

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on line via MS TEAMS all on 13th April 2020 starting at 5:30pm and finishing at 6:55pm (circulated 14th April 2020)

ON-LINE: Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chairman)
Darrel Poulos (DP; Deputy Chairman)
Franky Cookson (FC)
Chris Leeming (CL)
John Merkel (JM)
Bill Ronald (BR)
Nigel Williams (NW)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

037/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

038/20: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

039/20: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2020 as a true record of that meeting.

040/20: MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk updated the meeting on a NatWest standing order error that he had corrected.

041/20: COVID-19 ISSUES

The Chairman explained the immense amount of work being undertaken by WBC to ensure that vulnerable residents were safe during the current emergency and was pleased that in Remenham neighbours were watching out for each other. JM and CL suggested the names of some residents who might need extra help. CL thought that coordination of such help would minimise shopping trips. BR wondered whether there were Government grants available to alleviate any financial burden. The Clerk said that JH should be very proud of the work WBC was doing.

042/20: WEBSITE

FC said that the website use remained strong in the current emergency and, in response to a question from DP, she said that only verified material was being uploaded.

043/20: PLANNING AND LICENSING

On Greensleeves (200458) The Chairman said that he had been asked about this planning application, which he had listed after the March RPC meeting. The Clerk subsequently reported that 200458 had been approved on 23rd March 2020. JM and CL reported dumping of material on the non-river side of the Wargrave Road opposite Thamesfield Cottage. The Chairman asked for photographs that he could forward to the Enforcement Officer requesting action. It appeared from an email received that a new application was being submitted on Coach House, Matson Drive.

044/20: FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

The Clerk thanked Nigel and Steve Allender for helping with dog-waste bin emptying while the OCS contract was re-organised. He said he had provided gloves, containers and grabbers. It was AGREED he would contact Wargrave Parish Council and Peter Baveystock to find the best way forward. JM indicated the names of some who could help with the wild trail beside the

Signed.....Chairman

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Wargrave Road. JH indicated that he would ask WBC Highways to undertake
(i) repairs to lost/damaged barriers and edge markers on Remenham Lane
and
(ii) surface cobbling/drain upgrade outside the Parish Hall.

045/20: LICENSED EVENTS

It was noted that several local events were now cancelled in the current emergency, but that lower traffic levels may have allowed fauna to be more audible and visible to residents. The Clerk AGREED to make a list of current event licenses in Remenham for legal advice to be sought.

046/20: FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was AGREED that The Clerk would generate a bid to SSE under their Resilient Communities grant call and would circulate this before the deadline. The Clerk explained that RPC would soon have received approximately £33,000 CIL monies to spend on infrastructure in Remenham. The Clerk indicated the methodology used by Thurston Parish Councils and suggested how a simplified methodology might be used in Remenham. It was AGREED that The Clerk would compile a list of possible projects for the next meeting to enable consideration, after which it was AGREED there would need to be a prioritisation with residents. Following a question from CL, it was AGREED that The Clerk would seek the Glebe Land documents and conditions of sale from the Diocesan Office.

047/20: OTHER MATTERS

JH indicated that the current emergency meant that there was now no need for the May APM. It was agreed that the next RPC meeting would be virtual, using MS TEAMS.

DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING 11th May 2020 at 5:30pm

JH will

ask WBC Highways to undertake

- (i) repairs to lost/damaged barriers and edge markers on Remenham Lane and
- (ii) surface cobbling/drain upgrade outside the Parish Hall.

contact the Enforcement Officer regarding the possible dumping of material opposite Thamesfield Cottage

The Clerk will

generate and circulate a bid for SSE Resilient Communities grant funding
make a list of current event licenses in Remenham for legal advice to be sought
contact Wargrave PC, OCS and Peter Baveystock (WBC) about future emptying of dog-waste bins
compile a list of possible CIL projects for the next meeting to enable consideration
seek the Glebe Land documents and conditions of sale from the Diocesan Office

Signed..........Chairman

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