

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 starting at 8:04pm  
and finishing at 9:06pm (circulated 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017)

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

In attendance:  
David Cook (DC)  
Felicity Rutland (FR)

**27/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There was an apology from Peter Grace (PG); Darrel Poulos (DP) remained on sabbatical; Richard Fletcher (RF; Deputy Chairman) arrived towards the end of the meeting. It was AGREED that The Chairman would contact DP to see what his position was/when he would recommence as a councillor.

**28/17: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

AB and JM provided their 2015 Declarations of Interest forms. No declarations of interest were made.

**29/17: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 as a true record of that meeting.

**30/17: 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.

**31/17: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

An analysis of the responses to the NP questionnaire presented by FR was ACCEPTED. She was thanked by The Chairman for all her hard work. He thought that the summary (attached) showed that residents had concerns about the effect of traffic levels and events on the environment in Remenham.

**32/17: PLANNING**

On 170607 (Thames Bridge House) it was AGREED that The Clerk would obtain and circulate more information. On 170556 (The Barn) it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to indicate that RPC had no comments. On 163394 it was felt to that was little that RPC should be concerned about.

**33/17: WEBSITE**

FC brought RPC up to date with recent usage of the website, mentioned calendar improvements and suggested that personal details of councillors might be updated.

**34/17: LICENSING**

After a question from DC, The Chairman confirmed that advertising for The Rewind Festival was being removed from the bottom of White Hill. There were no further matters.

**35/17: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS**

The Chairman described proposals for changes to Henley traffic flows that might affect Remenham. DC mentioned a VDR traffic monitoring unit used in Hurst and provided relevant paperwork to The Clerk. It was thought that RPC would participate in the WBC village clean-up day on 1<sup>st</sup> April – with

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those involved meeting at 10am. It was also AGREED that The Clerk would help initiate the Adopt-a-Street scheme with AB and PG.

**36/17: WOKINGHAM ISSUES**

The Chairman reported on plans for housing development in the WBA area and thanked those who had responded on Wargrave Fire Service.

**37/17: HENLEY AND FOOTPATH ISSUES**

The Chairman suggested that if the dog waste bin had issues with location or emptying, RPC might consider employing someone to collect such waste.

**38/17: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk indicated that he had purchased the dog waste bin, but said that the Parish hall would not recommend its preferred location until later in the month.

**39/17: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 8pm in the Parish Hall. DC wondered whether RPC meetings might be at 7pm; JH agreed to consider this.

*ACTIONS:*

*The Chairman to*

contact DP to see what his position was/when he would recommence as a councillor.

*The Clerk to*

obtain more information on 170607 (Thames Bridge House)  
write to WBC on 170556 (The Barn) to indicate that RPC had no comments.

*The Clerk with AB/PG to*

help initiate the Adopt-a-Street scheme

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Remenham Neighbourhood Plan  
2016 Survey Analysis

1. Executive Summary

- There was a relatively low response rate of 18% from the 260 households and 40 businesses in the village; but with 55 respondents it was felt the data collected was still statistically representative.
- As a whole, the residents of Remenham are very satisfied with the current characteristics of the village
- The rural nature of the parish is valued extremely highly; with limited support for future development and growth, particularly commercial projects. There was some support to new buildings for family homes and/or first time buyers.
- The main area of concern centres on the amount of traffic in and travelling through the village. Litter was also an area where improvements could be made.
- On the whole the respondents agree that the events that dominate the Parish, attracting many visitors, are an important part of parish life; but increasing the number of events further could meet with resistance.
- Monitoring the impact of the Rewind Festival as a whole, would be advised.
- Monitoring the impact of ancillary commercial activities all these events bring would also be advised; the resultant traffic being the most highly cited problem.
- The biggest change the Parish Council could make is addressing the traffic congestion, particularly the use of the roads by commuters. A one-way system would need careful thought given some additional comments made. Speeding in Remenham Lane, and to some extent on White Hill, is also a significant concern.
- There is a mixed response regarding whether there is a need for additional public transport; further investigation is advised as to which constituents may benefit from such services.
- Protecting established footpaths and preserving rights of way should be a fundamental priority for the Parish Council. Monitoring the access to areas of private land previously open to the public, and impact of any restrictions, would be advised.
- The satisfaction of provision of utilities in the village is mixed. It would be worth looking further into whether a significant dissatisfaction with mains sewerage is due to poor provision or, perhaps more likely, lack of availability to certain areas. Highway maintenance and recycling, relevant to the whole village, also received the highest levels of dissatisfaction.
- There is a good level of amenities on offer in Remenham, with St Nicholas Church a significant focal point of the village.
- Police coverage is considered adequate throughout the year, reducing only slightly during events.
- The availability of leisure and sports clubs in the village is considered an outstanding feature of the parish.
- The availability of arts and culture in the village produced a more neutral response, but a low level of disagreement indicates that demand is insufficient in any case.
- Communication and availability of information about the parish is considered good.
- Overall, the survey results produce a very positive picture and reflect what would be considered as a very high quality of life for the residents of Remenham.

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