

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 9th April 2019 starting at 8:02pm
and finishing at 9:28pm (circulated 12th April 2019)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chairman),
Franky Cookson (FC)
Chris Leeming (CL)
Bill Ronald (BR)
Nigel Williams (NW)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance:
Michael Dudley (MD)
Felicity Rutland (FR)

033/19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from John Merkel and Darrel Poulos.

034/19: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

035/19: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2019 as a true record of that meeting (and also initialled the 12th Feb minutes where two corrections had been pasted in).

036/19: MATTERS ARISING

Actions in the last month taken by The Chairman and The Clerk were noted. The Clerk reported that the fully-signed e-banking form was now with NatWest. It was AGREED that the Chairman would follow up on highways issues raised on-line by The Clerk (to be recirculated) and missing roadside reflectors on Remenham Lane between Old Blades and UTRC and the speed limit near Middle Culham cottages. JH said the litter-pick day had not been a great success and ought to be re-thought for next year. The Clerk said the approved Kustom traffic monitor could operate in a locked/fixed road-side grit box.

037/19: CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Following a short discussion, the Chairman (John Halsall) and Vice-Chairman (John Merkel) were nominated, seconded and voted into office.

038/19: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

CL introduced the first draft of the NP arising from 026/19 with its environment focus. MD suggested that councillors and residents should bear in mind that the process might take 1-2 years and eventually carry little weight in planning matters. JH thought that it might be an essential document. BR said the RPC might need to manage expectations. The Clerk outlined the Government's view of the NP process as including needing to:

- (1) define area and neighbourhood forum (residents, workers, business representatives and elected Cllrs to be integrated and active in the writing the plan as a steering group that publishes minutes)
- (2) prepare a draft neighbourhood plan
- (3) publicise for >6weeks and consult any bodies with interests
- (4) submit plan to WBC (who consider, send it for independent examination and then a referendum)

and that Pegasus might be able to act as consultants to the Forum/steering group.

039/18: WEBSITE

FC thought that website figures were a little lower this last month. The Clerk had circulated to FC/FR a suggestion that the website and newsletter might want to retell

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the background of the last Remenham resident to die in WW1 a century ago (in Feb 1919).

040/19: Planning

The Chairman explained that RFC was not asked to comment on applications with Lawful Development Certificates.

041/19: LICENSING

JH and MD described the recent application for an expansion to the Rewind event (where WBC approved expansion to 23,000 attendees) and a subsequent RFRA meeting. It seemed it was possible that the event organiser might appeal the decision. CL asked if he could see the precise Rewind conditions that currently exist; this was AGREED. It was also AGREED after a vote that JH (on behalf of RPC) would seek further advice from Sarah Clover regarding cumulative impacts of such event and legal arguments that might be used. The Chairman thought the cost might be £300.

Consideration was given to a licence application from The Little Angel. FR was concerned about bins being left in front of gates. It was AGREED that JH would object to the application on behalf of RPC.

042/19: FOOTPATHS

The Clerk AGREED to circulate to councillors the WBC survey that had to be completed by the end of the month.

043/19: HIGHWAYS

There was discussion about the location of the grit-bins that should be installed adjacent to Remenham Church lane, Aston Lane and A4130, after residents were asked to approve the sites at the APM. BR requested that these were green in colour.

There was discussion of the (i) a camera in the Leander area, (ii) parking bays on Remenham lane, (iii) signs that had appeared at the corner of Remenham Church Lane and the A4130 and (iv) the RPC contribution to air quality monitoring that was reported in the Henley Standard. JH AGREED to investigate (i), report (iii) and following up on (ii) and (iv).

044/19: WOKINGHAM ISSUES

After a discussion it was AGREED that JH would investigate the uneven distribution of food waste recycling boxes and liners. It was noted that RPC/OCS would also need additional dog-waste bin liners. The possible provision of 2-monthly lorry collection of waste/rubbish was considered. It was AGREED that the Clerk should investigate in the next month.

045/19: FINANCIAL MATTERS

A BT Wi-Fi standing order instruction was signed taking effect from April 27th. Five cheques were signed:


000747	BT Wi-Fi (26 th March)	£ 44.64
000748	Pegasus	£300.00
000749	Dog-waste bin fixing	£278.75
000750	ITQED software licence	£ 28.80
000751	Clerk expenses	£208.99

where the last of these contained an increase in the internet contribution to £10/month). The Clerk produced a copy of the current account cash book. It was noted that the cheque for the parish aerial photograph had not been cashed yet, SSSE had yet to invoice for street lamp electricity and WBC had yet to charge for street light repair. It was AGREED that The Clerk would discuss with Paul Allender an increase in his number of hours litter picking and with Fr. Jeremy/Nigel Gray the donation next month to RPCC. Jacksons and Elizabeth Crockett provided the stile receipt/invoice meaning that RPC might be able to reclaim £55 of VAT. Thus sum The Clerk suggested would allow RPC to consider donating a framed copy of the Parish aerial photograph for the Parish Hall before the APM if it was likely to be accepted. This was AGREED and the Clerk was asked to investigate and take action.

046/19: AOB

FR suggested that a blue plaque on the Parish H to mark its use as a location in Midsummer Murders might be appropriate.

047/19: DATE OF APM and NEXT MEETINGS RPC meeting 6:00pm and APM 8pm on

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ACTIONS:

Chairman will

follow up on highways issues raised on-line by The Clerk (to be recirculated) and missing roadside reflectors on Remenham Lane between Old Blades and UTRC, parking bays in Remenham Lane, a camera in the Leander area, signs at the corner of the A4130-Remenham Church Lane and the speed limit near Middle Culham cottages.

circulate to CL the current rewind conditions

contact Sarah Glover over the cumulative impact of Rewind

object to the Little Angel Licence application

get agreement on dog-waste bin purchase, location and fixing in Leander Way

confirm with WBC the Govt-recommended steps in Neighbourhood Plan formulation e.g.

- (1) define area and neighbourhood forum (residents, workers, business representatives and elected Cllrs to be integrated and active in the writing the plan as a steering group that publishes minutes in RPC documents)*
- (2) prepare a draft neighbourhood plan*
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and the advisory role of Pegasus to the Forum/steering group.

investigate the uneven distribution of food waste recycling boxes and liners (and obtain more dog-waste bin liners)

report back on any RPC contribution to air quality monitoring that was reported in the Henley Standard

The Clerk to

circulate to councillors the WBC survey that had to be completed by the end of the month

send off the NatWest/BT Wi-Fi standing order instruction and 5 cheques

recover VAT

discuss with SA an increase in his number of hours

discuss with Fr. Jeremy/Nigel Gray an increase in the RPC donation next month to RPCC

discuss with the Parish Hall Committee whether they would wish to accept a framed aerial photograph of the Parish

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