

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the face-2-face meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:20pm (circulated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022)

**PRESENT** Cllrs John Halsall (JH) (Chairman)  
Franky Cookson (FC)  
Polly Hogan (PH)  
Chris Leeming (CL)  
Nigel Williams (NW)  
The Clerk: Paul Sermon (TC)

In attendance: Peter Grace (PG), Natalie Grace (NG), Felicity Rutland (FR), Pat Sly (PSI), Lauren (Henley Standard)

### **015/22: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from John Merkel, Darrel Poulos and Bill Ronald,

### **016/22: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **017/22: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 (confirming these as a true record of that meeting).

### **018/22: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST**

The actions taken by The Chairman and The Clerk were noted, as was a meeting with WBC Highways on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022.

### **019/22: WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Polly Hogan as a co-opted councillor.

### **020/22: PLANNING**

There were no planning applications to consider. The Clerk reported that WBC had a tree protection order on a tree close to Bird Place. CL asked about an illuminated sign on a wall in Remenham Hill.

### **021/22: CIL PROJECTS**

The Clerk said that he hoped the downlights on the front wall of the Parish Hall would be installed by MKR on 11<sup>th</sup> March and that he had sought approval from WBC Planning for the proposed paving in front of that wall.

### **022/22: WEBSITE**

FC presented January website statistics. She said it would be good to have more information on events, etc on the website.

### **023/22: LICENSING AND EVENTS**

It was noted that licensing had not extended the deadline for RPC to make comments on the Henley Classic and Henley Swim Festival events until after this meeting. It was noted that The Clerk had submitted a briefing document to Kings Chambers. The Chairman described cumulative impact and the advice Kings Chambers would provide.

### **024/22: TOWPATH, FOOTPATHS, TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**

There was a discussion about the outcomes of the virtual meeting with WBC Highways on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022. FC said that residents remained concerned about speeds of some vehicles on the A4130 near Middle Culham and suggestions to tackle this (e.g. a survey regarding double white lines. NG said a camera would stop them. PH raised the issue of drainage and maintenance of Aston Lane. She said that there could well be an accident involving bikes or cars. FC mentioned efforts to get WBC Highways to make collection of vehicle-generated rubbish from Middle Culham to Rose Hill. PG thought some of this was coming off waste lorries.

### **025/22: WOKINGHAM AND HENLEY ISSUES**

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The Chairman described constituency/boundaries changes in Wokingham and the need to improve bus services. There was discussion about a possible Henley Eye and lights on Henley Bridge.

**026/22: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Chairman described the financial pressures on WBC in the light of covid-19 and The Care Bill. He thought that 2024 would be a critical year. The Clerk circulated a summary of all recent current account activity. He reminded the meeting that on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 RPC had decided on a 1.99% increase in its precept. He provided a copy of the submitted precept form and the proposed 2022-2023 budget (see Appendix). These were approved. The Clerk showed down lights for outside the Parish Hall; the purchase of 3 was approved, together with the MKR quote for their installation.

**027/22: ANY OTHER MATTERS**

The Clerk said that he had been in contact with Copas about an RPC-funded defibrillator on the towpath near to Temple Island, a widening of the towpath gate at that point and an RPC bench.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Mon 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6:00pm face-2-face.

ACTIONS:

PH: to complete relevant paperwork (BR also needed a completed interests form)  
FC/PH: progress highways issues near Middle Culham and in Aston Lane  
TC: progress CIL projects

  
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