

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on-line on 14th Dec 2020 starting at 5:30pm
and finishing at 6:50pm (circulated 18th Dec 2020)

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

In attendance: Ed Warner (ED; HRR) & residents (no register taken)

105/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies, apart from those from Chris Leeming (CL) and GigaClear (who received an invitation too late and who it was AGREED would be invited for the next meeting). Remotely, Chris Morris agreed that his intended presentation (minus maps) would be made available (see Appendix) prior to the Jan RPC meeting. The Clerk apologised that he was suffering with virus-induced vertigo (but not covid-19).

106/20: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

107/20: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

108/20: MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk indicated that all of the towpath signs had now been installed and that the larger Wybone dog-waste bin for outside the Parish Hall would arrive the next day and installed this Friday or Saturday.

109/20: PLANNING AND LICENSING

There was a brief discussion of 203089 (Five Horseshoes House) and 20303/4 (Henley Bridge) where RPC comments were not sought, followed by a longer discussion on

- (i) 203120/1 (Little Angel)
- (ii) The Burrow (no application made yet)

In 203120/1 Little Angel was requesting car park management & signs. Here RPC was concerned about the effect of urbanisation by signage and camera(s) in a rural conservation area and especially the height of signs/lighting. RPC is asked for its views by 27th Dec. It was AGREED that RPC would ask Pegasus for advice.

On The Burrow (opposite Aspen/Riverside on the Wargrave Road) RPC had asked WBC Enforcement to look at extensive groundwork being undertaken in a green belt field in the flood plain. Apparently, this is associated with a future application for which an agent has been appointed. It was AGREED that The Chairman would ask Enforcement to escalate their action. Subsequently, Pegasus advised RPC might need to await submission of an application, including the groundworks already undertaken. The Clerk

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reminded the meeting that the gated entrance involved may not have approval from WBC Planning.

110/20: WEBSITE

Nov statistics were summarised by FC, who mentioned the effect of covid-19 on website use.

111/20: FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

After describing on-going signage and road marking work, The Chairman invited Ed Warner (HRR) to speak on parking bays in Remenham Lane. EW mentioned the need for access to emergency vehicles, when the parking bays were occupied. DP saw some logic to having parking at a wider point in Remenham Lane. The Chairman asked whether there could be an opening in the hedge at such a point or some sacrificing of the hedge at some point. EW thought not. BR thought some parking was important to residents for limited periods. No decisions were made, but it was AGREED the matter would be reconsidered.

112/20: WOKINGHAM AND HENLEY MATTERS

The Chairman reported that WBC had worked well in the pandemic. He described on-going discussions about the 3rd Thames bridge and a heavy vehicle exclusion zone around Henley Bridge.

113/20: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk provided bank account statements and lists of all banking activity. These were approved. He said payments in the last month had been to Wybone (£419.98 excl VAT) and for the external audit (£240.00) which had said had been accepted. BR thanked The Clerk for his work on the accounts/audit.

The Clerk suggested that a WasteKing caged lorry collection from Wargrave Road, the Parish hall and The Flower Pot (£320 + VAT) should be organised for April. This was AGREED. It was suggested that the method of informing residents should be carefully thought through to avoid non-residents using the service.

The Clerk suggested that RPC should consider its precept and budget for 2021-2022 in January. He gave illustrative spreadsheets. One figure discussed was 2.99%. The Chairman said WBC would be deciding its budget on 23rd Dec.

The Clerk said that RPC CIL receipts were now more than £30,000 and that it would be sensible to consider CIL expenditure early in 2021 as non-wage expenditure (currently about £12,000 was lower than expected – even after payment for oak towpath signs). This was AGREED. The Clerk outlined suggestions made for CIL expenditure and actions needed to enact this:

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Paving and stone bench outside the Parish Hall	3 quotations (Oscar Sly Landscapes; Oxford & County; New Driveways (Reading). WBC Highways agreement to kerb and drain work from Remenham Farm
Improving 1 Westcotec speed warning on A4130 to indicate vehicle speed. Adding on sign at Middle Culham. Adding air quality/traffic data on another.	WBC Traffic Management agreement

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Obtaining an ecological-biodiversity survey for the Parish with a report/recommendation and a design plan for a wild trail on the Wargrave Road for construction.	3 quotations (Conservefor; ARBTech; Betts Ecology & Estates).
Large litter bin in Ferry Lane	£600. 2 other quotes. Check with Peter Baveystock (WBC)
Swimming steps near Riverside Barn offices	3 quotes. Copas-EA agreement; insurance cover

It was agreed that he would obtain quotes.

The Chairman outlined his thoughts on Community Assets, which would bring funding to these assets. BR indicated that in one discussion he had had there had been some concern that this was a takeover by RPC. The Chairman explained how this could not be the case.

DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING 11th January 2021 at 5:30pm.

ACTIONS:

The Chairman will:

invite GigaClear to the Jan meeting well in advance

ask Enforcement to escalate their action on The Burrow (opposite Aspen/Riverside on the Wargrave Road)

obtain for the Jan meeting the following agreements

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The Clerk will:

would contact Pegasus on 203120/1 (Little Angel) asking for advice.

organise a WasteKing caged lorry collection from Wargrave Road, the Parish hall and The Flower Pot in April after it was decided how to inform residents and not others and when the range of items for collection was decided.

refine the budget and precept suggestion for the Jan meeting (after being informed by The Chairman of WBC figures).

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APPENDIX

GIGACLEAR presentation in black/white (minus maps)

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