henley Town Council regarding their proposed Planning advisor appointment

Signed..........Chairman
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APPENDIX: 2017-2018 Forecast Budget and Precept

	Forecast	Budget	Forecast
	£	2016/17	2015/16
		£	£
INCOME			
Precept	23,150	22,250	21,420
Other Receipts			
Bank Interest	100	100	100
TOTAL INCOME	<u>23,250</u>	<u>22,350</u>	<u>21,520</u>
PAYMENTS			
Wages Clerk	3,000	3,000	2,500
Clerk's and Other Expenses	250	250	250
Legal Advice net of donations	2,000		
Chairman's Expenses	250	250	
Neighbourhood Plan			
AGM Expenses	300	300	250
Rent of Parish Hall	800	800	700
Newsletter	800	800	700
Churchyard Maintenance	900	900	800
Telephone Box	1,500	3,000	
Website	2,000	1,000	750
Insurance	200	200	150
Electricity	400	400	400
External Auditors	120	120	120
Internal Auditors	100	100	50
Henley Wildlife			
Post Office Box	500	400	350
Postage, Stationery and Internet			
Henley Partnership			
BALC	150	100	100
CAB	500	250	250
Open Spaces Society	500	250	100
Society of Local Council Clerks	70	70	65
CPRE	100	100	
Thames Valley Ambulance	150	150	
Bench			
Highways Initiative			
Remenham Amateur Gardening	500	1,000	
Replacement of Streetlights	4,000		
WBC Advert			
Election	2,500		
Printer	500		
Tent and Gas Heaters			
Royal Wedding Tea Party			
Silver Jubilee			
Sue Ryder			

Signed.....*Richard Mettles*.....Chairman

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Other Donations & Expenses	1,000	771	
Police	200		
AV/NB maintenance	100		
Highways Remenham	25,000		
Highway Statagic Henley & Remenham	10,000		
Licensing revision	5,000		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	63,390	14,211	7,535
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-40,140	8,139	13,985
Dec 2016 BANK ACCOUNTS			
Current Account	62,884	54,745	20,757
Capital Reserve Account	2,255	2,255	22,258
Total Opening Bank Accounts	65,139	57,000	43,015
Change in Debtors			
Change in Creditors			
Surplus (Deficit)	-40,140	8,139	13,985
TOTAL CLOSING BANK ACCOUNTS	24,999	65,139	57,000
REPRESENTED BY CLOSING BANK ACCOUNTS			
Current Account	4,999	62,884	54,745
Capital Reserve Account	20,000	2,255	2,255
	24,999	65,139	57,000

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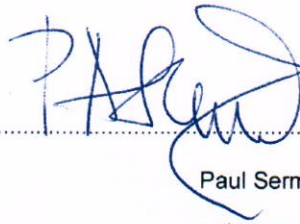
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**INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED WITH COUNCIL TAX
DEMAND NOTICES**

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

	<u>2017/2018</u> £
1. PARISH EXPENDITURE	63,390
2. DEDUCT INCOME FROM RENTS, FEES, GRANTS, CHARGES AND INTEREST	100
3. NET EXPENDITURE	63,290
4. ADDITIONS TO BALANCES	
OR	
MET FROM BALANCES	40,140
5. PARISH PRECEPT	23,150

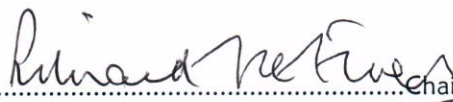
Signed



Paul Sermon - Parish Clerk

14th December 2016

Signed.....



Chairman

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