

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held virtually after a decision by the Chairman on 10th Jan 2022 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:15pm (circulated 11th Jan 2022)

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); David Cook; Gee Harland (GH; Henley Standard)

001/22: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

002/22: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

003/22: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th Dec 2021 (confirming these as a true record of that meeting).

004/22: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

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

005/22: CO-OPTING AND ELECTIONS

The Chairman reminded the meeting that an election was due in May and suggested that all should encourage involvement of younger residents. BR said that Polly Hogan from Aston had contacted him with a view to getting involved. After a discussion it was AGREED she should be co-opted. The Clerk said he could circulate background details she had provided in the last 24h.

006/22: WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed GH to the meeting and explained that many 'Henley' events actually took place in Remenham.

007/22: PLANNING

The Clerk reported that WBC Planning had refused the Rose Toop application (213354). JM thought the applicant should be encouraged to apply again. On 213989 (High Trees) it was AGREED RPC would object to the height as this was excessive (despite some fences being even higher on some properties) indicating that it was thought to be unattractive and oppressive to those on the Wargrave Road. Following a discussion of the history, previous split Planning Committee decisions and effect on neighbouring properties and the openness of this greenbelt, on 213588 (Stowdes gatehouse) it was AGREED that RPC would comment on its closeness to existing properties and likely light pollution emanating from this that might be seen from the highways and existing properties.

008/22: CIL PROJECTS

There was discussion involving PSI and FR about suggesting to Father Jeremy and The Parish Hall Committee installing 3 wall mounted downlights ((i) two (one on either side of the pedestrian entrance to the Parish Hall) and (ii) one near the pedestrian entrance to the Churchyard) alongside the permeable paving (see photos in APPENDIX 1). There was also discussion about work proposed at Ferry Lane, Aston (APPENDIX 2) and the wild trail alongside the A321 (APPENDIX 3). It was AGREED that a JM/DP/TC working party would mark/clear the trail and that a surveyor would be sought to draw a plan of

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the trail before the ECOSA biodiversity survey and consideration by WBC Highways. The Clerk reminded the meeting of the next meeting with WBC Highways on 21st January and that he thought plans should be drawn up for that meeting to ensure progress.

009/22: WEBSITE & INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

FC presented Dec website statistics. It was noted that The Queens Platinum Celebrations in June might be at the Parish Hall.

010/22: LICENSING AND EVENTS

It was noted that the licence applications for the Henley Classic and Henley Swim Festival had been withdrawn but might be re-submitted.

011/22: TOWPATH, FOOTPATHS, TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

There was discussion about a request to install a memorial bench beside the river. The Chairman reminded the meeting that RPC did not own such land and that the request was not for the end of Ferry Lane, Aston.

012/22: WOKINGHAM AND HENLEY ISSUES

The Chairman described RPC's support for Henley traffic initiatives and the continuing costs of COVID-19.

013/22: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk circulated a summary of all recent current account activity including payment to SSE for street lighting. The Chairman suggested there was an RPC meeting on 24th Jan at the Parish Hall at 6pm to consider and approve the budget and precept, which the Clerk was asked to prepare. Pat Sly was asked to check that this was available.

014/22: ANY OTHER MATTERS

DP wondered whether Copas might agree to a defibrillator purchased by RPC being located on the towpath near to Temple Island. CL asked whether Copas could also be asked to widen the towpath at the point to alleviate concerns about the spreading of viruses with the public having to walk so close together in the narrow space available.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (after that on the 24th January): Mon 14th Feb 2022 at 6:00pm ~~virtually~~. The Chairman also proposed that the APM should take place on the same day as the May RPC meeting.

ACTIONS:

The Clerk will:

initiate the process of co-opting Polly Hogan and circulate her background details to CILrs

on 213989 (High Trees) say that RPC wishes to object to its excessive fence height that was thought to be unattractive, non-sound proofing the property behind and oppressive to those on the Wargrave Road

say to WBC Planning that at RPC's January meeting there was a discussion on 213588 (Stowdes gatehouse) and about the history of this estate, a previous split decision at WBC Planning Committee, effects on neighbouring properties & the openness of this greenbelt. RPC wishes WBC Planning to take into account these in its decision and especially its closeness to existing properties and likely light pollution emanating from this that might be seen from these properties and highways.

draw up CIL project plans and seek a surveyor for the wild trail alongside the A321 (Wargrave Road) before the next meeting with WBC Highways on 21st January (possibly now including a suggestion of installing a defibrillator on the widened towpath upstream of Temple Island if Copas agree)

write to Copas asking whether they would approve of an RPC defibrillator to be installed on a widened towpath upstream of Temple Island (which would also allow better pedestrian movement with less covid-19 risk)

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write to those requesting to install a memorial bench

prepare a budget/precept form and circulate these before a meeting on 24th
Jan at the Parish Hall at 6pm

JM/DP/TC will organise a working party

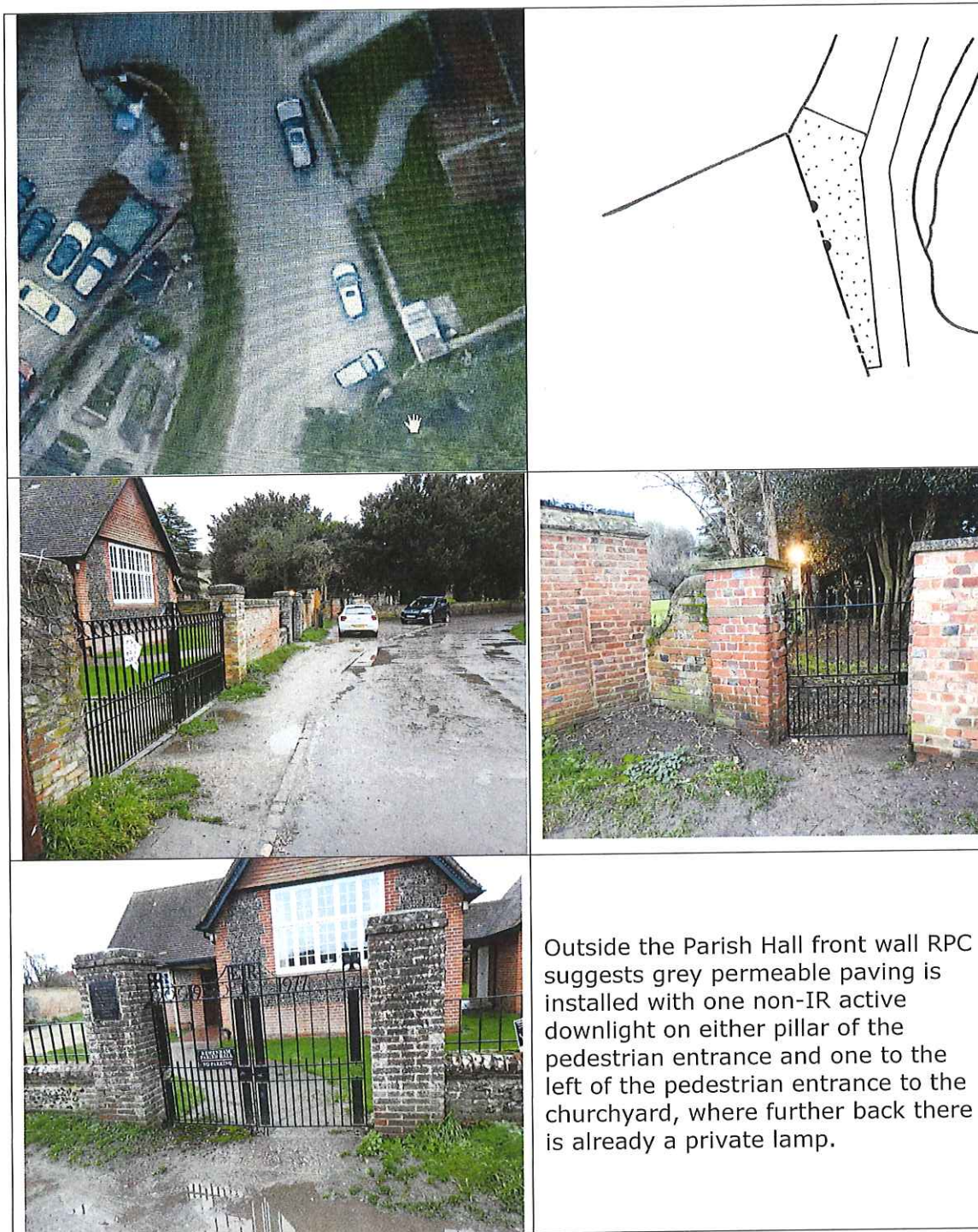
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APPENDIX 1



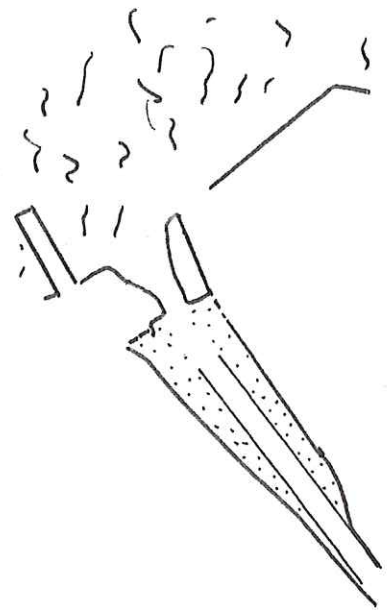
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Ferry Lane, Aston where remedial slipway work, work to widen the narrowest sections and new WBC-enacted parking is proposed

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APPENDIX 3

