

Notes of the 2017 Remenham APM Held in the Parish Hall on 9th May at 8pm

(see RPC minute 61/17)

Those present included Linda Ashwell (LA), Peter Behan, Angie Emerson, Ron Emerson, Charlotte Every (CE), George Every, Sue Laing (SL), John Laing, Chris Leeming (CL), John Nesson, Frances Roche, Tim Roche, Felicity Rutland, Pat Sly (PSI), Sarah West and Anthony West (AW). Refreshments were served.

The Chairman (John Halsall) welcomed those attending the Annual Parish Meeting (APM). JH confirmed that an analysis of the Neighbourhood Plan had been carried out with a summary on the website and in the Newsletter. He said that The Green Belt status was clearly very important to the majority of Remenham residents. He said that WBC had considered the Green Belt in the last year and decided that it did the job that it was set up to do and that it was felt that it should not be diminished (or enlarged). CE mentioned the state of land on one side of Aston Lane. JH said that it remained to be seen whether our MP considered the 3rd Thames Bridge favourably, but in the meantime he said that he and Remenham Parish Council had engaged with others on a traffic plan to replace the gating of Henley. He spoke of supermarkets being willing to have deliveries with smaller lorries. He said that he would be seeking a consensus on traffic flows and speed limits in Remenham Lane, Church Lane and Aston Lane. He reminded the meeting that HRR is the 2nd biggest public event in the UK (after the Notting Hill Carnival) and described plans to move the towpath onto Remenham Lane between Remenham Club and Old Blades. There was discussion about traffic/trailer movements during the Henley Women's Regatta and HRR. JH then outlined successes on planning applications (Barn Cottage, Bird Place Cottage, Thames Bridge House and the private polo pitch, White Hill Farm, and Hobb's Boat Yard pontoons). AW questioned why the replacement of a storage facility by HRR was not supported, when the much larger polo facility had been favourably considered; CL thought that HRR could have suggested putting up a storage facility of much higher quality. JH described the impact of WBC decisions on services offered in Remenham, but said that RAG/LA had achieved a great deal for the local environment by bulb planting on Remenham Hill. He said that the village 'clean-up' day had been a success; CE thought that even more people would have helped if the event had been advertised earlier. JH said that he had met with Steve Allender who will collect litter on lanes, footpaths and roads in Remenham in labelled bags and leave this in bins at selected houses. There was a discussion between JH, SL and PSI about the next RPC elections in May 2018 and pros/cons of co-opting some members in the meantime.

There was discussion about the availability of minutes for the 2016 APM. The Clerk said that these were on the website under May RPC minute 111/16; those for this meeting would also be circulated on the website and the newsletter. The Clerk said that RPC's finances were healthy and that sums were set aside in case traffic and pollution matters needed resolving. He provided the meeting with the (i) March 2016-March 2017 Cash Book for RPC's current account, (ii) the precept (+4% as in WBC) (£22250), (iii) forecasts of RPC possible expenditure in 2017-18 on traffic orders, traffic signage, traffic flow and pollution measurement and licensing revision and (iii) confirmed the sum in RPC's reserve account when asked by SL. As last year the accounts (once audited) would be published and be available.

Signed.....Chairman

13 June 2017