REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held face-to-face on 11th July 2022 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 8:00pm (circulated 12th July 2022)

PRESENT Cllrs Bill Ronald (BR) (Chairman)

Franky Cookson (FC) Polly Hogan (PH) John Merkel (JM) Nigel Williams (NW)

The Clerk: Paul Sermon (TC)

In attendance: Natalie (NG) and Peter Grace (PG), Felicity Rutland (FR), Pat Sly (PSI), David Whittington (DW)

062/22: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from John Halsall (JH) and Darrel Poulos (DP) due to illness

063/22: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

064/22: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that BR be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2022 (confirming these as a true record of that meeting). It was AGREED that the correction of the May minutes 041/22, 050/22 and 051/22 relating to the election process (mentioned in the June minute 054/22) would be circulated to councillors for approval.

065/22: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The actions taken by The Chairman, The Clerk, PH and DP were noted. It was noted that the advice from Andrew Moulton was that RPC might be able to increase the number of councillors or co-opt.

066/22: PLANNING

There was a brief discussion on five applications (221972, 221887, 221962, 221802 and 221786) with introductory comments on 221972 from DW and 221962 from NG/PG. It was noted that 221972 related to WBC Properties/Highways land where DW said there was support for the RPC-suggested wild trail. There were comments on the need to control tipping and parking on the land. It was AGREED that RPC would make no comments. It was AGREED that JM would circulate the suggested wording for APPROVAL for TC to submit. On 221887, 221962 and 221802 it was AGREED that RPC would make no comments other than to ask WBC Planning to ensure the %volume increases were less than 35%. There was no discussion on 221786, the features having been in place many years.

067/22: CIL PROJECTS

The Clerk provided the meeting with

- (i) an updated quote for the block paving in front of the Parish Hall. This was APPROVED, provided the contractor could complete the task by the end of 2022 and that he would carry out repairs for an agreed period. NW agreed to provide the contact would could provide licence 50 cover for the work.
- (ii) an update on the APPROVED WestcoTec smart vehicle speed signs on White Hill, where it was agreed to

JM talked of starting work on the wild trail parallel to the A321. It was AGREED that £5000 could be spent on ground work and ECOSA biodiversity survey. PH talked of developments for a commemorative bench on the towpath on Copas land. DP sent in a comment on the defibrillator on Copas land. PSI suggested this might go (with the one at the Flower Pot) on the maintenance plan used by the Parish Hall.

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068/22: WEBSITE

FC updated the meeting on website activity. JM asked if water quality data could be included on the website. TC suggested that in future air quality and traffic levels/speeds on white from new smart WestcoTec signage might also be included.

069/22: GIGACLEAR

The Teams link with GigaClear did not function although wi-fi and gmail were all functioning. There was discussion about damage caused by contractors, distribution within the Parish and cost. It was AGREED that TC should investigate BT alternatives and their timescale.

070/22: LICENSING AND EVENTS

Kings Chambers advice was still not available and so it was AGREED that TC should look for other providers as a matter of urgency. It was AGREED that RPC should continue to have an input on any Safety Advisory Group associated with events. TC thought this might involve DP or JH.

071/22: TOWPATH, FOOTPATHS, TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

It was noted that there had been some damage to tarmac surfaces (PG). It was AGREED that TC would seek to re-start the regular virtual meetings with Andy Glencross.

072/22: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The audit submission and account activity were noted.

073/22: ANY OTHER MATTERS

There was discussion about the Little Angle and The Flower Pot and the times of meetings.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Mon 12th Sept 2022 at 6:00pm.

ACTIONS:

JH and BR will:

sign off/counter-sign amended May minutes

JM will:

circulate the suggested wording for 221972 (for TC to submit)

FC will:

See whether water quality, air quality and traffic numbers might appear on the website

TC will:

circulate corrections of the May minutes 041/22, 050/22 and 051/22 relating to the election process (mentioned in the June minute 054/22) for approval

send off approved comments/no comments on 221972, 221887, 221962, 221802 and 221786

investigate BT alternatives and their timescale

seek alternatives to Kings Chambers for licence legal advice

seek another WBC Highways meeting with councillors

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