

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 10th Jan 2017 starting at 8:00pm
and finishing at 9:25pm (circulated 12th Jan 2017)

PRESENT: Cllrs Richard Fletcher (RF; Deputy Chairman)
Alison Barraclough (AB)
Franky Cookson (FC)
Peter Grace (PG);
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance:
Mike Dudley (MD)
Chris Leeming (CL)
Frances and Tim Roche (TR)
Felicity Rutland (FR)
Jim Wetherell (JW)

1/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from John Halsall (JH) and John Merkel (JM); Darrel Poulos (DP) was on sabbatical.

2/17: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Deputy Chairman (RF) said that he lived close to and had an interest in application 162831 under item 6/17. No other declarations of interest were made.

3/17: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Deputy Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th Dec 2016 as a true record of that meeting.

4/17: MATTERS ARISING

The actions requested at the last meeting were reviewed. There were no other Matters Arising other than those appearing in the agenda of this meeting.

5/17: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

In response to a question from RF, FR said that the analysis of the NP questionnaire was on-going.

6/17: PLANNING

For application 161503 (Willow Cottage) PG wondered whether the % area increase might be of concern, but overall it was AGREED that the design was a significant improvement and that The Clerk should write to that effect to WBC Planning.

On 162831 (Eyot Boat Centre) it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that RPC had no comments.

On 163394 (Conway Park Entrance), which had only arrived with The Clerk that morning in a hard copy form, there was concern about which houses were being served by the proposed entrance/gates, and how these related to the old Malmesbury house application. It was AGREED that The Clerk should write to WBC Planning asking about which houses were being served and whether RPC have longer to make appropriate comments.

It was AGREED that The Clerk would re-iterate RPC comments on Stonebridge (162367/162368).

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7/17: WEBSITE

FC brought RPC up to date with recent usage of the website (968 unique visitors (up from 829 last month) and 3243 pages viewed (up from 2540 last month)). The annual figures for the site were 10,546 visitors and 30,430 page impressions which FC was sure were well up on last year. RF thanked FC/Steve Hounsome (SH) for their hard work and asked FC if she could contact the Canoe/Dragon boat Club. FR asked if the website calendar could be updated. There was discussion about Remenham-Spitfire links and how these might be explored.

8/17: LICENSING

MD described the cumulative impact licensing policy proposed to WBC. Cllrs thanked MD for taking the matter to this point. FR thought the policy made good sense. CL asked what the law was in the area and the matter was clarified by RF. MD thought it possible that WBC would respond to RPC, asking for a financial contribution to the costs of consultants, etc. The Clerk mentioned that next year's budget had a sum set aside for this purpose were it to be needed and approved. The meeting being generally in favour of approval, it was AGREED that the matter would be finally considered at the February meeting, by which time the size of the RPC contribution necessary should have been clarified with WBC. PG said that he had discussed Rewind licenses with The Chairman.

9/17: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS

It was felt best to explore traffic and highways at the February RPC meeting.

10/17: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

The Clerk reported on a 5th Jan meeting on the Wokingham Local Plan Update (LPU), where there were concerns about the equivalent of two additional Earleys proposed to be built in the WBC area (with Hurst and Twyford thought to be part of the focus). Northern parishes thought that a joint letter would be helpful (supported by as many PCs as possible). This might:

- challenge the large numbers of houses projected
- highlight the need to protect existing Green Belt and ensure CIL income met infrastructure/traffic/transport requirements) and
- suggest the need for all building to be sustainable.

RF said he should attend a follow-up meeting on 11th Jan. It was AGREED that RPC would support/sign the letter with other parishes.

11/17: HENLEY AND FOOTPATH ISSUES

PG asked about the present footpath status and said that Phyllis Court had applied for a large riverside sign; it was AGREED that The Clerk would find out more. Comments were required before the next RPC meeting and Cllrs agreed to email their views to enable the Clerk to write in time. Subsequently, The Clerk indicated to Cllrs that application P16/S3716/A to South Oxfordshire was for a 7m x 0.6m riverside sign. This information was provided to Leander and HRR by JH. The Clerk was informed by Marc Pullen that RPC comments would be welcomed.

12/17: FINANCIAL MATTERS

Two cheques were signed
000641 £194.54 The Clerk expenses (including laser printer)

000642 £100.00 One-off payment to SH for website update

RF thanked The Clerk for his hard work and reported that it had been agreed that The Clerk's salary should rise to £250 per month. This was

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proposed and seconded. RF and AB signed the resultant amendment to the Natwest Standing Order.

13/17: MATTER TO REPORT AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

AB asked for litter collection/road adoption; RF said this should go on the RPC February agenda. TR asked about police support and RF explained that relations with TV police were good and effective. FR noted that The Parish Hall had had the wall-mounted projector screen installed; there was appreciation for this. There was no other business.

14/17: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14th Feb 2017 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

ACTIONS:

RF to

Attend 11th Jan meeting and circulate the letter generated

The Clerk to

i) write to WBC Planning on (i) 161503 (Willow Cottage) saying that the design was a significant improvement, (ii) 162831 (Eyot Boat Centre) saying that RPC had no comments, (iii) 163394 (Conway Park Entrance) asking for extra time and which houses were being served, (iv) re-iterate RPC comments on Stonebridge (162367/162368).

ii) Obtain RPC comments on P16/S3716/A and submit these to South Oxfordshire after agreement

iii) send cheque 000642 to SH

iv) submit amended SO to Natwest

Signed.....*Richard Netter*.....Chairman/Deputy Chairman

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