

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 starting at 8:00pm  
and finishing at 9:20pm (circulated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020)

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

In attendance:  
Pat Sly (PSI)

**026/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There was one apology from Bill Ronald.

**027/20: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest. The Chairman provided the Clerk with an updated DoI. The Clerk asked other Councillors to update theirs.

**028/20: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 as a true record of that meeting.

**029/20: MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the status of Glebe Land. Pat Sly said she had relevant papers that could be available.

**030/20: CHAIR/DEPUTY CHAIR**

JM announced he wished to step down as Deputy Chair. JH asked for offers to take up the Deputy Chair role. DP said he was happy to act. This was AGREED.

**031/20: WEBSITE**

FC said that website use was down a little, but its use was still remarkably strong.

**032/20: PLANNING AND LICENSING**

Two planning matters were noted: Henley Bridge (200300) and Greensleeves (200458). After some discussion its AGREED that JH would take action on 200458.

**033/20: FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

JH updated the meeting about the consultation on the 30mph extension on the A4130 and parking bays on Remenham Lane. DP mentioned increased activity in White Hill Woods. CL asked about the damage to the S-bend and missing bollards in Remenham Lane. JH described the uncertain status of a drive affecting the new proposed wild trail alongside Wargrave Road that he said would need to be considered. It was AGREED that any design-construction work on this trail would need 3 quotes. CL asked about the availability of a definitive or interactive map for Remenham.

**034/20: HENLEY AND WOKINGHAM MATTERS**

CL mentioned issues of light pollution in Remenham.

**035/20: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk indicated the on-line banking payments that had been made in the last month (attached) that had been agreed at the Feb meeting (024/20). It was agreed that he should complete a standing order to take over website

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domain payments. The Clerk said that PKF were awaiting instructions on audits, but that Pat Sly had agreed to undertake the internal audit. With regard to obtaining a new contractor for emptying some dog-waste bins, the Clerk said he was in discussion with Volker Highways. JH suggested that he contact the Clerk at Wargrave Parish to ask about who now empties their dog-waste bins and then determine whether they would also be able to provide a quarterly caged lorry collection.

**036/20: OTHER MATTERS**

CL suggested RPC that in the context of the emerging COVID-19 threat RPC might want to update its Emergency Plan – possibly with a link from the Remenham website to WBC plans/announcements. DP said one could consider the use of 'yellow ribbons' for those self-isolating. JH thought it was important to have open lines of communication at this time. DP told the meeting about a burglary in Remenham and wondered whether number-plate recognition would be helpful in Remenham. Pat Sly mentioned that the bench on White Hill had been damaged by a tree fall, but appeared to have been repaired.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** (subject to COVID-19 restrictions) Mon April 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 (8pm) in the Parish Hall. The APM was set for 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 8pm).

*JH will*

act on Greensleeves (200458)

*The Clerk will*

enquire about dog-waste bin emptying  
organise payments for website domain

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