

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on-line on 14th June 2021 starting at 5:30pm
and finishing at 6:50pm (circulated 15th June 2021)

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

Those in attendance included: Polly Hogan (PH) and Pat Sly (PSI)

060/21: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Franky Cookson and Chris Leeming.

061/21: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

062/21: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2021 (confirming these as a true record of that meeting).

063/21: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The Clerk reported that (i) RPC comments on 2 Riverside and Woodlands House overspill carpark planning applications had been submitted and (ii) a meeting with WBC Highways had taken place with JH/TC attending virtually, (iii) Culden Faw logs had been placed on verges in Ferry Lane, Aston and (iv) conservation signs had been ordered and had arrived.

064/21: MODE OF MEETINGS

Following discussion, it was AGREED that the next July meeting would be face-to-face and at 8:00pm, subject to Govt. announcements.

065/21: STANDING ORDERS

The Chairman circulated an amended draft of the Standing Orders suggested by TC based on a NALC template and it was AGREED that these would be considered in July.

066/21: PLANNING

Consideration was given to (i) 211900 (Coach House). It was AGREED that RPC would make no comments and (ii) 211696 (Ondine) where there was concern about the building height and it was AGREED that TC would circulate comments from Pegasus and then RPC would oppose this further development on the Wargrave Road.

The Chairman said he had been asked for his views on the return of antiquities from Templecombe Farm to the island of Jersey. The Clerk reported that the shepherd's hut refused for Hobbs moorings on the Wargrave Road remained in place. JH agreed to ask enforcement to take action.

It was noted that Andy Meader was leaving Pegasus but that he was happy to continue to give advice to RPC.

067/21: CIL PROJECTS

It was noted WBC had approved paving outside the Parish Hall subject to some conditions. PSI said she thought spare paving blocks could be held at the Parish Hall. It was AGREED that the scheme should proceed with additional quotes from those with licence 50 for alternative permeable surfaces, provided WBC would improve drainage on the lane.

Chairman



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It was AGREED that the Clerk would chase WBC up on approval of the Wargrave Road wild trail/biodiversity survey.

There was appreciation that RPC had organised the Culden Faw logs on verges in Ferry Lane, Aston. It was AGREED that these would be adjusted in position and staked this week by the contractor. There was surprise on the unexpected WBC signage that had just appeared on Ferry Lane regarding Covid-19-based restrictions on parking. The Clerk said that this had not been part of the RPC-WBC Highways discussions. PH wondered what the WBC signs would achieve. JH said they would allow traffic wardens to operate in the area. BR thought they might create problems not envisaged (e.g. parking tickets for boat/slipway users) and went further than residents wanted.

068/21: WEBSITE

May website statistics were summarised.

069/21: LICENSING

It was AGREED the contractor would install conservation signs on UTRC land.

070/21: FOOTPATHS, TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

It was AGREED that the broken cycling sign on the towpath near UTRC would be repaired. PH asked for work to improve Aston Lane, where loose gravel was a cycling hazard and drainage/passing places were an issue. The Chairman said he would like a summary of issues with photographs to take to WBC Highways.

071/21: FINANCIAL MATTERS

Pat Sly was thanked for undertaking the internal audit so efficiently. The annual governance statement was APPROVED by RPC. The accounting statements for 2020-2021 were read and APPROVED by all councillors present. It was AGREED that AGAR Audit documents should be signed by The Chairman and The Clerk and submitted to the external auditor.

072/21: ANY OTHER MATTERS

It was AGREED that Chris Morris of Gigaclear would be invited to the July meeting.

DATE OF NEXT Face-2-Face MEETING 12th July 2021 at 8:00pm at the Parish Hall.

ACTIONS:

The Chairman will:

bring revised RPC Standing Orders back to the July meeting

ask WBC Highways to review their signage scheme for Ferry Lane, Aston in the light of resident's comments

take forward to WBC Highways a summary of resident's issues (with photographs) on Aston Lane

The Clerk will:

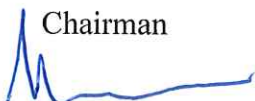
write to WBC Planning saying (i) it had no comments on 211900 (Coach House) and object to 211696 (Ondine) using Pegasus comments.

write to WBC Highways saying RPC wanted paving outside the Parish Hall to proceed and would obtain additional quotes from those with licence 50 for alternative permeable surfaces, but would want assurances that WBC would improve drainage on the lane.

chase WBC up on approval of the Wargrave Road wild trail/biodiversity survey

organise the contractor on adjusting in position/staking of logs on Ferry Lane, Aston

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get the contractor to repair the broken cycling sign on the towpath near UTRC and install the conservation sign at UTRC

send off audit documents

invite Gigaclear to the next July meeting

Chairman



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