

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 starting at 8:00pm  
and finishing at 9:30pm (circulated 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019)

**PRESENT:** Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Deputy Chairman)

Chris Leeming (CL)

Darrel Poulos (DP)

Bill Ronald (BR)

Clerk: Paul Sermon

**In attendance:**

Mark Banks (MB)

David Cook (DC)

Jeremy Evans (JE)

Peter Grace (PG)

Peter Jacobs (PJ)

Felicity Rutland (FR)

Sue Perry-Whitehead (SPW)

Pat Sly (PSI)

**100/19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies from John Merkel, Franky Cookson and Nigel Williams. JH said that while John Merkel had family health issues, he had agreed to swap Chairman/Deputy-Chairman roles with JM.

**101/19: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Chris Leeming declared an interest in the planning application 192409 for the Coach House in Matson Drive.

**102/19: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that the Deputy Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 as a true record of that meeting.

**103/19: MATTERS ARISING**

Actions in the last month taken by The Chairman, The Deputy Chairman and The Clerk were noted on bridge lighting, the collapse of listed structure behind Thames Bridge House (no response from Conservation Officer or BCSolutions) and land beside the Wargrave Road (which JH said he thought belonged to WBC and which CL thought might be able attract Woodland's Trust funding). It was AGREED that Nu Day Nutrition would not be offered space on the noticeboard. There was concern that a motorcycle was being chained to the RPC noticeboard.

**104/19: WEBSITE**

Website statistics were updated by The Clerk.

**105/19: PLANNING**

FR asked about the bridge lighting. CL said the bridge was in Oxfordshire.

On the collapse of the listed structure behind Thames Bridge House, The Chairman said he thought WBC was unsure what to do.

On 192640 (23 Thameside) it was noted that no RPC response was requested and that information was on the SODC website.

Signed.....Chairman

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On 192409 (Coach House, Matson Drive (where a 4-bed dwelling was proposed after demolition of existing building) there was a presentation from an applicant (MB) and their architect (JE). PJ asked about the 9<sup>th</sup> October deadline and any RPC comment; the Clerk explained that WBC Planning had responded to an RPC request at lunchtime on the day of the meeting and extended the date for RPC comments. The discussion then included (i) visibility from Henley Bridge in comparison with Underwood and light pollution, (ii) materials of construction/finish/rendering to reduce visibility (PJ), (iii) urban design in a rural location (PG) and (iv) neighbouring properties being overlooked (DC). PJ wondered why the Deputy Chairman had not listed the application so that it went before the WBC Planning Committee. JH proposed that RPC made no comments, but delegated the matter to the selected Planning Officer to take action as appropriate. This was AGREED.

On 3224323/322432 (182327/182524) Malmesbury/Park Place Appeals JH indicated that David Spragg and Andy Meacher would be helping to generate a strengthened RPC comment for the Planning Inspectorate by 22/23 Oct on terms to be AGREED.

**106/19: LICENSING AND FOOTPATHS**

It was AGREED that the proposed Henley Festival diversion of the towpath was acceptable.

**107/19: HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk said that RPC Traffic data 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) had been provided to Thames Valley Police and WBC. He said there had been no response. JH AGREED to take the matter up with Superintendent Felicity Parker (Thames Valley Police, LPA Commander Bracknell and Wokingham) for advice on the way forward.

**108/19: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk said that RPC might wish to consider the purchase before Brexit from Sierzega of a towpath monitor of bicycle numbers/speeds and a remote that would provide residents with a real-time estimate of the traffic queue on White Hill before they set off on a journey.

**109/19: OTHER MATTERS**

BR raised the matter of flooding in Aston Lane; JH said he would look into this.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Mon Nov 11th (8pm) in the Parish Hall

**ACTIONS:**

*JH will*

discover what WBC or BC Solutions will do about the listed structure behind the Thames Bridge Hose site that has collapsed.

discuss RPC traffic data 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 events (that have been provided to Thames Valley Police and WBC) with Superintendent Felicity Parker (Thames Valley Police, LPA Commander Bracknell and Wokingham).

agree terms with David Spragg and Andy Meacher/Pegasus on their generation of RPC responses for RPC on 3224323/322432 appeals (182327/182524) on Malmesbury/Park Place

seek WBC action on the oft-reported flooding in Aston Lane.

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*The Clerk will:*

write to WBC Planning to say that: On 192409 (Coach House, Matson Drive where a 4-bed dwelling was proposed after demolition of existing building) RPC had considered the application at its meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019, mentioning discussion that had taken place and saying RPC wished to make no comments, but asked the delegated the WBC Planning Officer to take action as appropriate.

write to Spragg-Meacher/Pegasus requesting their RPC responses for RPC on 3224323/322432 appeals (182327/182524) for Malmesbury/Park Place by 21<sup>st</sup> October

write to WBC to say that RPC found the Henley Festival diversion of the towpath acceptable.

Signed.....Chairman  
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