

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on-line on 8th March 2021 starting at 5:30pm and finishing at 6:45pm (circulated 20th March 2021)

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

Those in attendance included: Charlotte Every (CE)

021/21: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

022/21: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

023/21: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8th Feb 2021 as a true record of that meeting.

024/21: MATTERS ARISING

Planning application 203596 (2 Riverside) was considered as a subcommittee after the Feb RPC meeting and having visited 3 Riverside and taken Pegasus advice, RPC decided to object.

025/21: PLANNING

There was discussion on 210519 (Woodlands House/The Burrow/Stables). JM suggested the application should be listed and that sometimes 20-40 cars were parked at the site. It was felt that the level of parking should be justified. DP thought that a 2m high fence would not be good for wildlife. It was AGREED The Chairman would list the application and the Clerk would ask Pegasus for advice and then submit an approved comment to WBC Planning.

On 210465 (Five Horseshoes House) there was discussion about the plans for 18-20 cars which would increase local traffic flows, that it was better to have smaller accommodation units and that the % volume increase of the extension proposed was too large. FC thought the extension to be demolished had been a kitchen/toilet facility. It was AGREED that JH would list the application and The Clerk would seek planning advice, request an extension in the deadline for comments, would circulate suggested comments for approval and then submit approved comments to WBC Planning.

There were no comments on 210437 (Coach House, Matson Drive).

026/21: CIL PROJECTS AND LOCAL PLAN

JM outlined a useful meeting on CIL project progression with Simon Price and other WBC staff the previous Friday. It was AGREED Simon should be invited to the April RPC meeting to explain how the 4 RPC CIL projects could proceed with WBC Highways/Planning/Property/CIL/EA approvals:

Regular paving outside the Parish Hall and lane drainage

Westcotec speed indication signs on A4130

Parish ecological-biodiversity survey and wild trail work

Parking control, slipway and large litter bin(s) in Ferry Lane

JM said the wild trail might involve RPC licensing-insurance-signage matters and asked that work on the biodiversity-ecological survey should start as soon as possible.

BR said that Aston residents wished to see 2.5m logs placed on verges up to 100m from the slipway, 2 large litter bins placed near the slipway, repairs to the slipway and suitable signs. CL said he was against too many signs. JH said signs would need to be cleared by Highways. The Clerk reported that possible costs might be: Culden Faw logs £500, Woodside Farm log moving £500 and the litter bins might cost £1000 + VAT. CE asked that the litter bins were not located near the adjacent boathouse. This was agreed.

027/21: COMMUNITY ASSET LIST

The Clerk gave a published example of the operation of the Community Asset List/Localism Act and AGREED to contact Mark Tomkinson for a Wokingham perspective. Mark is WBC's Community Engagement Officer (communityengagement@wokingham.gov.uk).

028/21: WEBSITE

February website statistics were summarised by FC.

029/21: LICENSING

It was felt that no comments needed to be made on a licence application made by Henley Rowing Club. The Chairman asked that legal advice on all event licences in Remenham should be sought from Sarah Glover. This was AGREED.

030/21: FOOTPATHS, TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

The Chairman said that Copas had asked for an RPC contribution to repairing the edge of the riverbank opposite Temple Island. CL thought that a contribution was not justified. There was a discussion about towpath and safety issues. The Clerk mentioned subsequently he would be meeting with Cook Pilling on a quote for repairing the Aston slipway, where the bank was eroding. DP and JH both mentioned possible HGV restrictions in the Henley area. CL reported repairs to Remenham Lane barriers.

031/21: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk provided a statement of transactions on RPC's current account. These were approved.

032/21: ANY OTHER MATTERS

There was discussion about the date of the APM. The Clerk said NALC advice was to have this virtually in April. It was decided to hold the APM after the May elections (10th May?) possibly outside in the grounds of the Parish Hall with relevant social distancing.

DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING 12th April 2021 at 5:30pm.

ACTIONS:

The Chairman will:

seek legal advice on all event licences in Remenham from Sarah Glover

The Clerk will:

submit RPC's/Pegasus' response on 210519 (Woodlands House/The Burrow) and on 210465 (Five Horseshoes House) to WBC Planning

invite Simon Price and other WBC staff to the April RPC meeting to describe outstanding WBC approvals/permissions for the 4 CIL projects

contact Mark Tomkinson for a Wokingham perspective on Community Asset Lists/Localism Act

