

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept starting at 8:02pm  
and finishing at 9:17pm (circulated 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017)

**PRESENT:** Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chairman)

Alison Barraclough (AB)

Richard Fletcher (RF)

Peter Grace (PG)

John Merkel (JM)

Darrel Poulos (DP)

Clerk: Paul Sermon

**In attendance:**

Chris Leeming (CL)

Felicity Rutland (FR)

Pat Sly (PSI)

Geraldine MacMillan (GM)

**84/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There was an apology from Franky Cookson

**85/17: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST;** No declarations of interest were made.

**86/17: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 as a true record of that meeting.

**87/17: MATTERS ARISING**

The actions requested and action list arising from the last meeting were reviewed. There were no other Matters Arising other than those appearing in the agenda of this meeting.

**88/17: PLANNING**

On Brick Barns (172486) it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to indicate that (i) the website/application had very few precise details on the items to be used and (ii) if the staircase shown was internal then RPC would have no comments, but if it was external RPC thought it would not be in keeping with a listed building.

On Stonebridge (172367) RPC noted that HRR had objected to this application in which the applicant wished to link the garage and the boathouse. It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that it strongly objected to any balcony first-floor link between the boathouse and the garage at Stonebridge as this affects the openness of the Green Belt on this site and will lead to accommodation integration.

On Stonebridge (172306) RPC noted that 172307 had been withdrawn. RPC noted that following refusal of an appeal, the applicant wishes retrospective approval for retention of a second wet dock in the SW/upstream corner of Stonebridge. It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to say to WBC Planning that (i) it appreciated that the applicant could moor along the whole of the riverside edge of the property, and (ii) RPC is happy for the retention of this second wet dock (as the survey suggests it has been well engineered) provided that WBC Planning consider applying the following conditions: (i) it should not have a roof added (to ensure the openness of the Green Belt) and (ii) its retention should not result in the downstream wet dock being infilled to provide further accommodation.

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On Park Place Stables (172271) it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that it believes that this application has been listed and that it was concerned about the proposed automated walker in terms of its height, noise and light pollution. It was also AGREED that The Clerk would indicate that RPC was also concerned about whether the walker and the extent of earthworks, introduction of sandy soil to the site, overall soil levels, piling, and the density of building/accommodation and additional massing of buildings for the polo pitch may result in over-development of this Green Belt site and whether this was in keeping with the WBC Planning Consent. GM said there had been a large amount of dust created by the creation of the polo pitch. DP said that the work had not preserved soil levels.

On Aspen, Wargrave Road (172237) it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that (i) the Wargrave Road is relatively straight at this point, but that the fence line is close to the road, (ii) RPC would wish WBC Planning ensures that there is no line of sight/vision problem for those leaving-leaving/pedestrians/other traffic with a new entrance by requiring (a) a convex traffic mirror and (b) any gate to be set back from the pavement inner/outer edge with angled approaches.

On Underwood (172173) it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that it has no comment to make.

On Thames Bridge House (171917) RPC noted that the applications had been refused by WBC.

On Remenham Hill House (171666) it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that it has no comment to make.

AB mentioned that there seemed to be porch entrance enlargement at Walker Cottage in Aston Lane; it was AGREED that JH would ask the enforcement officer to look into this.

**89/17: LICENSING**

There was discussion about the Rewind Festival and its increased size (CL), noise levels (PG) and traffic density (RF), where lorries had frightened residents (AB) and residents had not been issued with permits to Church Lane (PG/PSI). CL suggested that a file of licenses should be available.

**90/17: WEBSITE**

The Clerk introduced website use statistics from SH.

**91/17: TRAFFIC, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATH ISSUES**

AB described the position with Adopt-a-Street. It was AGREED that the Clerk would check on a report that the litter picker had been seen without a fluorescent jacket (which would breach RPC insurance). AB asked if trees overhanging the path at the top of Aston Lane could be cut back. CL mentioned similar trimming of foliage was needed at UTRC. AB mentioned that gravel had been put down poorly on Aston Lane; JH said he had spoken to Highways. AB also raised the subject of garden waste being dumped near the horseshoe in Aston Lane and PG thought this was also taking place near the phone box; JH AGREED to look into this. GM said there were issues next to her house; JH AGREED to look into this. AB said

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that she had seen a sign indicating that poison had been used; JH AGREED to look into this. CL thought such signs should come down and asked whether a fauna-flora survey could be undertaken.

**92/17: WOKINGHAM ISSUES**

JH said he had set up a Facebook page opposing the level of development in the WBC area. PG/FR wondered if there was a conflict of interest.

**93/17: HENLEY ISSUES**

JH mentioned that shared space and green wall developments in Henley. PG asked about the Thames Water sewer works on White Hill; he thought the work was proceeding too slowly. The Clerk reported the dog-waste bin had almost overflowed on one occasion this last month.

**94/17: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk confirmed that Mazars had accepted RPC accounts; a cheque for £150 to Mazars was signed. The Clerk asked JH to request another cheque book from NatWest.

**95/17: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall.

**ACTIONS:**

*JH to ask*

the enforcement officer about the porch being enlarged at Walker Cottage in Aston Lane

NatWest for another cheque book

*JH to check on*

overhanging trees at the top of Aston Lane, near UTRC and next door to GM's house

gravel poorly placed in Aston Lane

garden waste dumped near the horseshoe/telephone box in Aston Lane

signs indicating that poison had been used on footpaths

the value of a Fauna and Flora survey

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