

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 10th June 2019 starting at 8:00pm
and finishing at 10:18pm (circulated 12th June 2019)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Merkel (JM; Chairman)

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

In attendance:

Neil Brown
Angie Emerson
Ron Emerson
Charlotte Every
John Friend
Jayne Gray
Nigel Gray
Felicity Rutland (FR)
Pat Sly

063/19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Darrel Poulos (DP). It was noted that DP had not been present at RPC meetings in Jan-Feb-Mar-April-May-June 2019 and that having missed meetings for 6 months was liable to disqualification. John Halsall recommended that DP was offered a sabbatical for 6-months. This was AGREED. Felicity Rutland asked whether another person should be coopted as a Cllr in the meantime. The Clerk said that at times in the last 6 months RPC had been close to being inquorate. JH asked if she could suggest someone.

064/19: WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Andrew Fletcher (WBC RoW Officer) and Andy Crawford/Lynton Richmond (HRR).

065/19: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

066/19: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2019 and the Notes of the following APM as a true record of those meetings.

067/19: MATTERS ARISING

Actions in the last month taken by The Chairman and The Clerk were noted. The print of the Remenham Parish aerial photograph was handed over to Pat Sly (Parish Hall) and it was AGREED that The Clerk would ask for July aerial photo of Remenham be undertaken. It was noted that the OCS trial lorry waste run (stopping near the Parish Hall for 90min and in Aston Lane (near the Flower Pot) for 90min) on 20th July (subject to the Flower Pot being happy about this) – this would need advertiding in the Newsletter and website. It was noted that Jerry Hedly was considering adverts in Remenham. It was AGREED that the advert request from Rotherfield Greys fete were acceptable. It was AGREED that The Clerk would trial the Siezega SR4 while RPC awaited police and WBC agreement. It was AGREED that a contractor would be used to fit the new Aston litter bin after The Clerk had finalised its new position with the Flower Pot and checked

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that WBC would empty this with Peter Bavestock. It was AGREED that The Clerk would purchase another dog waste bin (5th) and that this would be offered to HRR to go near the entrance to Butler's field. It was AGREED that JH would raise the matter of noise from grass cutting early on Sundays with WBC Enforcement.

068/18: WEBSITE

Website statistics showed by FC revealed significant extra activity and she wondered if there had been robot activity. The Chairman mentioned new email addresses and suggested these should go on the website and the Newsletter.

069/19: Planning

The Clerk had walked a local footpath but could not determine on what scale groundworks at Underwood were being undertaken with lorries entering/leaving. It seemed that either a terrace or a swimming pool might be underway. It was AGREED that The Clerk would contact WBC Enforcement to see if any action was required. JM said that he had also visited 2 Riverside, Wargrave Road.

070/19: LICENSING

The Chairman said that Andy Crawford/Lynton Richmond (HRR) had agreed to talk about, answer questions and listen to resident's views on HRR's application to extend their regatta by 1 day. There was discussion about the need to include more women's races in HRR. JM mentioned Henley Standard articles that presented the matter. The robust discussion touched on an assessment of the benefits to Henley not taking account of the costs to Remenham & Wokingham, the future relationship of HRR and HWR, traffic mitigation in HRR-HWR, how racing in HRR's existing 5 day event might be scheduled to better effect, how HRR generated hospitality activity that impacted on Remenham and cost WBC £50K/year (est.) to police and clean up, and how the HRR application for an extension could be seen as "arrogant" and "selfish". JH asked HRR to think again about its application and suggested RPC would oppose this as it was currently presented. JH suggested that the current licence application be withdrawn and resubmitted after further consultation with RPC, etc. HRR requested the name of the person they should contact at RPC for further discussions on this matter. It was AGREED that HRR should contact JH. It was also recommended that Rewind South contact RPC before their 25th June meeting.

071/19: FOOTPATHS

Andrew Fletcher (WBC RoW Officer) spoke about Highways plans (with Henley Lions) to upgrade the towpath from UTRC to Temple island with a semi-permeable surface. Now CL asked where the idea had come from and whether NT or EA approval had been sought. AF said there was no funding for the project yet. The Clerk asked what the proposed width of the new upgraded surface was likely to be; Andrew thought 2m wide. BR asked if RPC could now influence the scale and nature of the project. BR summarised that an upgraded path might be beneficial - but that this should be nearer to 1m wide than 2m wide - with minimum impact on the grassed area where residents have picnics and no negative impact on river bank biodiversity. This was AGREED. JM said that there were obvious concerns and asked if Andrew would come back to a subsequent RPC meeting with an update on details of the developing plan.

072/19: HIGHWAYS

BR mentioned flooding in Aston lane. JH said he would look into the matter.

073/19: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following cheques were signed:

000760	Aston litter bin	£140.00
000721	SR4 power supply	£ 40.98
000722	CAS insurance	£162.40
000723	Aston bin set-up	£150.00
000724	Clerk expenses	£100.81

and also a request to NatWest to raise new SO for litter collection (Steve Allender) from 1st July to £132/month. The Audit Commission Accounting Statements were considered, RPC's actions in the year were felt to have met these statements. The Chairman and Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement. The Clerk then presented the Accounting Statement/audit paperwork which were AGREED and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. This he said would go to Pat Sly (internal auditor) within the week for completion of the internal audit by

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the end of June.

074/19: DATE OF NEXT MEETING
8th July 2019 in the Parish Hall

APM and then RPC meeting at 8pm on

ACTIONS:

JH will:

raise the matter of noise from grass cutting early on Sundays with WBC Enforcement
liaise with HRR over their new licence application
look into Aston Lane flooding

The Clerk will:

offer to DP a sabbatical for 6-months
ask for a July aerial photo of Remenham
agree the advert request from Rotherfield Greys fete
organize the contractor to fit the new Aston litter bin (after its position and WBC emptying (Peter Baveystock)
purchase 5th dog waste bin and give this to HRR for fixing near the entrance to Butler's field.
contact WBC Enforcement over Underwood to see if any action was required
invite Andrew Fletcher for an update meeting on the revised towpath plan
send off cheques and NatWest SO amendment for Steve Allender
take internal audit to Pat Sly

FC/FR will:

update JM/JH email addresses on the website and the Newsletter
and the 20th July OCS collection

Signed..........Chairman