

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 13th Mar 2018 starting at 8:03pm and finishing at 10:04pm (circulated 14th Mar 2018)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chair)
Alison Barraclough (AB)
Franky Cookson (FC)
Richard Fletcher (RF)
Peter Grace (PG)
John Merkel (JM)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance:
Chris Leeming (CL)
Geraldine MacMillan (GM)
Frances Roche
Timothy Roche (TR)
Felicity Rutland (FR)

025/18: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Darrel Poulos (DP).

026/18: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

FC declared an interest in a planning topic and said she would not contribute to this discussion.

027/18: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th Feb 2017 as a true record of that meeting. It was AGREED that The Clerk would send an extract of the minutes to Sara Allman (WBC).

028/18: MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman described the May 2018 RPC election nomination process and the relevant deadline (4pm on 6th April). The Clerk said that he was due to receive a Nomination Pack this week. Proposers/seconders were needed for each nomination.

There was discussion about land levels at Malmesbury. The Clerk said that he had no response from the relevant WBC Planning Officer regarding RPC's enquiry. PG was concerned about what was effectively an industrial unit and fencing appearing on grade-II listed parkland. GM wondered about the views of English Heritage and said the site was already in operation with horse movements and on-going problems. RF thought that light pollution could well be obtrusive. JH said that RPC could seek the views of local residents or appoint a planning agent to check whether Malmesbury was conforming to planning approvals. He thought Pegasus might be appropriate as a planning agent; JM supported the idea of seeking expert advice. The Clerk said he hoped the planning agent and RPC Cllrs would have full access to the Malmesbury site. JH said that if Pegasus found any issues then WBC Planning had powers to request rectification. It was AGREED that JH/RF would give Pegasus the following brief:

- (i) Is the site grade-II listed parkland (desk exercise)?
- (ii) Is the polo facility/stabling a suitable use of such land (desk exercise)?
- (iii) Were the planning applications/decisions appropriate (desk exercise), and

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(iv) Is the build conforming to approvals given (on-site exercise)?
RF commented that even if matters were too late on this particular site, it might prevent future problems. It was AGREED that JH would contact Pegasus to ask for

(a) an estimate of the cost and timescale for (i)-(ii) with a recommendation as to whether (iii)-(iv) was likely to have an actionable outcome and

(b) an estimate of the cost, methodologies and timescale of (iii)-(iv).

029/18: PLANNING

TR spoke on 180213 (124 Middle Culham). There was a discussion about the height of the proposed fence, National Trust covenants and the noise of traffic at the site. It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to indicate RPC had no comments.

030/18: LICENSING

On Rewind+ there was discussion about a recent meeting on 8th March. It appeared to FR that the organisers were changing their planned traffic management scheme as a result of the meeting. AB said she thought the proposed extra classical event would mean on-going event work for about a month. CL commented on the 000s of m² of 'road' surface to be introduced in event development. It was AGREED that RPC should take advice on whether there were issues with the proper use of the relevant land and support RFRA's opposition to the licence application, but work with Global to ensure that both Rewind and the Classic FM event are as friendly to residents as possible, in particular in terms of noise, traffic and litter.

031/18: WEBSITE

FC gave details of the website recent use. Steve Hounsomes's stipend was considered under 035/18.

032/18: FOOTPATHS

RPC was sorry to learn from The Clerk (who had received an email) of the incident in which a pedestrian/runner on the towpath was knocked off her feet and injured by a rowing coach on a bicycle. He said that Henley Rowing Club had apologised. He showed illustrations where towpaths elsewhere in the country carried signs indicating that cyclists had to give way to pedestrians.

033/18: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

JH mentioned the WBC 5-year housing plan.

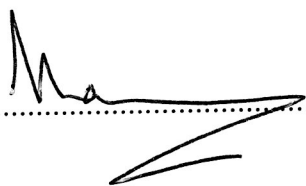
034/18: TRAFFIC, HIGHWAYS AND HENLEY ISSUES

AB said that residents were very irritated by the continued closure of Aston Lane. JH thought that Thames Water probably only had to inform WBC of dates. He also said WBC Highways might be happy to see 'not suitable for HGV' signs to be placed at the entrance to Aston Lane.

The Chairman said there was already some progress on other traffic matters reported at the Feb 2018 RPC meeting. A successful strategy would be to gain the support of the police to the 30mph speed limits (i) being extended on the A4130 to Middle Culham, and (ii) along the Wargrave Road. He said the parking signs on Remenham Lane were presently wrong. He said he thought WBC Highways were happy to have the parking bays moved/shortened, have 2h time limits displayed (with no return in 2h) and enforced (as a result of WBC Civil Parking) closure during all events.

The Chairman outlined the progress of the Henley Strategic Traffic Group.

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JM asked about air pollution measurements. JH said that Ricardo had been approached to quote for measurement of NO₂ levels on both sides of the river. The Clerk said that he had particulate (PM) levels at The Little Angel, HRR HQ and The Red Lion over rush hours and that levels were worse on the Remenham side, with a maximum at about 8:45am. The Clerk said he would be adding NO₂ measurements this month.

035/18: FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was AGREED that Steve Hounsomes's stipend should increase to £80/month. The Clerk indicated that unfortunately no quotes had been received from Biffa, OCS and ISS on the emptying of the dog waste bin, despite requested. The following cheques were signed:

000664	£100.00	CAB Henley
000665	£ 36.00	CPRE
000667	£145.90	Clerk's expenses

036/18: AOB

CL asked if something could be done about the leaning milestone on the right of the A4130 just beyond Middle Culham and the camera of White Hill.

037/18: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10th April 2018 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

ACTIONS:

The Chairman will

on Rewind+ take advice on whether there were issues with the proper use of the relevant land and support RFRA's opposition to the licence application, but work with Global to ensure that both Rewind and the Classic FM event are as friendly to residents as possible in particular for noise, traffic and litter.

progress traffic matters

- (i) 30mph speed limits on the A4130 and the Wargrave Road*
- (ii) Sign changes on Remenham Lane*
- (iii) Changes to parking bays (moved/shortened/time-limited)*
- (iv) Cooperation with HTC*

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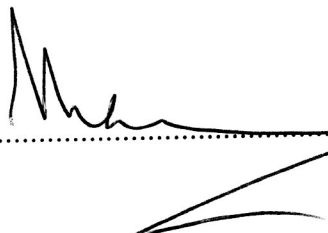
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- (c) Were the planning applications/decisions appropriate (desk exercise), and*
- (d) Is the build conforming to approvals given (on-site exercise)?*

and initially ask for

- (i) an estimate of the cost and timescale for (a)-(b) with a recommendation as to whether (c)-(d) was likely to have an actionable outcome and*
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The Clerk will

send an extract of the Feb RPC minutes to Sara Allman (WBC).

on 180213 (124 Middle Culham) contact WBC Planning to indicate RPOC had no comments to make

write to pedestrian/runner on the towpath who was knocked off her feet and injured by a rowing coach on a bicycle to express their concern and trust that she makes a full recovery, saying that they were aware that many towpaths have signage to indicate pedestrians have priority over cyclists.

continue air pollution measurements.

change the standing order for Steve Hounscome to £80/month

send the following cheques

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