

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 starting at 8:03pm  
and finishing at 10:04pm (circulated 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 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:**

Geraldine MacMillan (GM)  
Pat Sly (PSI)

**087/19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies. The Clerk was asked to check on the end date on the sabbatical for Darrel Poulos.

**088/19: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

JH declared that he had received free tickets to Rewind South.

**089/19: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 as a true record of that meeting, after one correction on decision on the verge (and a possible footpath) along the Wargrave Road

**090/19: MATTERS ARISING**

Actions in the last month taken by The Chairman and The Clerk were noted. GM highlighted problems with parcel deliveries being left on her doorstep intended for the other side of the A4130 and noise from the building of an adjacent swimming pool and 7am gravel delivery lorries. The Chairman offered to meet the householders with her. John Halsall said that he had heard there might be an appeal relating to proposed accommodation at the polo facility. In response to CL the Clerk said that he had circulated Jerry Hedley's response on Underwood on 16<sup>th</sup> July. In a message Alison Barraclough (relayed through BR) thanked RPC for taking action on the emptying of the Aston waste bin.

**091/18: LOCAL PLAN**

JH/CL described progress on the plan and after circulating a draft note, they suggested the matter come before the next meeting.

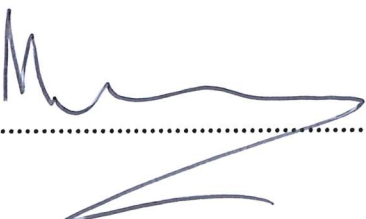
**092/19: WEBSITE**

Website statistics were explained by FC.

**093/19: PLANNING**

CL said that he had noted that the listed building behind Thamesbridge House had collapsed; JH said that those involved in Thamesbridge House were based in Switzerland. CL asked who was responsible to any rebuild-repair. The Chairman said demonstrated current Remenham Planning Applications on-line using the WBC planning website and map for the first time. Several planning items seemed incomplete or still in progress on-line. It was AGREED that The Clerk would circulate any details that were not before the current meeting. Subsequently it was found that details of

- (a) 191713 (Henley Bridge LED lighting) and 191953 (Barn, Woodside Farm) had been circulated and
- (b) no application 192187 existed on the WBC planning website.

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Two new planning applications were considered. First the meeting considered 191901 (Woodlands House; tractor barn); it was thought that this was significantly higher than the present structure and it was noted that there was no indication of the % increase in volume. It was felt that the proposed barn was out of character with the scale of the landscape and might well be modified in the future to produce an upper floor and that RPC wished to object to this. There was comment about the status of the adjacent footpath available at times of flood. Then the meeting considered 192267 (6 Remenham Hill; 2-storey extension); after some discussion it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to WBC Planning to say that it had no comments or objections.

#### **094/19: LICENSING**

BR said he had seen the excellent TV interview given by The Chairman on the HRR application. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman thought that the evidence from Sarah Clover (King's Chambers) had been good at the licence meeting and that RPC should seek her advice again in any review of the Henley Royal Regatta (HRR), Remenham Farm and other licence conditions. This was AGREED. There was discussion about whether residents had complained about the Skyride.

#### **095/19: FOOTPATHS**

There was discussion about wild flower planting along the non-Thames side of Wargrave Road near Woodlands House and the towpath. JH AGREED to look into who owned the land along the Wargrave Road. The Clerk said he had contacted Andrew Fletcher (AF; WBC RoW Officer) and (i) suggested that he meet with Pat Sly, Oscar Sly, other landowners and interested parties and a councillor from RPC on the relevant part of the towpath to discuss upgrade options going forward and (ii) that he look into the collapse of the towpath edge near the HRR start line (using RPC photographs) before an accident occurred. Pat Sly said that AF had met with her and Oscar with regard to the towpath on her land. CL said that he hoped that the natural character of this section of the towpath would not be changed. CL also wondered how the wooden footbridges could be improved for wheelchair access.

#### **096/19: HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk presented the first data (see Appendix 1) on (i) traffic speeds outside the entrance to Middle Culham cottages and Culham Court where a few vehicles were travelling at twice the speed limit and well above motorway speed limits and (ii) traffic densities on Remenham Church Lane before during and after HRR, Henley Festival, Henley Masters and Rewind South (where broadly speaking traffic densities rose by a factor of almost 10 on HRR and Rewind South event days). FC and CL thought that the monitor had been a good investment by RPC and FC thought it showed she had not been exaggerating the scale of the problem for those entering the A4130 from Middle Culham cottages. The Clerk said that the traffic speeds had been brought to the attention of WBC Traffic management and police requesting advice on remedies available (without response). After some discussion it was AGREED that the data should be brought to the attention of Superintendent Felicity Parker (Thames Valley Police, LPA Commander Bracknell and Wokingham) by JH and FC with a view to getting action. The Henley traffic group meetings were discussed. JH is to attend the next meeting, but CL/FC may attend meetings thereafter.

#### **097/19: WOKINGHAM AND HENLEY MATTERS**

JH mentioned that it was possible the third Thames bridge might be moving up the agenda again. He said that Reading might soon be introducing a congestion charge. Apparently, car ownership per household in Wokingham was amongst the highest.

#### **098/19: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk said that subject to being asked to include the laptop as a fixed asset, the auditors had approved RPC accounts, but that RPC forms had not yet been returned. JH questioned whether the laptop was a fixed asset; The Clerk agreed that the matter was questionable. The Clerk said that the following cheques had been signed after the last meeting and before this meeting:

000733	TrackAir summer aerial photo (13 <sup>th</sup> July)	£1704.00
000734	SSE street lighting (13 <sup>th</sup> July)	£ 216.73
000736	JH APM refreshments (13 <sup>th</sup> July)	£ 300.00
000737	Sarah Clover (24 <sup>th</sup> July)	£2100.00
000738	TrackAir summer aerial photo (amended)	£ 876.00

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and the following cheques were signed at the meeting:

000739	Clerk (colour copying, cartridge, SLCC)	£ 89.39
000740	OCS dog-waste bin emptying (Sept-Mar)	£ 312.00

**099/19: OTHER MATTERS**

BR raised two matters from Alison Barraclough (who was unable to attend): Remenham Lane parking bays (that were useful to residents) and a suggestion in the Henley Standard that JH supported wind turbines in Remenham. JH described the signs on parking bays at the end of Remenham Lane that were wrong and proposed action. He said the wind turbine story was wrong.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 8pm on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 in the Parish Hall

**ACTIONS:**

*JM/CL will:*

bring an update on the local plan to the next meeting

*JH will*

investigate who owns the verge and land along the Wargrave Road

explore with Sarah Clover (King's Chambers) any review of the Henley Royal Regatta (HRR), Remenham Farm and other licence conditions

bring to the attention of Superintendent Felicity Parker (Thames Valley Police, LPA Commander Bracknell and Wokingham) traffic speed data in Appendix 1 for the A4130 at the entrance to Middle Culham cottages and Culham Court and seek advice on how one might improve safety of residents

*The Clerk will:*

check on the end date on the sabbatical for Darrel Poulos

write to WBC Planning to say that RPC wished to object to 191901 (Woodlands House tractor barn) saying that it was significantly higher than the present structure (with no indication of the % increase in volume), was out of character with the scale of the landscape, might well be modified in the future to produce an upper floor and may well affect the status the adjacent footpath available at times of flood.

Write to WBC Planning on 192267 (6 Remenham Hill; 2-storey extension) to say that RPC had no comments or objections.

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