

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 11th Dec 2018 starting at 8:00pm
and finishing at 9:25pm (circulated 14th and 19th Dec 2018)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chairman)
John Merkel (JM; Vice-Chairman)
Franky Cookson (FC)
Chris Leeming (CL)
Darrel Poulos (DP)
Bill Ronald (BR)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance:
Felicity Rutland

122/18: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

123/18: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CL declared an interest in one planning application (183249) and Councillors acknowledged that they all knew the applicant of 183249.

124/18: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th Nov 2018 as a true record of that meeting, subject to one correction suggested by BR.

125/18: MATTERS ARISING

In response to a question from BR, the Chairman explained RPC's statutory duties. He said RPC could influence planning decisions and then updated the meeting on a possible co-opted councillor and changes at Wokingham Borough Council.

126/18: PLANNING

On the appeal following WBC refusal of 181832 (Land adjacent to Bird Place; retrospective erection of gate and fence), the Clerk reminded the meeting of previous RPC comments. RPC CONFIRMED its earlier comments and objections.

On 182256/183164 (Woodlands House; rebuilding of barn and ancillary accommodation; fence). The Clerk again gave the background to previous relevant planning applications. JH said to his knowledge the barn had not originally been lived in and has never been a dwelling separate from the main house. RPC agreed that a planning condition should be that the barn should not be able to be separated from the main house. RPC also thought the fence (300m long/2.01m high) was inappropriate. On 182690 (High Trees; boathouse over wet dock) the Clerk again gave the background to previous applications relating to this site. RPC felt that the proposal was inappropriate in the Green Belt and it was AGREED that RPC would object to this application. It was AGREED that Andy Meader of Pegasus should be asked to provide an RPC response objecting to 182256, 183164 and 182690.

CL left the meeting before 183249 (Hermitage Cottage, Matson Drive; Certificate of lawfulness of outbuilding) was considered. RPC AGREED that it

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should respond to WBC Planning to say that it had no comments on this application

127/18: LICENSING

JH said that he thought next year Rewind might not go for classical days but might seek to enlarge the main event.

128/18: WEBSITE

FC described the latest position on website use. The Clerk showed the aerial photograph that had been taken. He also described the Wi-Fi that had been installed in the Parish Hall. There was appreciation of his completing these tasks. Councillors successfully used the passworded internet access.

129/18: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

CL wondered if the environment, nature and biodiversity in Remenham were being degraded. The Chairman suggested that this and the aerial photograph might be part of a new Neighbourhood Plan. Subsequently, the Clerk reported that there may be a consultation until the end of the year on whether Remenham should be included in the Chiltern's ANOB; he would provide more information when this was available. Pegasus have been invited to the February meeting to outline the neighbourhood planning process and where RPC might benefit.

130/18: TRAFFIC, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATH ISSUES

It was noted that two street lights (in Ferry Lane and near the Flower Pot) were not working; WBC had been asked to repair these. BR said that some work had been done on Aston Lane drains, but not all issues had been resolved; JH agreed to look into this. FC and CL asked JH to follow up on the extension of the speed limit to Middle Culham and whether Henley-on-Thames traffic controls would be to Remenham's disadvantage. The Clerk reported that he was to meet the following morning with a volunteer (Steve Vale) from the Berkshire Loop rambles who were offering to replace some stiles on Remenham's footpaths if landowners agreed. He was willing to come to the next meeting if this was helpful.

131/18: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Chairman suggested that RPC should set its precept in line with Wokingham Borough Council. It was AGREED that The Clerk and JH would generate the precept paperwork for the next meeting. It was also AGREED that JH, BR and The Clerk would visit NatWest on Friday 21st Dec to sort out a further request from the bank relating to RPC's ongoing wish to change signatories and move to e-banking. The following cheques were subsequently signed:

000699	CPRE	£ 36.00
000700	Trackair	£2,340.00 (incl. VAT)

The Clerk mentioned that a standing order would soon need to be signed for Wi-Fi installation-provision.

132/18: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

ACTIONS:

The Chairman will

contact Andy Meader (Pegasus) to take advice on RPC objections to 182256/183164 (Woodlands House; rebuilding of barn and ancillary accommodation; fence) and 182690 (High Trees; boathouse over wet dock)

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The Clerk will

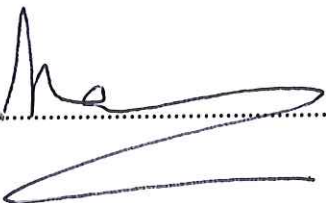
check whether RPC comments and objections on 181832 (Land adjacent to Bird Place; retrospective erection of gate and fence) need to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate

on 183249 (Hermitage Cottage, Matson Drive; Certificate of lawfulness of outbuilding) write to WBC Planning to say that RPC has no comments

meet with Steve Vale on footpath stiles/gates

send off two cheques after Richard Fletcher counter-signs these

visit NatWest with BR/JH on Friday 21st Dec

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