

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 9th Dec 2019 starting at 8:00pm
and finishing at 9:20pm (circulated 18th Dec 2019)

PRESENT: Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chairman)
John Merkel (JM; Deputy Chairman)
Franky Cookson (FC)
Darrel Poulos (DP)
Bill Ronald (BR)
Nigel Williams (NW)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance:
Frances Roche (FR)
Tim Roche (TR)

120/19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

CL was absent through illness.

121/19: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

122/19: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Deputy Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th Nov 2019 as a true record of that meeting.

123/19: MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk mentioned an email from Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association application for a donation. A donation of £100 was AGREED.

124/19: WEBSITE

FC described recent website use.

125/19: PLANNING

JH said that WBC was to be represented at the Appeals on Malmesbury/Park Place and that Pegasus would represent RPC. DP asked whether costs might be awarded. JH said he thought this was unlikely. The Clerk said that the sum set aside for legal advice in 2019-2020 (£8500) had been about right. On the collapse of the structure behind Thames Bridge House, JH thought that RPC did not need to take any action, but thanked The Clerk for circulating a suggested response. JH outlined the current position on Coach House, Matson Drive. The continued commercial parking of vehicles at Bird Place was raised by JM. It was AGREED that The Clerk would contact the Enforcement Officer.

126/19: LOCAL PLAN

JM said that the Local Plan was progressing. JH suggested he look at the Arborfield-Barkham local plan. JH wondered whether RPC should consider the whole of Remenham Parish (from Henley Bridge to Aston) should become a conservation area. The Clerk mentioned the application to include Remenham in the Chilterns ANOB. BR asked about the benefits for individual landowners. JH said the Local Plan would protect the environment and biodiversity. JM wondered whether licensing could be involved in the Local Plan. JH did not think so.

127/19: HIGHWAYS

JH apologised for contractors not completing road resurfacing near Henley Bridge on time. There was discussion about the road signs left on the A4130

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at night that were considered dangerous. JH suggested anyone seeing these should take a photograph, if it was safe so to do.

Following questions from FC, FR and TR, JH said that action was in hand on (i) extending the 30mph speed limit to beyond the entrance to Middle Culham Cottage and Culden Faw and (ii) making changes to the parking bays on Remenham, including their siting and time restrictions. The Clerk suggested that it would help in the next audit, if expenditure on this occurred before the end of March 2020. JH mentioned that in Twyford a living lamp-post had been installed to lower air pollutant levels.

128/19: HENLEY AND WOKINGHAM MATTERS

JH commented that the Henley traffic group may have lost some enthusiasm for one-way traffic management. JM said NHS Property was now taking action on parking at Townlands.

129/19: FINANCIAL MATTERS

There was some discussion of possible items of expenditure of CIL monies. DP suggested there was a prize for the best suggestion from residents. Following a discussion JH suggested that RPC (in line with WBC) raises its precept by 3.99%. The Clerk circulated the planned budget for 2019-2020 (Appendix 1). JH agreed to update this for 2020-2021 for The Clerk before RPC submission of its precept form C to WBC.

The Clerk said that he was still waiting for one Councillor signature on the NatWest e/telephone banking form. JH suggested that The Clerk should explore Handlesbanken in Henley as an alternative. This was AGREED.

A cheque for Pegasus was signed:

000701 £1685.42 Pegasus (Planning advice)

130/19: OTHER MATTERS

DP suggested RPC have a register of those who could provide a rapid-response on the chain-saw cutting of fallen trees; The Clerk said they would need to be insured.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Mon Jan 13th 2020 (8pm) in the Parish Hall

JH will

update the planned 2020-2021 budget for The Clerk before RPC submission of its precept form C to WBC

take action on (i) extending the 30mph speed limit to beyond the entrance to Middle Culham Cottage and Culden Faw and (ii) making changes to the parking bays on Remenham, including their siting and time restrictions.

The Clerk will

continue with completion of the NatWest e/telephone banking form and explore Handlesbanken in Henley as an alternative.

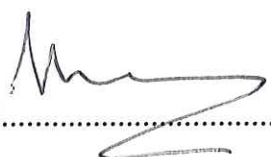
contact the Enforcement Officer over continued commercial parking at Bird Place.

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APPENDIX 1

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	Budget 2019-2020 (£)	Budget 2020-2021 (£)
INCOME		
Precept	24919	25913
Other receipts		6405
Bank interest	50	50
TOTAL INCOME	24969	32368
PAYMENTS		
Wages	3100	3250
Clerk & Other expenses	250	250
Advice: Licence/Planning/Legal	8500	8500
Chairman's expenses	2500	250
Local plan		
AGM expenses	300	300
Rent of Parish Hall	800	900
Newsletter donation	800	1100
Churchyard maintenance donation	800	900
Telephone box		
Website	1080	1080
Insurance	200	250
Electricity	400	400
External audit	300	300
Internal audit	150	150
SA litter & OCS dog-waste collection	2100	2100
PO Box	400	400
Postage, stationery, website-AV, Hall internet	100	628
BALC	100	100
CAB	100	100
Open spaces Society	100	100
Soc.Loc.Council Clerks	100	100
CPRE	100	100
TV ambulance, other donations	921	332
CIL infrastructure		6405
Traffic orders, signage, Highways & Pollution	22500	22500
Remenham Amateur Gardening		
Replacement street lights		
WBC advert		
RPC election printing		
Bench & noticeboard	680	680
Ten & gas heaters		
Public events		
Police	200	200
Miscellaneous		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	44331	51375
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-19362	-19007