

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 13th Feb 2018 starting at 7:00pm and finishing at 9:42pm (circulated 14th Feb 2018)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chair)
Franky Cookson (FC)
Richard Fletcher (RF)
John Merkel (JM)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance:
Sara Allman (SA; WBC Highways) for 022/18 only
Richard Argue
Neil Brown
Andrew Butterworth
Endo Cahill
David Cook
Mandy and Michael Dudley (MD)
Ron Emerson
Polly Hogan
Sue Laing
John Laing
David Laycock
Geraldine MacMillan (GM)
Richard Murdoch
John Nelson
Tony Reed (TR)
Frances Roche
Timothy Roche
Felicity Rutland
Pat Sly
Ed Warner
David White
Mike Williams

013/18: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Alison Barraclough (AB), Peter Grace (PG) and Darrel Poulos (DP).

014/18: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST; No declarations of interest were made.

015/18: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Deputy Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th Jan 2017 as a true record of that meeting.

016/18: MATTERS ARISING

There were no other Matters Arising other than those appearing in the agenda of this meeting.

017/18: PLANNING

The Clerk described further approaches to WBC Planning on the approved levels for Malmesbury (16288). It was AGREED that The Chairman and The Clerk would continue to seek more information.

On 173650 (Hambleton Lock) JH said that leisure use was permitted in the Green Belt under the National Planning Policy Framework. There was

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discussion on parking issues. It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to indicate RPC had no comments.

On 173499/98 (The Little Angel) it was noted that the footprint would not change and it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to indicate RPC had no comments.

On 180136/35 (Malmesbury Gates) there was discussion about the current levels of noise and light pollution experienced by GM and others with heavy lorries entering/leaving the site. It was AGREED that The Chairman would convene a meeting to discuss this further. The location of the gate in relation to entering lorries was noted. It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to indicate RPC had no comments, other than it would wish the gate not to increase light pollution at the site.

Four further planning applications were subsequently considered:

On 180134 (Remenham Hill House) it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to indicate RPC had no comments

On 180157 (Willow Cottage) TR commented on access. It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to indicate RPC had no comments

On 180200 (Leander Club) it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to indicate RPC had no comments

On 180276 (Barn Cottage) TR commented on the quality of the brickwork given as an example in a photograph. It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to indicate RPC had no comments

018/18: LICENSING

The Chairman suggested that RPC should with WBC take legal advice on a cumulative impact policy. Although it was not yet sure what the cost might be it was AGREED that RPC wished to proceed with this suggestion

JH mentioned signs that had appeared in Aston Lane about a 2018 Remenham Horse Fair; landowners, licensing and police were not aware of any definite plans at this stage.

019/18: WEBSITE

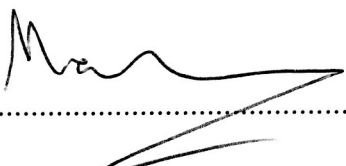
FC gave details of the website recent use. She said the website had been described as dynamic.

The Clerk mentioned the award under the Transparency Code. He suggested that RPC should purchase a lap top, software and set-up (to £940) from the awarded money. This was AGREED. He suggested that a decision on the website should await further expert advice.

The Clerk said that he had spoken to Steve Hounsome, who said that his workload had increased. It was AGREED that a modest increase in his stipend from £65/month should be considered at the next meeting.

020/18: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

JH updated the meeting on CPRW and urged all to sign up to the website (cprwok.co.uk) and sign the petition next week.

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In response to a request from MD the responsibilities of RPC (and those of WBC) had been differentiated by The Clerk and it was AGREED that a 1-pager would appear on the website shortly.

It was AGREED that The Clerk would seek a contractor with regard to emptying the dog waste bin.

The Chairman indicated that waste bags were soon to be changed and that there would be a litter picking day in Remenham on a date to be advised through the Newsletter.

021/18: RPC 2018 Election.

JH reminded the meeting that there was to be an RPC election on 3rd May 2018 with a notice to appear by 27th March. The Clerk provided copies of the relevant timetable. It was AGREED that The Clerk would upload and display the notice of election by 27th March as required.

022/18: TRAFFIC and HIGHWAYS (with Sara Allman (WBC Highways))

FC gave information on the number of accidents on roads in Remenham on the A4130, Wargrave Road and Remenham Lane/Aston lane/Remenham Church lane. SA indicated that WBC Highways could obtain vehicle speed and number data near the entrance to Middle Culham and in the 30mph section of the A4130 after Thames Water road work was completed and between Easter and regatta time. MD asked about the potential to have double white lines at this point.

JM described conditions on the Wargrave Road where there was contradictory 40mph/SLOW signage near a bend. SA said Highways could offer to improve this. She thought that this was another site where speeds could be measured by WBC Highways.

The meeting now turned its attention to Remenham Lane/Aston Lane/Remenham Church Lane. There was concern about

- (i) the effect of Henley Town Council/South Oxfordshire District Council traffic control decisions on traffic light adjacent to Henley Bridge causing vehicle queues on White Hill and then rat-runs on narrow RL/AL/RCL as people tried to avoid the A4130 queues and the legality of exporting traffic problems across a boundary
 - (ii) emergency vehicle access with Health & Safety implications and
 - (iii) events benefits to Henley but cumulative penalties to Remenham
- SA thought that traffic calming and weight/length/day/time restrictions would not be permitted, but she said
- (a) introducing white gates at lane entry points
 - (b) introducing 'unsuitable for HGV' signs or no entry signs or one-way signs (but TR reminded the meeting how traffic flows had helped release HRR traffic in the past)
 - (c) revising traffic orders and
 - (d) moving the parking bays (as they are still used by visitors and those living in Aston) off-road onto the corner of HRR land (where there was a question about whether they would be adopted by WBC)

might be permissible. The Chair asked for an indication from attendees on whether a traffic management system for 2-days before and after events would be acceptable. There was no clear agreement on what the management system could be. MD asked about the cost; some thought this should be paid for by event licensees and some by RPC.

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The Chairman suggested that SA would be invited back when there was progress. The Chairman thanked everybody, in particular Sara, for attending and for her helpful advice.

023/18: FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was AGREED that The Clerk could subsequently get two cheques signed for a £100 donation to CAB and £36 for a CPRE subscription.

024/18: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

ACTIONS:

The Chairman will

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

with WBC take legal advice on a cumulative impact policy

advise on the date of the next litter-pick via the Newsletter

seek more information on the approved levels for Malmesbury (16288)

convene a meeting to discuss Malmesbury further.

progress

- (i) vehicle speed and number data collection near the entrance to Middle Culham and in the 30mph section of the A4130 after Thames Water road work was completed and between Easter and regatta time and whether double white lines would be helpful*
- (ii) improved signage on the Wargrave Road and vehicle speed and number data collection*
- (iii) Remenham Lane, Remenham Church Lane/Aston Lane suggestions on
 - introducing 'unsuitable for HGV' signs or no entry signs or one-way signs (but TR reminded the meeting how traffic flows had helped release HRR traffic in the past)*
 - revising traffic orders with a traffic management system for 2-days before and after events*
 - moving and adjusting the length of the parking bays**
- (iv) Whether HRR would be willing to lend/cede some land for road widening*

invite WBC Highways to attend a future RPC meeting

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seek more information on the approved levels for Malmesbury (16288)

write to WBC Planning saying that RPC had no comments on

173650 (Hambleden Lock)

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180200 (Leander Club) and
180276 (Barn Cottage) other than that the example brickwork was of
uncertain quality

(with FC) recommend an increase in SH stipend for website work

upload a list of RPC (and WBC) responsibilities to the website

seek a contractor with regard to emptying the dog waste bin

place an order using Transparency Code (TC) award monies for an RPC lap
top, software and set-up (to £940) and seek expert advice on any TC-
driven website changes

upload and put up May 3rd 2018 RPC election notices by 27th March as
required

Signed.....Chairman