

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 13th June 2017 starting at 8:00pm
and finishing at 9:35pm (circulated 15nd June 2017)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chairman)

Franky Cookson (FC)
Richard Fletcher (RF)
Peter Grace (PG)
John Merkel (JM)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance:

Michael Dudley (MD)
Felicity Rutland (FR)


62/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Alison Barraclough (AB) and Darrel Poulos (DP).

63/17: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

64/17: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2017 as a true record of that meeting and also the notes on the APM of the same evening. F~~R~~ asked if the latter were to go in the Newsletter. 

65/17: 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 a brief discussion about any 2018 election. MD asked about progress on removing illegal notices and installing the purchased dog waste bin. The Chairman asked for more information on the former and explained that RPC were waiting for a response from The Parish Hall committee on the latter as it was hoped it would go on their land/wall. MD asked about RPC e-mail and methods of communication.

66/17: PLANNING

On 171494 (Old Police House) PG thought there were no problems. It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that RPC had no comments. On 171220 (Land to the West of Remenham Lane) there was discussion about how long the present storage structures had been in place. It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that it wished any approval to be conditional on (i) landscaping/hedging (beech/hawthorn) and (ii) restrictions any future storage of material in open areas. There was concern that 171306-7 (Little Angel) was retrospective. It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to ask that WBC Planning ensure that (as this was in the Green Belt and a Conservation Area) that (i) this should be landscaped with appropriate plants and (ii) no bins or other items should be stored behind the sewage treatment structure. It was AGREED that on 171355 (Thames Bridge House) The Clerk should write to say that RPC wanted WBC Planning to ensure that no external lighting impacted on adjacent residents/properties. On 171515 (Barn Cottage) it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that RPC was supportive. There was a brief discussion of information supplied on The Horns (Crazies Hill).

Signed.....Chairman

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67/17: WEBSITE

FC described website usage and showed in two graphs how this had developed over almost a year.

68/17: TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS

There was discussion about whether bridge closure information was yet on the website. JM asked what had happened about pollution monitoring on both sides of Henley Bridge. JH described changes in Henley that were affecting progress on the matter.

69/17: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

The Chairman was thanked for his efforts on behalf of Wargrave Fire Services.

70/17: HENLEY AND FOOTPATH ISSUES

PG asked about Adopt-a-Street and Steve Allender's work. JH said that these were not mutually exclusive. It was AGREED that Steve Allender (SA) would be employed by RPC to collect rubbish, litter and dog waste from footpaths/lanes/pavements in Remenham for 10h/month. It was subsequently AGREED by JH that this would be at a cost of £11/h. JH mentioned that a new Townlands committee was being formed and asked if any councillor would wish to be involved.

71/17: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk said that he was grateful to Pat Sly for internally auditing RPC accounts. The internally-audited RPC accounts were presented, AGREED and signed off. The following cheques were signed:

000651	£ 43.46	Clerk's expenses to 9 th May
000652	£100.00	Pat Sly for internal auditing
000653	£700.00	RPCC Newsletter
000654	£700.00	RPCC Churchyard
000655	£700.00	RPCC Parish Hall
000656	£149.12	CAS Insurance (including for SA)
000657	£220.00	SA for May-June litter collection
000658	£ 95.00	Felicity Rutland/Newsletter

A NatWest Standing Order form for payments to SA of £110/month was signed. This would be first paid on 1st August 2017 (covering July).

72/17: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th July 2017 at 8:00Pm in the Parish Hall.

Signed.....Chairman

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ACTIONS:

The Clerk to write to WBC Planning to say that on

171494 (Old Police House) RPC had no comments

171220 (Land to the West of Remenham Lane) RPC wished any approval to be conditional on (i) landscaping/hedging (beech/hawthorn) and (ii) restrictions any material storage in open areas


171306-7 (Little Angel) RPC wanted WBC Planning to ensure that (as this was in the Green Belt and a Conservation Area) (i) this should be landscaped with appropriate plants and (ii) no bins or other items should be stored behind the sewage treatment structure

171355 (Thames Bridge House) to say that RPC wanted WBC Planning to ensure that no external lighting impacted on adjacent residents/properties

171515 (Barn Cottage) RPC was supportive

and send cheques 651-658

and submit the NatWest Standing Order form for £110/month from 1st August (for July) to SA.

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