

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 9th Jan 2018 starting at 8:00pm
and finishing at 9:30pm (circulated 12th Jan 2018)

PRESENT: Cllrs Richard Fletcher (RF; Vice-Chairman)

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

In attendance:

Michael Dudley (MD)
Ron Emerson (RE)
Nigel Gray (NG)
Richard & Gillian Murdoch (R&GM)
Felicity Rutland (FR)
Anthony West (AW)

001/18: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from John Halsall (JH) and Darrel Poulos (DP).

002/18: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST; No declarations of interest were made other than that The Clerk said he had an interest in one of the pollution measurement quotes).

003/18: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th Dec 2017 as a true record of that meeting.

004/18: MATTERS ARISING

MD said that he had heard Father Martyn and JH agreeing that the dog-waste bin had been a success and should remain in place. There were no other Matters Arising other than those appearing in the agenda of this meeting.

005/18: PLANNING

The Clerk had circulated the detail that had been forthcoming from WBC Planning on the approved levels for the polo pitch (16288). It was thought that the detail provided was incomprehensible. It was AGREED that The Clerk would ask for more information.

006/18: LICENSING

In discussion it was unclear whether the Henley Festival had replied to The Chairman's (JH) letter re the closing of the towpath and the offer of free admission for residents to Saturday's concert. It was AGREED that the matter should be revisited at the next meeting.

007/18: WEBSITE

FC gave details of the website recent use. She said The Little Angel quiz nights had ceased. PG asked whether the website should be used for advertising. FR said she thought this was not an issue. FC described her thought on a RPC logo and the by-line 'A Voice for Remenham'. JM reminded the meeting that RPC already used the church lych-gate on its paperwork. AB said that this had been produced by a Remenham artist. She explained that she was also worried about data protection. FC said that there was a code on the website. MD thought that the website should spell out RPC responsibilities, which he said were available at you.gov.uk. RF

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

suggested (and it was AGREED) that The Clerk should do this for the next meeting. FR wondered whether a page-turner option could be applied to the website.

008/18: TRAFFIC, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATH ISSUES

AW reminded the meeting that some residents had contacted WBC Highways in Nov 2017 with traffic concerns relating principally to Remenham Lane, Remenham Church Lane and Aston Lane; as yet no substantive reply other than a mere acknowledgment had been received and so there had been no follow-up action by RPC. FC mentioned problems with cars speeding on the A4130. She had raised the matter with Highways, who appeared to have lost earlier data. It was felt that on occasions we all needed to make a persistent and concerted nuisance of ourselves: RPC and residents alike. MD mentioned that Sara Allman was the WBC officer dealing with such matters. It was AGREED that The Clerk should contact Sara and invite her to the next RPC meeting where we would explain our several traffic concerns in detail and seek WBC's commitment to help us to move forward on traffic matters. It was suggested that the Henley Standard might also be invited to attend, since traffic affected both sides of the river.

AB complained about the extended closure of Aston Lane for water works. It was AGREED that The Clerk would seek more details.

There was a brief discussion on the legal position with cyclists using footpaths.

AB asked if there had been any further response to the adopt-a-byway suggestion. The Clerk said no. FR suggested the scheme was also included in a Newsletter (with footpath name, rather than number, included).

009/18: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

A letter from Wokingham Town Council to The Prime Minister on being over-ruled on planning matters was noted.

010/18: FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was AGREED that The Clerk should sign the Precept Form C and send this off. He explained that expenditure on traffic issues was anticipated in the next year and if this were to be undertaken fully, £10K would still be left in RPC accounts.

It was AGREED that The Clerk should obtain a 4th quote on NO₂-PM pollutant measurements. MD suggested that these analyses might be adjacent to the A321 Wargrave Road. PG reminded the meeting that the analysers would require a power supply.

BALC had offered to buy for RPC a laptop, software and printer/scanner. It was AGREED that The Clerk should apply on RPC's behalf by 15th Jan. AB suggested that this was covered by adequate data protection.

011/18: OTHER MATTERS

RF reminded those attending that an RPC election was due in May of this year.

012/18: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13th Feb 2018 at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall.

ACTIONS:

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On his return the Chairman will

clarify the response from Henley Festival to his letter on behalf of RPC on their towpath diversion request

The Clerk will

ask for more information on 162288

confirm RPC responsibilities

invite Sara Allman (WBC Highways) to the next RPC meeting along with a Henley Standard reporter

seek more details on the period of closure of Aston Lane for water works

send off the Precept Form C

obtain a 4th quote on NO₂-PM pollutant measurements and seek a suitable site for analyses

apply on RPC's behalf by 15th Jan to BALC to receive a laptop, software and printer/scanner

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