

Notes of the 2019 Remenham APM (circulated 17th May)

Held in the Parish Hall on 14th May at 8pm (also see RPC minute 62/19)

Those present included: Richard Fletcher, Sue Laing (SL), Geraldine MacMillan, Richard Murdoch (RM), Felicity Rutland (FR), Marilyn Sermon, Pat Sly, Anthony West (AW) and Sarah West (SW)

Following refreshments, the Chairman (John Halsall) welcomed those attending the Annual Parish Meeting (APM). He introduced new Remenham Councillors (Cllrs. Nigel Williams and Bill Ronald) and thanked The Clerk. He updated the meeting, where following local elections he had been elected leader of the Conservatives in WBC. As a result, John Merkel had agreed to become Chairman of RPC, while he (JH) would become Vice Chairman. He asked that RPC meetings be switched to the second Monday in the month at 8pm (i.e. next meeting 8pm on 10th June). He said that he hoped that recycling rates would increase in Remenham and Wokingham. He mentioned collaboration with Henley on improving air quality and how greening could reduce canyon effects in Duke Street. He said that RPC had agreed to buy a traffic monitor – saying in answer to SL that this would be portable. He spoke about parking bays in Remenham Lane and traffic orders. He mentioned that the new WBC Rights-of-Way officer with the support of The Lions of Henley and COPAS was intending to improve the towpath between UTRC and Temple Island, by producing a wheelchair friendly semipermeable surface of a selectable colour; RPC Cllrs JM and CL hoped to meet with relevant parties. He said King's Chambers and Pegasus had provided useful advice to RPC. As a result, there had been a partial rebuttal of the application to expand Rewind South. Some (AW,SW) wondered why the application had been partially approved. There was discussion about how active residents were in opposing such applications and how the cumulative impact of events might be used more successfully. JH said that HRR was applying to extend the regatta by 1 day. He said RPC had increased the number of dog-waste bins and their emptying during the year. He thought there was more to do on speed limits and flood issues.

The Clerk said that the complete income-expenditure for RPC's current account for the last 2 years was to be found on the website – under 'cashbook' and thanked Pat Sly for her work on the internal audit. He distributed: RPC's 2018-2019 budget and provisional income-expenditure (see Appendix (corrected for an error spotted by FR)). JH explained this in detail. Following a question from RM there was discussion about the meaning of CIL (community infrastructure levy).

Signed  Chairman

10th June 2019

Appendix 1: RPC Budget and Provisional Income-Expenditure for 2018-2019

	Provisional Expenditure £	Budget £
INCOME		
Precept	24,076	24,076
Other Receipts	^a 5,205	
Bank Interest	10	10
TOTAL INCOME	29,281	24,086
a CIL: community infrastructure levy from Thamesbridge House+BALC refund		
PAYMENTS		
Wages Clerk	3,000	3,000
Clerk's and Other Expenses	238	250
Aerial photo, licence/planning/legal advice	^a 5,220	10,000
Chairman's Expenses	70	250
APM Expenses	280	
Parish Hall	^b 710	825
Newsletter	^b 710	825
Churchyard Maintenance	^b 710	825
Website maintenance, website/Wi-Fi	2,392	1,000
Insurance	160	200
Electricity	^c	400
External Auditors	^d 240	150
Internal Auditors	^d 125	100
Footpath hardware, dog waste bins, OCS & litter picking	2,153	1,210
Post Office Box	330	400
Postage, Stationery, website-AV maintenance and Internet		
BALC/SLCC	440	150
CAB	100	100
Open Spaces Society		45
ICO	35	72
CPRE/GB Campaign	^e 3,336	100
Traffic order, Signage, Highways & Pollution Initiative	0	
Replacement of Streetlights	0	1,000
Police		200
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	20,249	21,102
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	^a 9,041	2,984

- a: aerial photo cheque not yet cashed
b: increasing to £745 in 2019-2020
c: not invoiced; d: external audit cost more
e: Green Belt Campaign

J. Marshall .