

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 11th April 2017 starting at 8:10pm
and finishing at 9:30pm (circulated 22nd April 2017)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chairman)
Richard Fletcher (RF)
John Merkel (JM)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance:
Chris Leeming (CL)
Felicity Rutland (FR)
Pat Sly (PSI)

40/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Franky Cookson (FC), Peter Grace (PG) and Alison Barraclough (AB); The Chairman said that Darrel Poulos (DP) had returned from sabbatical, but he was not present.

41/17: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

42/17: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2017 as a true record of that meeting.

43/17: 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. There was support for co-opting three new members of RPC and interviewing prospective candidates. It was AGREED that The Clerk would then arrange for them to meet Cllrs informally. JM proposed that JH continue as Chairman (this was seconded by RF) and JH proposed that RF should continue as Deputy Chairman (this was seconded by JM); the Clerk indicated that AB and FC had indicated their support of these proposals. It was AGREED that JH and RF be re-appointed.

44/17: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

JM and CL thought that environmental policy could be central to a future Neighbourhood plan. A cheque was signed to cover this cost (000649) under 51/17.

45/17: PLANNING

There was discussion on 170848 (Leander Club) where it was thought that the plans were somewhat sketchy. It was AGREED that The Chairman would discuss with Leander the details of the application before 26th April (when RPC comments were required) and provide information to Cllrs.

On 170607 (Thames Bridge House) it was noted that demolition was already in hand and it was AGREED that The Clerk would obtain and circulate more information.

On 163394 (Conway Park Entrance) The Clerk reported that WBC had provided no more information, but that the application had in any case been approved by WBC Planning.

46/17: WEBSITE

The Clerk provided cllrs with information from Steve Hounsome: 921 unique visitors during Mar (50% up) with 2901 page impressions (50% up). The most viewed pages were Parish Hall, Church, RPC, What's on, PH facilities, Church Contacts and RPC minutes. 214 found RP website via Google, 12 via Bing, 15 from Wokingham.gov. The Little Angel pub quiz added as regular

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

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event. The seasonal image had been updated. The calendar appearance had been more difficult to amend.

47/17: LICENSING

There were no matters.

48/17: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS

There was discussion about infrastructure work in Henley being undertaken by Thames Water which was disrupting Remenham traffic. CL gave the illustration that some carers were not able to reach the ill on time. JH said that RPC or residents would need to demonstrate a loss if they wanted to take matters further. There was discussion on traffic pollution analysis methodology/equipment and it was AGREED that The Clerk would produce a document to consider at the next meeting. There was discussion of the Adopt-a-Street scheme (being initiated by AB and PG with support from PS) and it was AGREED that RPC might seek Peter Baveystock advice.

49/17: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

The Chairman described issues relating to WBC budget and how the reduction in central funding was affecting services.

50/17: HENLEY AND FOOTPATH ISSUES

PSI said she had received an offer from Steve Allender to collect rubbish from footpaths for 2h/fortnight and that this might cost £11/week. Both JH and JM thought that this would be a good idea. It was AGREED that The Chairman would contact Steve Allender.

51/17: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following cheques were signed:

000647	£ 36.00	CPRE
000648	£258.85	SSE (street lights)
000649	£150.00	NP data analysis (K.Green)
000650	£ 81.99	Dog waste bin* (The Clerk's purchase)

The Parish Hall preferred this purchase (*) to be placed not too close to gates. The Clerk indicated he would have the provisional unaudited accounts ready for 9th May.

52/17: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9th MAY 2017 at 7:30Pm in the Parish Hall, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting (AMP) at 8pm. It was AGREED that this would be advertised (see attachment) in the April Newsletter, website and noticeboard and that refreshments would be offered at the AMP.

Signed.....Chairman



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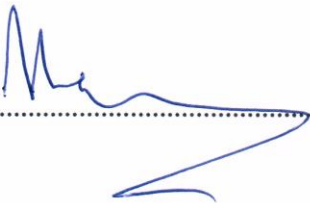
ACTIONS:

The Chairman to

discuss with Leander Club application 170848 before 26th April (when RPC comments were required) and provide information to cllrs
contact Steve Allender who had offered to collect rubbish for 2h/fortnight (£11/week)
decide on normal RPC meeting before or after the AMP and organise refreshments

The Clerk to

contact Cllrs and prospective co-optees
obtain more information on 170607 (Thames Bridge House) and circulate this to cllrs
produce a document on traffic pollution analysis methodology/equipment to consider at the next meeting.
contact Peter Baveystock about the Adopt-a-Street scheme

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