

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on line via MS TEAMS all on 11th May 2020 starting at 5:15pm and finishing at 6:32pm (circulated 17th May 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

In attendance:
Felicity Rutland
Mark Banks (MB)
Sue Perry-Whitehead

048/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

049/20: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

050/20: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2020 as a true record of that meeting.

051/20: MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk updated the meeting on ongoing discussions with OCS/Volker Highways on emptying of dog-waste bins, completed repairs to the stile and noticeboard and the SSE Resilient Fund application that had been formulated but not approved/submitted.

052/20: COVID-19 ISSUES

The Chairman updated the meeting on COVID-19 progress in Wokingham Borough. He suggested that social distancing might be in place for a year.

053/20: WEBSITE

FC said that the website use remained strong with increasing numbers of page impressions, but decreasing numbers of unique visitors.

054/20: PLANNING AND LICENSING

On 200885 (Coach House) The Chairman summarised resident's comments submitted to the WBC Planning website. He invited MB to summarise the application and changes made since an earlier application. Following a discussion, it was AGREED that The Clerk should write to WBC Planning to say that RPC had no comments. JM mentioned work on a new foundation at Green Isle and concrete waste appearing opposite Thamesfield Cottage. It was AGREED the Clerk would ask the Enforcement Officer to investigate.

055/20: FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

JM asked if the Rights of Way Officer at WBC might look into the narrowing of the towpath near Temple Island that was making social distancing difficult. It was AGREED the Clerk would ask for the matter to be checked. On the wild trail along the Wargrave Road JM agreed to enquire who might provide landscape advice and a tree survey. The Clerk asked if there was an unapproved drive across the trail. NG said that the emptying of the dog-

Signed.....Chairman

waste bins appeared to be continuing. BR mentioned a bike accident caused he thought by the uneven road near Old Blades. JH agreed to ask Highways to take action.

056/20: LOCAL PLAN

JH mentioned that the Wokingham Local Plan has to be reconsidered.

057/20: LICENSED EVENTS

The Chairman said that he had yet to contact Sarah Clover.

058/20: FINANCIAL MATTERS

Account statements, payments and receipts covering the last month were approved. It was AGREED that The Clerk should make ICO (GDPR; £40.00), Open Spaces (£45.00) and expenses (£147.56) payments. The Clerk circulated a list of possible CIL projects to be the basis of a future discussion, but said a mechanism would need to be devised involving residents.

059/20: OTHER MATTERS

There was discussion whether ZOOM might be tried for the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING 8th June 2020 at 5:30pm

JH will

ask WBC Highways to take action on the uneven road near Old Blades


The Clerk will

write to WBC Planning to say that RPC had no comments on 200885 (Coach House).

ask the Enforcement Officer to investigate the new foundation at Green Isle and concrete waste appearing opposite Thamesfield Cottage

ask the WBC Rights of Way Officer to investigate towpath narrowing near Temple Island

make agreed payments

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