

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on line via ZOOM on 8th June 2020 starting at 5:30pm and finishing at 6:30pm (circulated 12th June 2020)

ON-LINE: Cllrs John Halsall (JH; Chairman)
John Merkel (JM)
Bill Ronald (BR)
Nigel Williams (NW)
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance:
Felicity Rutland (FR)

060/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Darrel Poulos sent his apologies, Franky Cookson and Chris Leeming were unfortunately unable to log into the ZOOM meeting, but communicated via email. The Clerk asked if any residents had been invited to join the meeting?

061/20: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

062/20: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2020 as a true record of that meeting.

063/20: MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk updated the meeting on emails from Richard Barraclough about rubbish collection on Ferry Lane, a cyclist on the uneven surface at one point on Remenham Lane, and Michael Dudley on the road surface at the end of Fulham Lane and (with others) on cyclists on the towpath. He said he had contact Highways on the road surface issues and the Enforcement Officer over two sites on the Wargrave Road, the WBC Rights of Way Officer over the towpath narrowing near Temple Island and the Diocesan Office about Glebe land.

064/20: COVID-19 ISSUES

JM raised the issue of waste/bottle collection from residents who were self-isolating in the current pandemic. JH offered to help. The Clerk wondered whether the matter might be coordinated with the occasional caged lorry being available. The Clerk mentioned the enquiry from Father Jeremy about possible Local Government support for the Parish Hall in the current pandemic. The Chairman said that it would be possible if the Parish Hall, rather than a Church Hall.

065/20: WEBSITE

Statistics were provided by Steve Hounscome. It appeared that the website use remained strong with increasing numbers of page impressions, but decreasing numbers of unique visitors.

066/20: PLANNING AND LICENSING

On 201145 (Century House), it was AGREED that this would be listed and that the Clerk would obtain more information that would be circulated. The Chairman said that Henley Festival had applied to hold an open-air cinema even in Butler's field, but that toilet facilities in the current pandemic might be a problem. JM said he was happy with the Enforcement Officer's actions on issues along the Wargrave Road.

067/20: FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

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

On the narrowing of the towpath near Temple Island reported at the last meeting. The Clerk said he had contacted the Rights-of-Way Officer at WBC, who had asked for information about exactly where the narrowing occurred. The Chairman offered to speak to the WBC Officer to explain the location. The Clerk showed emails from residents about cycling on the footpath. In a discussion it was felt that RPC did not want to see urbanisation of the towpath with extra signage, but rather it wanted to see pedestrians and cyclists sharing the towpath space considerably. The Clerk said he would find examples of possible signs from elsewhere on the Thames Path for the next meeting. On Remenham lane parking bays JH said that work was approved. On the 30mph speed limit on the A4130 to beyond Middle Culham Cottages, JH said that the process of asking residents for their views was in hand.

068/20: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk provided a bank statement for that day. This was noted by the meeting. The Annual Governance Statement for 2019/2020 was approved for audit purposes. It was AGREED that JH be reimbursed for the annual fee for coordinating ZOOM meetings.

069/20: OTHER MATTERS

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

DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING 13th July 2020 at 5:30pm

JH will

ask WBC Highways to take action on the missing edge signs on Remenham Lane between Old Blades and UTRC.

The Clerk will

obtain examples of possible signs from elsewhere on the Thames Path.
obtain further information on 201145 (Century House) and circulate this
make payment to JH to cover the ZOOM fee

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

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