

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Hall on 8th Nov 2021 starting at 6:05pm and finishing at 8:24pm (circulated 9th Nov 2021)

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

In attendance: Pat Sly (PSI); Felicity Rutland (FR)

106/21: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

107/21: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

108/21: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Vice-Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th Oct 2021 (confirming these as a true record of that meeting).

Outcomes of a virtual meeting between RPC and WBC Highways on 25th October 2021 were circulated with the Agenda were noted:

Signage and 12 parking spaces in Ferry Lane Aston (*plans and Amendment 5 consultation to go ahead*); widening of the narrowest part of Ferry Lane, Aston by trimming hedges; Drainage in Aston Lane (*more information and ref numbers needed*); Wild Trail alongside Wargrave Road (*WBC Property matter*); Paving in front of Parish Hall (*Planning approval*); Double white lines on A4130 near Middle Culham and 30mph restrictions on Wargrave Road (*report in 3 months*); TVU CPP box near the Culham Lane-A4130 junction (*box not WBC's*); Extra parking Bays in Remenham Lane (*site map to be agreed*); 3 new entrances (*need raising with Planning*).

109/21: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The actions taken by The Chairman and The Clerk were noted.

110/21: PLANNING

As a result of the 25th Oct meeting with WBC Highways, The Clerk had been asked to raise with WBC Planning three new entrances: Remenham Court field (Remenham Lane), High Trees (Wargrave Road) and White Hill Farm (Remenham Church Lane). CL wondered why RPC was not raising matters such as roads within fields. JH said he was happy to take up the matter, particularly where there was an apparent change of land use.

On 213439 (Remenham Barn) it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to say that RPC was happy to leave this with the Planning Officer.

On 213354 (Rose Toop Boatyard) FR spoke in favour of the application. JH said he had visited the site. JM said he had spoken to local residents who were impressed with the plans. There was discussion about end-on moorings within the current profile of the riverbank and the visual appearance from the Oxfordshire side of the river. it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to say that RPC was happy to leave this with the Planning Officer.

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On 213460 (Green Isle) the Clerk was asked to circulate the minute of what RPC had said in 2015 on a previous application. These said on 13th Jan 2015:

On Green Isle (F/2014/2784) RPC thought that the proposed structure (although nominally just a 19% volume increase) had a larger apparent volume (and raised level of light pollution) than the existing property seen from the Thames Footpath. RPC believed that this is an important Thames view for many people between Henley and Marsh Lock that should be preserved/enhanced. In the proposal the main building would move downstream, exposing houses that were hidden behind. RPC believed that the proposed development would dwarf its surroundings and be harmful to the Green Belt. RPC would not support the application.

It was AGREED that The Clerk would now write to say that RPC was happy to leave this with the Planning Officer subject to any volume changes including the storage area created under the raised house – with an assurance that this would be within agreed norms.

On 213116 (Five Horseshoes) it was thought that the design presented was an improvement on a previous WBC-approved version although some were concerned about Common Barn cottages being overlooked. it was AGREED that The Clerk would write to say that RPC thought the design presented was an improvement on a previous WBC-approved version although there was concern about light-pollution in the rear Green Belt area and the degree to which Common Barn cottages would be overlooked. RPC is however happy to leave this with the WBC Planning Officer.

On the 2 Riverside (Wargrave Road) it was AGREED that RPC would not add to its previous comments.

111/21: CIL PROJECTS

An email from David Cook was noted. PSI said she thought that when the area outside the Parish Hall was paved that a streetlight of a sympathetic style should be installed. This was AGREED.

112/21: WEBSITE & INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

FC presented October website statistics and said she would like to include more information about events taking place in Remenham. PSI and FR suggested how this might be done.

113/21: LICENSING AND EVENTS

JH said that he believed that Neil Brown was drafting an event document on which legal advice would be sought.

114/21: TOWPATH, FOOTPATHS, TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

The Vice-Chairman summarised the outcome of the Highways virtual meeting on 25th October, including the revised plans for parking bays in Remenham Lane. PSI said there was one car that seemed to park in the bays every weekday but rarely received a parking ticket. FC described a problem at Middle Culham cottages where empty waste bins on pavements were being sucked by traffic onto the A4130 where there were collisions with vehicles. It was AGREED that both matters would be raised with Andy Glencross (WBC Highways) to see what remedies were available. CL and PSI suggested that all traffic incidents should be recorded in the Parish. There was a discussion about whether there might be restrictions on large lorries on Remenham lanes. NW wondered whether Marlow Bridge was an example of what could be done to restrict large lorries. JH reported that regrettably some lives had been lost on the river in Remenham and that on occasions emergency vehicles could not get access to relevant sites (e.g. Ferry Lane Aston). It was AGREED that The Clerk would write to landowners in Ferry Lane to request that hedges are moved back to their original positions, so that emergency vehicles would have better access when needed. CL described the traffic situation on Matson Drive; JH pointed out that this was

a private road. PSI wondered whether the new entrance to Remenham Court field had also blocked a drainage channel, making flooding more likely. It was AGREED that The Clerk would take this up with WBC Highways. JH said he thought the streetlight at the Old Post Office in Ferry Lane, Aston had not been repaired yet. The Clerk said that this had been reported and that he would check into progress.

115/21: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk circulated a summary of all recent current account activity. Having sought clarification from WBC (Ian Gough) and SSE on street lighting contracts, he said RPC had joined the group of Parishes (led by Twyford) seeking to have electric street lighting responsibilities transferred to WBC.

DATE OF NEXT Face-2-Face MEETING next RPC meeting: Mon 13th Dec 2021 at 6:00pm at the Parish Hall.

ACTIONS:

The Chairman will:

JH take up the matter of roads etc on agricultural land, particularly where there was an apparent change of land use.

The Clerk will:

write to WBC Planning to say

- (a) on 213439 (Remenham Barn) RPC was happy to leave this with the Planning Officer,
- (b) on 213354 (Rose Toop Boatyard) RPC was happy to leave this with the Planning Officer,
- (c) on 213460 (Green Isle) RPC was happy to leave this with the Planning Officer subject to any volume changes including the storage area created under the raised house – with an assurance that this would be within agreed norms,
- (d) on 213116 (Five Horseshoes) RPC thought the design presented was an improvement on a previous WBC-approved version although there was concern about light-pollution in the rear Green Belt area and the degree to which Common Barn cottages would be overlooked. RPC is happy to leave this with the WBC Planning Officer, and
- (e) on the 2 Riverside (Wargrave Road) appeal RPC would like its previous comments on the site to be taken into account and that at this time it would not add to these comments.

include a streetlight in the CIL paving plans for outside the Parish Hall

check on progress in repairing the Old Post Office, Ferry Lane streetlight

write to WBC Highways about

- (a) whether the new entrance to Remenham Court field had also blocked a drainage channel, making flooding more likely
- (b) a car that seemed to park in the Remenham Lane bays every weekday but rarely received a parking ticket
- (c) the problem at Middle Culham cottages where empty waste bins on pavements were being sucked by traffic onto the A4130 where there were collisions with vehicles

write to landowners in Ferry Lane to request that hedges are moved back to their original positions, so that emergency vehicles would have better access when needed

PSI/FR would consider how (a) what's on information might feed onto the website and (b) reports on accidents in the Parish might be recorded.

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