

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 8th Jan 2019 starting at 8:00pm
and finishing at 9:16pm (circulated 11th Jan 2019)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Merkel (JM; Vice-Chairman)
Franky Cookson (FC)
Bill Ronald (BR)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance:
Geraldine MacMillan (GM)
Steve Vale (SV; Loddon Ramblers)
Domnall Tait (DT)

001/19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from John Halsall, Chris Leeming and Darrel Poulos.
JM welcomed and introduced Steve Vale from Loddon Valley Ramblers.

002/19: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

003/19: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Vice-Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th Dec 2018 as a true record of that meeting.

004/19: MATTERS ARISING

Actions in the last month taken by The Chairman and The Clerk were noted.

005/19: PLANNING

Pegasus responses on 182256/183164 (Woodlands House; rebuilding of barn and ancillary accommodation; fence) and on 182690 (High Trees; boathouse over wet dock) were noted, as were notifications from WBC Planning that did not require responses.

On Stonebridge (183504/5/6; Retrospective retention of side extension, walls and gates) it was AGREED that the advice of Pegasus would be requested, with The Clerk contacting them with background paperwork.

On Remenham Hill House (183478 183429; Open air swimming pool, outbuildings and greenhouse), after some introductory comments from DT, it was AGREED that no comments would be sent to WBC Planning.

006/18: WEBSITE

FC gave an end-of-year report on the website. She thought more links with the Kenton Theatre etc might be useful. She and Steve Hounsome were thanked for their work on developing the website.

007/19: TRAFFIC, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATH ISSUES

SV outlined the activities of ramblers in Loddon Valley. He indicated that they wished to offer 5 metal kissing gates to replace some stiles on footpaths in Remenham. He said the cost of each gate (£400) and its installation would be provided, provided landowners agreed. He also mentioned the change of rights-of-way manager at WBC (who had different thoughts on footpaths for use in times of flood) and Remenham's relationship to the Chiltern's ANOB. It was noted that in the past RPC has declined offers to remove such footpaths. It was AGREED that JH or The Clerk would contact landowners to

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determine if they wished to have a free kissing gate installed. There was a suggestion that dog-waste bins might be associated with such kissing gates. FC mentioned an Aston resident who had expressed footpath concerns. JM asked about the use of the barbed wire alongside footpaths.

JM said that he hoped Councillors had submitted comments on the relationship of Remenham to the Chilterns ANOB by the 31st Dec deadline.

FC said she was disappointed there had been no progress on the extension of the 30mph restriction on the A4130. BR commented on regularly blocked drain in Aston Lane. It was AGREED that The Clerk would contact Highways on the latter. GM mentioned an uneven road surface on the A4130 after Thames Water work which increased traffic noise. Again it was AGREED that The Clerk would contact WBC Highways. FC reminded the meeting that the pavement/footpath from Middle Culham to the eastern Parish boundary on the A4130 was now overgrown and unsafe. It was AGREED that The Clerk would ask for action from WBC Highways on the grounds of pedestrian safety. BR described uneven tarmac near Old Blades on Remenham Lane; The Clerk AGREED to report this on-line.

There was a suggestion from BR that the 2-monthly skip for periodic waste collection should be re-instated. It was AGREED that The Clerk would look into this.

008/19: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Chairman had emailed to say that WBC would be seeking a 3.5% rate increase. Following RPC's decision in Dec 2018 to follow WBC's % increase, The Clerk presented a suggested budget and precept form C. These were subsequently AGREED. The Clerk mentioned that BT were trying to charge RPC for missing a Wi-Fi installation booking. He said that he had been in the Parish Hall for 3 separate 5h sessions and was disputing the penalty (£156) with BT Business. A cheque for BT Business was signed:

000742 BT Business (Wi-Fi) £ 356.52 (incl VAT)

But BT Business now said that the penalty component would be credited to RPC. A standing order/DD forms were signed for BT Business Wi-Fi and OCS emptying of dog-waste bins.

009/19: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12th Feb 2019 at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall.

ACTIONS: *The Clerk will contact*

Andy Meader at Pegasus to request advice on Stonebridge (183504/5/6; Retrospective retention of side extension, walls and gates)

WBC Planning on Remenham Hill House (183478 183429; Open air swimming pool, outbuildings and greenhouse) to indicate RPC has no comments landowners to determine if they wished to have a free kissing gate installed on footpaths.

WBC Highways on the regularly block drain in Aston Lane, the uneven road surface on the A4130 left by Thames Water work and the overgrown pavement/path along the northern side of the A4130 from Middle Culham to the eastern parish boundary and uneven tarmac on the Henley side of Old Blades on Remenham Lane

WBC on the possibility of re-instating the periodic waste skip collection at a 2-monthly frequency

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INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED WITH COUNCIL TAX DEMAND NOTICES

TOWN/PARISH REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

	<u>2019/2020</u> £
1. <u>TOWN/PARISH EXPENDITURE</u>	44,331
2. <u>DEDUCT</u> INCOME FROM RENTS, FEES, GRANTS, CIL, CHARGES AND INTEREST	50
3. <u>NET EXPENDITURE</u>	44,281
4. ADDITIONS TO BALANCES	+
OR	
MET FROM BALANCES	-19,362
5. TOWN/PARISH PRECEPT	24,919

Signed 

Town/Parish Clerk

Date 3/ Feb / 2019

**Please Return To: Mr. Mark Thompson,
by Monday 4th Senior Finance Specialist
February 2019**

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