

Notes of the 2016 Remenham APM
Held in the Parish Hall on 10th May at 8pm
(see RPC minute 111/16)

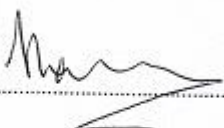
The Chairman welcomed those attending the Annual Parish Meeting (APM).

John Halsall (JH) invited PC Simon Botham (our local policeman) to introduce himself and describe how the Thames Valley Force could best help in Remenham. SB said that he was based in Twyford and he welcomed the appearance of Thames Valley Police Alerts on Remenham's website. He asked residents to contact him with any specific concerns and suggested residents also check the serial numbers on any expensive items.

The Chairman outlined the 2015-2016 Remenham year. This had seen new Chairs of HRR and The Henley Festival, with the latter offering some tickets only to RG9 residents. He highlighted Sue Laing's achievements with the much-visited website. He mentioned the amazing work of Linda Ashwell (LA) and RAG. He spoke of Felicity Rutand (FR) circulating a questionnaire that would move the Neighbourhood Plan forward. He described highways developments: third Thames bridge, the questionnaire on the traffic flows/rat-runs in Remenham and traffic-derived pollution. David Cook (DC) said that traffic on White Hill had been very bad in the last month; Darrel Poulos (DP) mentioned that there was to be a relevant meeting on 5th June. Louise Berggren asked if the out-of-date traffic/pollution technology on the Henley side could be updated. JH said that new building in Benson and Wokingham could well increase traffic on White Hill and the A4130. He then described planning applications considered in the last year (e.g. Thames Bridge House, Hobbs Boat Yard pontoons, Bird Place Cottage and most recently The private Polo facility); he added that RPC-HRR discussions on Barn Cottage illustrated a positive way forward. JH said that consideration of a licence for a controversial Henley Swim in July 2016 was ongoing, as was a discussion on a footpath over HRR land. Finally he added that RPC hoped to start an Adopt-a-Street scheme in 2016 as a way of controlling litter.

The Clerk outlined the present financial position of RPC. He said that RPC had maintained its precept from the previous year. He said that RPC had approximately £59,000 and should plan to move £20,000 from its current account to its reserve account. It was agreed that this level of reserve was necessary to ensure that RPC could act on traffic/pollution issues, Neighbourhood Plan outcomes and changes to WBC service provision. The Clerk said that (as last year) the accounts (once audited) would be published and be available.

DC commented that RPC minutes were not up-to-date on the website. The Clerk said that there was a mixing of Agenda and Minutes on the website (but that this had been attended to) and all minutes were on the website and (very soon) would also be appearing on the new noticeboard. Pat Sly said that she had missed notices appearing on the noticeboard. The Clerk said this would be remedied shortly.

Signed..........Chairman

11 May 2016