

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on-line on 8th Feb 2021 starting at 5:30pm
and finishing at 6:50pm (circulated 10th Feb 2021)

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

Those in attendance included: Emma Abbott, Alison Barraclough (AB), Richard Barraclough (RB), David Cook, Alex Dick (AD), Charlotte Every (CE) George Constantinidi (GC), Sue Laing (SL), Pat Sly and Anthony West (AW)

The Chairman welcomed everyone and asked for a few moments of silence to mark the sad passing of Aldwyn Cooper.

009/21: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Darrel Poulos (DP) sent his apologies and Chris Leeming (CL) was unable to log-in to the meeting.

010/21: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman, BR and FR mentioned that they were members of or associated with Leander (and that this might be relevant to 013/21 (210130)).

011/21: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th Jan 2021 as a true record of that meeting.

012/21: MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk outlined actions taken in the last month. He said that RPC's response to Bird Place and Hobb's Moorings had been agreed and submitted to WBC Planning and could be found on their website. He said RPC's agreed precept form had been submitted. He said he was waiting for the green paint for the larger dog-waste bin outside the Parish Hall.

013/21: PLANNING

JM said that no planning application had yet been received by WBC on The Burrow, despite fencing and groundwork taking place. GC questioned why WBC Enforcement were not taking action. The Clerk said he thought the matter was now with WBC Property.

There was a discussion of planning applications 210130 (Leander Club), 203507 (Remenham Farm) and 203479 (Thamesfield Cottage). On the first two it was AGREED that RPC would make no comments. On 203479 BR wondered exactly where the summerhouse would be placed. It was AGREED that The Clerk would investigate the proposed summerhouse location by a COVID-19 safe site visit. Following this visit and clarification it was AGREED that RPC would make no comments on 203479.

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Subsequently, an application on 2 Riverside (203596) was subsequently considered by a subcommittee of RPC and

014/21: CIL PROJECTS AND LOCAL PLAN

It was AGREED that subject to WBC Highways/Planning/Property/CIL approvals RPC should initiate work on the following four CIL projects outlined by BR/NW/TC/JM

Project	Approval Still Required
Tegular paving & stone bench outside the Parish Hall	WBC Highways
3 Westcotec speed indication signs on A4130	WBC Traffic Managt
Parish ecological-biodiversity survey and wild trail work	WBC Property
Large Litter bin in Ferry Lane	

AW asked if all water draining from the paved area would be removed by Highways drainage. The Clerk confirmed that Highways had been asked to improve drainage between Remenham Farm and the Parish Hall. The Clerk said he thought the survey would be the basis of a Local Plan in 2021-2022.

015/21: COMMUNITY ASSET LIST

The Clerk outlined the background and nature of a Community Assets List and gave examples in Wokingham borough area. There was a detailed initial discussion on this with contributions from BR, AW, SL and others. The Clerk was asked to bring more details back to the RPC March meeting.

016/21: WEBSITE

January website statistics were summarised by FC.

017/21: LICENSING

The Clerk mentioned that Culden Faw Estate and Remenham/Aston were the location of a televised celebrity challenge on 9th/10th March.

018/21: FOOTPATHS, TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

The Clerk mentioned that he and DP had accompanied an intrepid Rambler on the Wilminster (but not Woodlands House) footpath-in-time-of-flood (after seeking the approval of the landowner). The Rambler had submitted comments to WBC RoW office.

019/21: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk provided a statement of transactions on RPC's current account. These were approved. The Precept form submitted (see Appendix) was noted.

020/21: ANY OTHER MATTERS

RB introduced some thoughts on how the effects of the expected influx of summer visitors in 2021 might be controlled via control of car parking and more frequent litter collection, with costs met by licenced event profits. CE supported such aims and wondered if police could investigate at weekends. BR also endorsed the aims outlined and wondered if strategically placed logs from the Culden Faw estate and single-track road signs would be helpful in Aston's Ferry lane. Alex Dick suggested the estate introduce temporary fence and cattle into the field at the end of Ferry Lane to reduce public access to the whole field while not hindering those walking the Thames Path/towpath. The Chairman asked BR to work with RB/AB/AD/CE and others in the next

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month. He was asked to come back with a locally-agreed plan for Aston to the March RPC meeting.

AB asked if RPC could ensure there would not be an ice cream vendor allowed in Ferry Lane. JH said he did not expect such a vendor would be allowed to operate there.

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

ACTIONS:

The Chairman will:

facilitate the necessary WBC approvals for the 4 CIL projects by the end of February

The Clerk will:

submit RPC responses to 210130 (Leander Club), 203507 (Remenham Farm) and 203479 (Thamesfield Cottage) to WBC Planning

organise a subcommittee meeting to consider subsequently the 2 Riverside (203596) planning application possibly also obtaining Pegasus advice and circulate outcomes and submit agreed RPC response to WBC Planning

continue to ask for outstanding WBC approvals/permissions for the 4 CIL projects outlines by BR, NW, JM and TC and initiate work on these by the end of March 2021

obtain a thorough description of Community Assets and the Localism Act to the March RPC meeting

BR will with RB/AB/AD/CE

come back to the March RPC meeting with a locally-agreed plan for Aston to ease expected summer 2021 problems

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APPENDIX

PRECEPT FORM

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APPENDIX B

INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED WITH COUNCIL TAX
DEMAND NOTICES

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

2021/2022
£

1. TOWN/PARISH EXPENDITURE

37175

2. DEDUCT INCOME FROM RENTS, FEES,
GRANTS, CIL, CHARGES AND INTEREST

3010

3. NET EXPENDITURE

34175

4. ADDITIONS TO BALANCES

+

OR

MET FROM BALANCES

6966

5. TOWN/PARISH PRECEPT

27209

Signed

Town/Parish Clerk

Date 3rd/11/2021

Please Return To:
by Friday 5th
February 2020

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