

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 starting at 8:02pm  
and finishing at 9:31pm (circulated 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020)

**PRESENT:** Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chairman)  
John Merkel (JM; Deputy Chairman)  
Franky Cookson (FC)  
Chris Leeming (CL)  
Nigel Williams (NW)  
Clerk: Paul Sermon

**001/20: NOTE**

It was noted that the roles of JH and JM had reverted to their earlier ones.

**002/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Darrel Poulos (DP) and Bill Ronald (BR) sent their apologies.

**003/20: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Chris Leeming declared an interest in one planning item.

**004/20: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

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

**005/20: MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that NatWest had at last agreed to RPC moving to e-/telephone-banking. The Chairman thanked him for his efforts to ensure this occurred. After a discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk would investigate procedures used by other Parish Councils for approval of payments to be made and would circulate a suggested mechanism for payments up to £2000 prior to the next meeting.

**006/20: WEBSITE**

FC described recent increased website use, now with links the Kenton Theatre, etc. She mentioned a new Chinese search engine that might also be bringing new website visitors.

**007/20: PLANNING**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that in February the appeals (182327/182524) would be heard at Wokingham. There was some uncertainty about appeal APP/X0360/X/193233823 (Hermitage Cottage). It was AGREED that RPC would not comment on this or APP/X0360/D/19/3240053 (27 Aston Lane). The Clerk said he had contacted The Enforcement Officer about parking at Bird Place, but as yet he had received no answer.

**008/20: LICENCING**

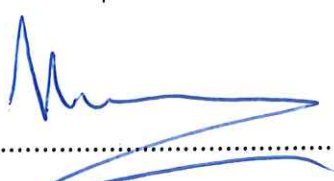
The Chairman described the salient points of an HRR debriefing meeting.

**009/20: LOCAL PLAN**

JH AGREED to send details of other Local Plans to JM/CL.

**010/20: FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk said that Michael Dudley had enquired whether RPC could talk to Copas about a new dog-waste bin on the towpath; it was AGREED that the Clerk would explore this. There was discussion about new conservation areas in Remenham. JM described the land adjacent to the Wargrave Road that might become, with CIL monies, a new conservation trail' planted with wild-flowers. JH said that this could be achieved through WBC Highways. JM though RPC might appoint a landscape architect. The proposal was AGREED.

Signed..........Chairman  
Page 2

10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

**011/20: HIGHWAYS**

JH said that the proposal to move the 30mph limit beyond Middle Culham Cottages was with residents for consultation. There was discussion about signs indicating the actual speed to vehicles on the A4130, but there was uncertainty as to whether this would slow vehicles down, or encourage them to drive even faster.

**012/20: HENLEY AND WOKINGHAM MATTERS**

JH commented changes to local government in Oxfordshire and the developing local plan at WBC.

**013/20: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

It was AGREED that RPC would remain with NatWest Bank in Henley for the moment and see how telephone/e-banking worked. A precept increase of 3.99% was confirmed (£25,913; see Appendix 1) with an outline budget (see Appendix 2) including a small change in The Clerk's wage to align with a national scale, an increased donation to Newsletter (£1100), Parish Hall (£900) and churchyard maintenance (£900) and also including CIL monies (£6450)

**014/20: DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Mon Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 (8pm) in the Parish Hall

ACTION LIST:

*JH will*

circulate other Local Plans to JM/CL

initiate discussions with WBC Highways and a landscape architect on the wild trail alongside the Wargrave Road

*The Clerk will*

investigate procedures used by other Parish Councils for approval of payments (up to £2000) to be made by internet/telephone banking

enquired whether Copas would consider a new dog-waste bin on the towpath with RPC meeting the cost of installation and emptying

Signed.....Chairman

Page 2

10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

**APPENDIX 1**

Signed.....Chairman  
Page 2

10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

APPENDIX B

INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED WITH COUNCIL TAX  
DEMAND NOTICES

TOWN/PARISH REVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

2020/2021  
£

1. TOWN/PARISH EXPENDITURE

51,375

2. DEDUCT INCOME FROM RENTS, FEES,  
GRANTS, CIL, CHARGES AND INTEREST

6,455

3. NET EXPENDITURE

44,920

4. ADDITIONS TO BALANCES

+

OR

MET FROM BALANCES

- 19,007

5. TOWN/PARISH PRECEPT

£ 25,913

Signed .....  
Town/Parish Clerk


Date 13th / Jan / 2020 .....

Please Return To: Mr. Mark Thompson,  
by Monday 3rd Senior Finance Specialist  
February 2020

email: mark.thompson@wokingham.gov.uk  
Cc business.services@wokingham.gov.uk



## APPENDIX 2

Signed..........Chairman  
Page 2

18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019



	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