

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on-line on 11th Jan 2021 starting at 5:30pm
and finishing at 7:20pm (circulated 14th Jan 2021)

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

In attendance: Chris Morris (CM; GigaClear), Sue Laing (SL) and 10 residents

001/21: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Darrel Poulos (DP) was unwell and sent his apologies. JH apologised for the delays and difficulties in joining the start of the meeting

002/21: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared an interest in one planning matter (203127 in 006/21).

003/21: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14th Dec 2020 as a true record of that meeting.

004/21: MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk indicated that Wybone had agreed to provide a dark green paint for the larger Wybone dog-waste bin for outside the Parish Hall.

005/21: GIGACLEAR

The Chairman welcomed CM to the meeting. CM described in detail GigaClear's plans for ultrafast optical-fibre internet throughout Remenham Parish and methods and timescales involved. There was discussion about needing to involve all residents, likely costs, modes of roll out, relationship to other cable laying on White Hill, modes of fibre entry to houses and comparisons of 5G with the GigaClear plans. It was subsequently noted that

- (i) the GigaClear PowerPoint presentation was available in the Dec minutes
- (ii) residents and businesses could check on the GigaClear website (<https://www.gigaclear.com>) whether they were covered by the plans and could also register their interest on the same website and
- (iii) CM (Chris Morris (Community Engagement Manager, GigaClear South Central; chris.morris@gigaclear.com; 07967 443214) would answer any questions.

It was subsequently AGREED that The Clerk would circulate this information to residents and businesses via the notice in the Appendix which would appear on the website and the noticeboard. The Chairman thanked CM for his presentation and answering questions.

006/21: PLANNING AND LICENSING

There was a discussion of 203127 (Bird Place parking) and 203436 (Shepherd's hut at Hobb's moorings). It was AGREED that The Clerk would seek deadline extensions and Pegasus advice. Subsequently it was AGREED that RPC would object to both applications. JM and JH described progress on The Burrow.

Signed.....Chairman

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007/21: WEBSITE

Dec statistics were summarised by FC. Now the website talked of virtual meetings. JM suggested his RPC email should be deleted by SH/PAS. This was AGREED.

008/21: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk provided bank account statements and lists of all banking activity. These were approved. He said he needed to pay for a contractor to paint the larger dog-waste bin and treat the oak towpath signs. This was AGREED.

It was AGREED that a 5% increase in precept should be set for 2021-2022. The Clerk was asked to prepare the budget and WBC precept forms for circulation and submission after approval.

There was discussion of potential RPC CIL expenditure starting in Jan-Mar 2021 in the light of quotes provided by The Clerk (TC) before the meeting. The following projects were AGREED. A small oversight group was asked to take each project forward within the costs shown, considering best value, rather than the cheapest quote.

Project	Oversight	Approval Required	Price range (£K)
Tegular paving & stone bench outside the Parish Hall	BR, NW & TC	PCC, Parish Hall Comm, Father Tayler, Resident's panel & WBC Highways (JH)	£ 9-14K
3 Westcotec speed indication signs on A4130	TC	WBC Traffic Managt (JH)	£11-12K
Parish ecological-biodiversity survey and wild trail work	JM, CL & TC	WBC Property (JH)	£ 9-10K
Large Litter bin in Ferry Lane	BR & TC		£1K

The Chairman asked The Clerk to enquire about options for Community Assets. SL said she would be concerned if that related to the Church-owned Parish Hall. The Chairman explained that Community Assets did not involve a change of ownership.

DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING 8th February 2021 at 5:30pm.

ACTIONS:

The Chairman will:

Obtain WBC Highways approval of drain-kerbing work between Remenham Farm and the Parish Hall

Obtain WBC Traffic management approval of changes to traffic speed signs on A4130

Signed.....Chairman

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Obtain from WBC Property approval for the wild trail alongside the A321
Wargrave Road

The Clerk will:

seek Pegasus advice on 203127 (Bird Place parking) and 203436
(Shepherd's hut at Hobb's moorings)

ask SH to delete JM's RPC email

pay for a contractor to paint the larger dog-waste bin and treat the oak
towpath signs.

produce the +5% precept form and budget for circulation and approval

take to PCC, Parish Hall Committee and Father Jeremy Tayler the suggestion
of paving outside the Parish Hall

liaise with

BR/NW on paving/bench outside the Parish Hall

JM/CL on the ecological-biodiversity survey and work on the wild trail

BR on the large litter bin in Ferry Lane

enquire about options for Community Assets

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APPENDIX

GigaClear Plans in Remenham

Minute 005/21 on the Remenham Parish Council (RPC) meeting on 11th Jan 2021 when Chris Morris (CM) of GigaClear was virtually in attendance:

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Paul Sermon (The Clerk to RPC)

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