

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 14th Feb 2017 starting at 7:55pm
and finishing at 9:15pm (circulated 18th Feb 2017)

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

In attendance:
Mike Dudley (MD)
Frances and Tim Roche (TR)
Felicity Rutland (FR)

15/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology from Alison Barraclough (AB); Darrel Poulos (DP) remained on sabbatical.

16/17: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Clerk reminded Councillors that some 2015 Declarations of Interest were still required. No declarations of interest were made.

17/17: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Deputy Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10th Jan 2017 as a true record of that meeting.

18/17: 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.

19/17: PLANNING

The Clerk said that on application 163394 (Conway Park Entrance) no information had been made available by WBC Planning. PG expressed concern about the width of the proposed entrance. It was AGREED that The Chairman would contact WBC Planning directly. It was noted that (i) South Oxfordshire Planners had approved the sign proposed for the riverside wall of Phyllis Court, (ii) Green Isle (153469) has received a split WBC decision on material details, (iii) 5-6 Riverside had been refused by WBC Planning, and (iv) the appeal on Stonebridge (162367/162368) had been dismissed.

20/17: WEBSITE

FC brought RPC up to date with recent usage of the website (969 unique visitors and 2978 pages viewed. FC said she thought the calendar looked thin in the winter; JH offered to help.

21/17: LICENSING

JH mentioned that Wokingham had decided in January to create public protection services.

22/17: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS

TR said that he had raised bin and 30mph speed limits on Remenham roads with WBC. JH said that he was planning to put something to RPC and WBC that might require a traffic order, with a cost attached to it.

23/17: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and The Clerk who had attended and facilitated the Northern Parishes' letter.

Signed..........Chairman
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It was AGREED that The Clerk should contact WBC Staff over the date of the Wokingham/Village clean-up.

It was AGREED that PG, AB and The Clerk should coordinate an Adopt-a-Street scheme for Remenham; JH recommended that this should involve as many people as possible.

RF gave an outline of the discussions at the Transport Vision Workshop that he had attended. This he said had touched upon pollution, extra traffic, LHR and Crossrail up to 2026 and 2036. JH mentioned that Reading University may become involved in significant house building and said that the Wokingham assessment of Green Belt (GB) and this month's Government White paper had been positive on the status of GB.

24/17: HENLEY AND FOOTPATH ISSUES

MD recommended that RPC provide and service a dog bin near the church; this he said was not an issue covered by WBC activity. PG said that he had raised this previously for locations on the towpath and near the church. MD said there need to be agreement of land owners. JH reminded the meeting about a previous bin that was located near Leander Club, which was continuously full. After some discussion it was AGREED that The Clerk should source a suitable bin (for placing near the noticeboard for a trial until 1 August), circulate details (making a comparison with the £128 + £22 a week mentioned by MD) and clarify with the Parish Hall committee issues of bin location and emptying its contents at weekly intervals (on a Sunday by The Clerk) into the Parish Hall waste bin. The Chairman reminded the meeting that progress on Henley traffic issues was being made.

25/17: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reminded RPC it should move a sum from its current to an interest-bearing account. JH said RPC should consider a Local Government Scheme. It was AGREED that The Clerk would look into this.

26/17: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

ACTIONS:

The Chairman to

*contact WBC Planning over 163394 (Conway Park Entrance)
help with the website calendar update.*

The Clerk to

*obtain outstanding DoIs.
contact WBC Staff over the date of the Wokingham/Village clean-up.
source a suitable bin (for placing near the noticeboard for a trial until 1*

August),

*circulate details (making a comparison with the £128 + £22 a week
mentioned by MD) and clarify with the Parish Hall committee issues of
bin location and emptying its contents at weekly intervals (on a*

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by The Clerk) into the Parish Hall waste bin.

obtain details on the Local Government Scheme

PG/AB/The Clerk to

coordinate an Adopt-a-Street scheme for Remenham

Signed.....Chairman

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