

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held virtually after a decision by the Chairman on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:20pm (circulated 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021)

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

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

### **116/21: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **117/21: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

JH, BR and JM declared an interest in application 213626 under item 120/21.

### **118/21: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 (confirming these as a true record of that meeting); a hard copy of these having been delivered to the Chairman just before the meeting.

### **119/21: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST**

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

### **120/21: PLANNING**

The Clerk reported that WBC enforcement saw no issues with the three new entrances: Remenham Court field (Remenham Lane), High Trees (Wargrave Road) and White Hill Farm (Remenham Church Lane).

On 213626 (Thames Bridge House) JS outlined the salient features of the application and answered any questions. He was happy that WBC had asked for an increased separation between the development and Bird Place and alignments that avoided overlooking of HRR. It was noted that there was only one parking place per dwelling. FC asked about possible flooding of the development. CL asked whether the site might be subject to an archaeological survey before building work started. JS said he would not object to this in principle. The Clerk reported that the application had received partial support from HRR. JH said that he had listed the application and hoped that English Heritage would be asked for their views and input. It was AGREED that RPC would write to say that it would leave the matter with Planning Officers, subject to the above points being considered.

On 213587 (Strowdes) NW thought the development would not be seen from any public highways. It was AGREED that RPC would write to say that it would leave the matter with Planning Officers.

There was a discussion on the landing stage in Ferry Lane field. The Clerk said he had sought the advice of the Environment Agency.

### **121/21: CIL PROJECTS**

There was discussion about the lights on/outside the Parish Hall front wall, mapping the planned wild trail alongside the A321 (Wargrave Road) and EA approvals of suggested repairs to the slipway at the end of Ferry Lane, Aston.

### **122/21: WEBSITE & INTERNET CONNECTIVITY**

FC presented November website statistics. It was AGREED that The Clerk would email Steve Hounscome to express RPC's appreciation of all his hard work and speedy responses to all website changes.

  
Chairman

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**123/21: LICENSING AND EVENTS**

An outline brief on licensing and licences drawn up by Neil Brown was considered. It was AGREED that The Chairman would forward this to Kings Chambers with a request that they consider if other arguments could be brought to bear before developing a full case for RPC and residents. DP, FR, JM and JS commented on the noise levels and lighting during a music festival at Leander Club. CL said he was concerned about dark skies in Remenham being diminished by light pollution – citing the Cricket Club security lights and developments in Matson Drive. It was AGREED that RPC would enquire about these with Leander and WBC.

**124/21: TOWPATH, FOOTPATHS, TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk indicated that Andy Glencross (WBC Highways) did not have a solution to waste bins from Middle Culham being pulled into the road by lorries.

**125/21: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk circulated a summary of all recent current account activity including payment for the external audit. He said there was no movement on electric street lighting responsibilities transferred to WBC.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** next RPC meeting: Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 at 6:00pm virtually. The Chairman wished everyone a Happy and Omicron-safe Christmas.

**ACTIONS:**

*The Chairman will:*

forward the outline brief on licensing and licences drawn up by Neil Brown to Kings Chambers with a request that they consider if other arguments could be brought to bear before developing a full case for RPC and residents

raise the matter of noise levels and lighting during a music festival at Leander Club with WBC Planning and Environmental Health to see if any approvals had been broken

*The Clerk will:*

write to WBC Planning to say that (i) on 213626 (Thames Bridge House) it was happy to leave the matter with the WBC Planning Officer, but asks that the following are considered: (a) why no planning notices were displayed at the site, (b) the separation between the development and Bird Place and overlooking of Bird Place, Bird Place Cottage and HRR HQ, (c) provision of car parking (one per flat), (d) whether the site might be subject to an archaeological survey before building work started, and (e) whether English Heritage could be asked for their views and input and (ii) on 213587 (Strowdes) it was happy to leave the matter with the WBC Planning Officer but asks that the development (and light pollution) would not be seen from any public highway.

write to EA on the landing stage in Ferry Lane field and the slipway at the end of Ferry Lane, Aston

move CIL projects forward

email Steve Hounscome to express RPC's appreciation

  
Chairman

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