

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 10th July 2018 starting at 8:00pm and finishing at 9:45pm (circulated 12th July 2018)

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

In attendance: David Cook (DC), Charlotte Every (CE), Bill Roland (BR) & Felicity Rutland (FR)

072/18: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Darrel Poulos (DP)

073/18: CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR

The Chairman described the villages and hamlets that comprised Remenham Parish and introduced Bill Roland from Aston. The co-opting of BR was proposed by The Chairman, seconded by JM and was AGREED; BR accepted the invitation.

074/18: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded councillors that they should provide updated Dols, text for the 'Meet the Councillors' section on the website and a recent photograph.

075/18: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2018 as a true record of that meeting.

076/18: MATTERS ARISING

JH said that two new dog-waste bins were to be funded by WBC and were to be placed on the towpath near Leander and on footpath 8 to the right as one walked away from Remenham Lane and the river. He mentioned progress on the Cumulative Impact of licensing event in Remenham. He described actions taken on planning. He said he had yet to contact the Footpath Officer regarding the two footpaths for use in times of flooding. He spoke of discussions with Henley on traffic. CE said this was often backed up on the Remenham side of the bridge, while Henley was relatively free flowing. There was discussion about the Henley scheme and how this might compare with Exhibition Road in London. DC reminded the meeting that Henley should not be able to export its pollution to Remenham. CL asked if acronyms in PPT files at meetings could be minimised. All other matters arising were considered under other Agenda items.

077 /18: AREAS OF INTEREST OF COUNCILLORS

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

078/18: TRANSPARENCY CODE (TC) AND GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The Clerk mentioned that he had to upload to the website a one-page RPC statement on TC, which essentially said that agendas and meeting papers would be on the website 3 days before a meeting and *draft* minutes would be displayed on the website within 1 month of a meeting (see Appendix 1).

079/18: PLANNING

On 181402 (Bird Place) it was noted that Courtiers had stated they had been parking on the site for 7 years. DC commented that at event times, those parking all entered and left at the same time. There was concern about flooding issues. CL thought there was an evolution of

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use. It was AGREED that the Clerk would write to WBC Planning to indicate that RPC wanted WBC Planning to consider flooding and evolution of use with time.

On 181583 (Warren House) it was AGREED that the Clerk would write to WBC Planning to indicate that that RPC wished to object to this as it was inappropriate and affected the openness of the Green Belt and that if WBC Planning were to be inclined to approve then existing planning consents should be withdrawn. The Chairman was asked to list this application.

On 181832 (Land adjacent to Bird Place) it was AGREED that the Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that it objected as the fence was an inappropriate development in the Green Belt, was a barrier to wildlife, detrimental to river flood control and had a negative impact on the openness of the Green Belt. On 181831 it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that it objected to the commercialization of this specific site (which is close to the Bridge/River and in a conservation area) with the introduction of banner advertising (whatever its size).

There was a discussion about a new drive onto the A4130 that had appeared in recent days at Horseshoe Cottages. It was AGREED that the enforcement officer would be asked to enquire about this in a Highways and Planning context.

080/18: WEBSITE

FC gave details of the website recent use. She also mentioned a meeting between CE, Sue Laing, FC, Steve Hounsome and The Clerk where the best ways were discussed by which RPC could meet its obligations under Transparency Code (TC) and Data Protection legislation on the Remenham website. She outlined BALC feedback on the subject. The Clerk said that he had requested BALC comments in writing. JH proposed that the TC grant should not be spent on a second website or a Parish Hall WiFi connection. CE said she fully supported the Chairman in this view.

081/18: HIGHWAYS

CE described the high speed of traffic in Aston Lane during the Regatta and said that the temporary closing of the parking bays in Remenham Lane had been a good thing. BR mentioned the state of Aston Lane. JH suggested he took Highways as his special interest and that they should walk the area of concern.

FC said that there was forthcoming action on clearing of pedestrian paths near Middle Culham.

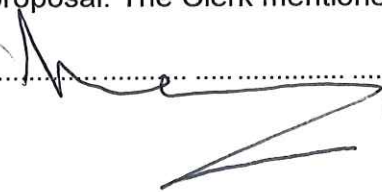
082/18: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk said that he had sent off audit paperwork, had notified electors/residents that they could view the accounts and had an OCS quote saying they would empty the two further dog-waste bins from the autumn for £2 each per week. The Chairman suggested that RPC should move to electronic banking and move away from cheque use. This was AGREED. The following cheques were signed:

000683	Internal Audit (Pat Sly)	£125.00
000684	Additional cheque for insurance	£ 10.81
000685	BALC GDPR-scheme (1 year sub)	£ 40.00
000686	Clerk Expenses	£ 97.00

083/18: ANY OTHER MATTERS

JM described a NAG meeting. CL suggested there should be a flora/fauna/biodiversity assessment. JH asked him to bring forward a proposal. The Clerk mentioned that J.Sumpter (an environmental

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scientist of North End) had said he could recommend someone who could help and that maybe one could start with as assessment of footpaths where there were no issues with accessibility.

083/18: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th Sept 2018 at 8pm in the Parish Hall

ACTIONS:

The Chairman will

confirm purchase/ placement of two extra dog-waste bins
walk with BR to view the lengths of Aston Lane where there was concern.

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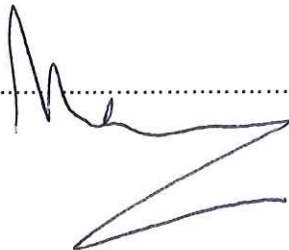
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