

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on-line on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 starting at 5:30pm  
and finishing at 6:45pm (circulated 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020)

**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)  
Clerk: Paul Sermon

In attendance:  
Felicity Rutland (FR)

### **098/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies, apart from those from GigaClear (who it was AGREED would be invited for the Dec meeting).

### **099/20: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **100/20: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 as a true record of that meeting.

### **101/20: MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk indicated that newly arrived towpath signs would be installed on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov at locations mentioned in 104/20. The meeting considered the Remenham Lane parking bays in the light of emails from Ed Warner (HRR) and AGREED that work should be completed by Highways and that RPC wished to re-consider the bays in March 2020. The Clerk mentioned CIL Parish Spend & Co-funding Bids (Jenna Williams, WBC) and it was AGREED RPC would consider a CIL list compiled and circulated by The Clerk at its Dec meeting. The Clerk said that he had received from WBC electoral services a list of Remenham addresses (without names). FR said she thought this would be useful in distributing future Newsletters. The Clerk said he had not had a reply from WBC Traffic Management/Highways on the proposal to update traffic speed signs on White Hill (A4130). The Clerk reported concerns from Michael Dudley on the overflowing state of the dog-waste bin outside the Parish Hall; he said he had asked Urbaner and if a response was not forthcoming the following day, he would deal with the matter.

### **102/20: PLANNING AND LICENSING**

There were no new planning applications, but JM mentioned that work had been noticed on what might be a new build opposite Aspen/Riverside on the Wargrave Road. The name was apparently The Burrows. It was AGREED that The Clerk would obtain some photos and circulate these, to allow a decision on whether to request an investigation by the Enforcement Officer.

### **103/20: WEBSITE**

Statistics were summarised by FC, who went on to describe the extensive work undertaken by Steve Hounsborne (SH) to make the website WCAG compliant. The Clerk suggested that SH should be formally thanked for all

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his hard work. This was AGREED. The Clerk asked that a form cancelling the standing order for the BT Parish Hall internet connection should be signed in readiness for cancelling the existing contract. The Clerk mentioned there had been a problem with contact page on the website suggesting contact via clerk@remenhamparish.org (rather than clerk4remnpc@gmail.com). It was AGREED this would be resolved. CL asked if the mechanism of virtual meetings could be made simpler. The Clerk will ask SH.

**104/20: FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

BR subsequently suggested the locations for the final towpath signs (see APPENDIX 1). NW said maintenance would be required to stop sign damage by water ingress. The Clerk said he would ask the contractor to use Danish Oil or an equivalent. CL asked about barriers on Remenham Lane and whether in this pandemic period the towpath could be widened. It was AGREED that the rights of Way Officer and HRR-L/COPAS would be contacted.

**105/20: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk provided bank account statements and lists of all banking activity (see APPENDIX 2). These were approved. In the last month there had been the payment of £600 to SH and a repayment of VAT by HMRC. BR asked about the mechanism for approval of payments. The Clerk said all payments had to be approved at the previous RPC meeting. It was AGREED that the Clerk would produce and circulate a list a potential CIL projects for the next meeting. He indicated that in any discussion with WBC regarding cobbling in front of the Parish Hall or traffic speed signs on White Hill he had always mentioned joint WBC-RPC 50:50 expenditure. Corrections required to page 5 of the external audit were noted. The Clerks expenses for June-Nov 2020 were AGREED (see Appendix 3). The Clerk said he was in discussions with SSE about the cost of three street lights rising from £220 to £480 a year. DP wondered whether RPC could change supplier. The Clerk AGREED to look into this.

**DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 5:30pm.

**ACTIONS:**

*The Chairman will:*

Resolve the possible problem with contact page on the website suggesting contact via clerk@remenhamparish.org (rather than clerk4remnpc@gmail.com)

*The Clerk will:*

invite GigaClear to the Dec meeting

complete and circulate a CIL list

deal with the dog-waste bin

obtain some photos of The Burrow site and circulate these to allow a decision on whether to request the Enforcement Officer should investigate

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formally thank SH for all his hard work on WCAG for the website

circulate a form cancelling the standing order for the BT Parish Hall internet connection for signing

ask SH if the mechanism of virtual meetings could be made simpler

send the location photographs to COPAS, HRR-L and the contractor for towpath sign location (asking the contractor to use Danish Oil to make the signs last longer)

produce and circulate a list a potential CIL projects

discussion with SSE the cost of 3 street lights

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## APPENDIX 1

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