

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 12th June 2018 starting at 8:00pm
and finishing at 10:15pm (circulated 14th June 2018)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chair)
Franky Cookson (FC)
Chris Leeming (CL)
John Merkel (JM)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance Geraldine MacMillan (GM), Felicity Rutland (FR)
and David Cook (DC)

061/18: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Darrel Poulos (DP)

062/18: POSSIBLE CO-OPTED COUNCILLORS

There was discussion about possible co-opted councillors.

063/18: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CL indicated that he had an interest in one planning application.
JH, JM and FC said that they knew the application of the same planning application and so would not be able to comment on this. CL provided his DoI. The Chairman suggested that all councillors should provide updated DoIs, text for the 'Meet The Councillors' section on the website and a recent photograph.

064/18: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2018 and the notes of the following APM as a true record of those meetings.

065/18: MATTERS ARISING

JH said that new road signs relating to parking and access would soon be available. The Clerk reported that OCS-SA emptying of the dog waste bin now appeared to be working better. JH suggested that two extra dog-waste bins should be introduced on the towpath near Leander and on footpath 8; it was AGREED that JH would ask Leander and UTRC if their location was acceptable and The Clerk would contact OCS to see whether they would empty bins in these locations and at what cost. JH invited Councillors to think about whether they would like to be involved with The Safety Advisory Board (SAG); JM agreed to undertake this. The Chairman noted that Rewind+ had been cancelled for this year; he said he was due to meet them in a week's time and thought they would try again next year. JH said that Sarah Clover had given advice to RPC, which resulted in the letter from RPC to WBC in the Appendix. It was AGREED that JH/CL would start to write a brief on Cumulative Impact. All other matters arising were considered under other Agenda items.

066/18: AREAS OF INTEREST OF COUNCILLORS

It was AGREED that responsibilities/special interests of Councillors and the Responsibilities matrix would go on the website.

067/18: TRANSPARENCY CODE AND GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The Clerk reminded the meeting that he had registered RPC with ICO and had circulated suggested RPC GDPR documents; it was AGREED that these should be accepted, subject to them being examined by an independent expert. The Clerk mentioned that on 15th June FC, SH, Sue Laing, Charlotte Every and he were meeting to discuss the website in the light of TC needs.

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

068/18: PLANNING

The Clerk told the meeting that RPC had not been asked its views on Remenham Hill House and that the application had gone through very quickly. GM spoke of her concerns on excessive soil movements at this site to the relevant Planning Officer, who wanted to involve the Enforcement Officer. It was AGREED that JH would speak to the owner and The Planning Officer.

On Thames Bridge House (181216) JM said that this was an attempt to build 5 rather than 4 flats on this site. Concern was expressed over the turntable and below river level stacking for car parking. CL thought there should be archaeological excavations of early road/bridge footings should take place; JM seconded this suggestion. JH said he had listed the application. It was AGREED that the Clerk would write summarising RPC's opposition to this higher density development.

At this point CL left the meeting. On 181327 (Hermitage Cottage Matson Drive) there was a brief discussion for which little detail was available. All councillors felt they knew the applicant and should not comment. It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to this effect, saying that it was hoped that WBC Planning would take appropriate action. CL returned to the meeting.

On Barn Cottage (181488), there was discussion about the height (6ft) and length of the wall, and whether it represented suburbanisation of a rural landscape. CL thought that the Environment Agency would want holes at intervals in the wall to allow water movement at times of flooding. It was AGREED that JH would speak to the Building Officer and that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning with RPC concerns.

On 181311 (temporary 28m high EE mobicell mast in a field off Remenham Church Lane) it was felt that provided that the mobile mast was temporary, it was Agreed that RPC were happy with its siting.

068/18: WEBSITE

FC gave details of the website recent use.

069/18: FOOTPATHS

There was discussion about a WBC suggestion that footpaths leading from White Hill that were only used in times of flooding should be discontinued; this was not thought to be a good idea and that RPC should request their maintenance. CL thought this might be beneficial to flood-plain concerns. There was then discussion about definitive and permitted footpaths in the vicinity of Leander Club. It was AGREED that JH should talk to the Footpath Officer about these and the flood footpaths. FC asked whether pavements/footpaths along the A4130 near Middle Culham might be cleared; JH suggested she contact Peter Bavestock at WBC.

070/18: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the income-expenditure that had taken place with RPC's current account was now found in the April and May minutes. He also indicated that Pat Sly had signed off the internal audit of RPC accounts. RPC AGREED that she should be paid £125 for this task (given difficulties with XLS software this year). The signed audit form/paperwork was AGREED and it was AGREED that the Clerk should send off these for the external audit to PKF-Littlejohn. It was also AGREED that the signed form for a change in NatWest signatories would be sent off.

Signed.....



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The following cheques were signed by JH:

000679	Suffolk/Zurich Insurance	£ 149.12
000680	Sarah Clover advice	£3000.00
000681	ICO GDPR Registration of RPC	£ 35.00
000682	RPC resident's subscription to Campaign for the Protection of the Green Belt	£3300.00

and it was AGREED that The Clerk would ask Richard Fletcher to counter sign these. Following a comment from FC, The Clerk asked JH to write to residents in the Newsletter and the website to describe what the campaign did, how they could help and how it could benefit Remenham.

071/18: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10th July 2018 at 8pm in the Parish Hall

ACTIONS:

The Chairman will

ask Leander and UTRC if proposed locations of 2 new dog-waste bins was acceptable

with CL write a new brief on Cumulative Impact

speak to the owner of Remenham Hill House and The Planning Officer

speak to the Building Officer about the Barn Cottage wall

to the Footpath Officer about definitive and permitted footpaths and the flood footpaths

All Councillors will

provide updated DoIs, text for the 'Meet the Councillors' section on the website and a recent photograph

FC will

contact Peter Bavestock at WBC

The Clerk will

*contact OCS to see whether and at what cost they would empty 2 new dog-waste bins (i) on the towpath near Leander and (ii) on a footpath X
bins in these locations*

ask SH to upload to the website the responsibilities/special interests of Councillors and the Responsibilities matrix

send agreed GDPR documents to be examined by an independent expert

meet with FC, SH, SL and CE to discuss the website in the light of TC needs

write to WBC Planning to say that RPC

(i) strongly objected to Thames Bridge House (181216) in its attempt to build 5 rather than 4 flats on this site

Signed.....Chairman

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- (ii) was unable to comment on 181327 (Hermitage Cottage Matson Drive) because Councillors knew the applicant, but RPC hoped that WBC Planning would take appropriate action.
- (iii) thought on Barn Cottage (181488) that there should be openings at the base of the proposed wall to let water through at times of flooding (possibly the EA should be asked also) and were concerned that the height and length of the wall was concerning. There hoped that external lights would not be placed on the walls or gates in this rural area. On Barn Cottage (181488), there was discussion about the height (6ft) and length of the wall, and whether it represented suburbanisation of a rural landscape. CL thought that the Environment Agency would want holes at intervals in the wall to allow water movement at times of flooding. It was AGREED that JH would speak to the Building Officer and that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning with RPC concerns.
- (iv) If the 28m high EE mobicell mast in a field off Remenham Church Lane (181311) was temporary (i.e. 2months or less) they had no objection.

Send off the

external audit paperwork
cheques 000679-000682 and
the NatWest for changing signatories

Signed.....Chairman

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