

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held face-to-face on 12th December 2022 starting at 6:05pm and finishing at 7:35pm (circulated 14th November 2022)

PRESENT Cllrs Bill Ronald (BR) (Chairman)
John Halsall (JH)
John Merkel (JM)
Darrel Poulos (DP)
Nigel Williams (NW)
The Clerk: Paul Sermon (TC)

In attendance: Felicity Rutland (FR) and for part of the meeting
Chris Leeming (CL)

102/22: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were weather/traffic-related apologies for absence from Franky Cookson and Polly Hogan

103/22: WELCOME TO Tau Chamboko

The Chairman welcomed Tau to the meeting and JH outlined Tau's responsibilities in the northern half of WBC. Tau's presentation was warmly received with questions arising answered.

104/22: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

JH said he had an interest in one of the planning matters to be considered and would leave the room during that part of the meeting.

105/22: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

14th Nov RPC minutes were approved and signed.

106/22: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The actions taken by The Chairman and The Clerk were noted. TC had made contact with the licensing committee and WBC Planning. The paving application had been submitted to WBC. Paving contractors had suggested there would be a 2+ month delay on any order for paving blocks. There had been a wild trail meeting with Oscar who would start work in 48h. Dick Whittington (Woodlands House estate manager) had been informed of wild trail groundwork starting this week.

107/22: PLANNING

Four planning matters were considered 223459 (105-106 Remenham Lane), 223374 (Milvus House), 223106 (Land At Piggots Corner) and 223455 (230 dwellings in Twyford N of the A4 to the west of Twyford crossroads). Following a discussion it was AGREED no comments would be made but that RPC would wish

(i) the proposed 223459 summerhouse was well screened from the river,

(ii) WBC Planning consider the closeness of Milvus House 223374 extension to the nearest neighbour and request a % volume increase (even though this is said to be less than in a previously accepted application),

(iii) WBC Planning to

(a) ensure that there is zero contractor access to the site up/down Dairy Lane, since it appears to RPC that raising the new polo pitch may require 6500 heavy vehicle movements

(b) ensure that the applicant indicates in detail the locations/numbers of peripheral permanent equipment - such as pump houses, equipment storage sheds, and

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(c) that if WBC Planning was inclined to approve that this did not lead to future requests for additional stabling and rider accommodation/gyms (as RPC has seen previously with a private polo pitch close by), and

(iv) WBC Planning consider

(a) River Loddon water levels over the last 10 years. Currently they are 1.28m depth, but in Feb 2014 they reached 3.43m (i.e. 2.15m or 7ft higher) and the effect of 230 houses on this flooding and the flooding on the proposed houses.

(b) proximity of development to a sewage works and

(c) current and predicted traffic levels at

Twyford crossroads

Wargrave crossroads and

the junction of the A321 and the A4130 and

the effect of 230 houses on this.

108/22: CIL PROJECTS

TC circulated a summary of CIL expenditure. This was approved and he was asked to insert on the relevant WBC form, circulate to Cllrs and submit to WBC. It was AGREED that paving blocks should be pre-ordered before the end of the year

109/22: WEBSITE

Updated data on November's website activity was noted. The Clerk was asked to get GigaClear to update their roll-out planning for RPC's January meeting.

110/22: LICENSING AND EVENTS

JH updated the meeting on developments within WBC Licensing and with legal advice on licensing. He suggested the advising barrister should attend the review meeting in March along with Cllrs. TC said that traffic data on Remenham Church Lane would be available.

111/22: FINANCIAL MATTERS

TC had circulated details of RPC account activity, which was approved. It was AGREED that TC would generate a budget based on a 5% rise in precept for the Jan meeting. At the end of the meeting, under reserve business, RPC considered 2 quotes from paving contractors for work outside the Parish hall front wall, subject to WBC Planning approval (pending).

112/22: ANY OTHER MATTERS

CL again raised matters relating to the 2022 election. Subsequently The Clerk sent CL a summary of WBC Governance findings with regard to one Councillor and the May 2022 election. This was provided by a Cllr, since RPC had never been provided with the outcome statement. Subsequently RPC noted that WBC Governance had found that RPC's Code of Conduct had not been breached in this matter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Mon 9th Jan 2023 at 6pm.

ACTIONS:

TC will:

write to WBC Planning on 223459 (105-106 Remenham Lane), 223374 (Milvus House), 223106 (Land At Piggots Corner) and 223455 (230 dwellings in Twyford N of the A4 to the west of Twyford crossroads) after consultation with Cllrs.

circulate CIL expenditure on relevant WBC form and submit to WBC by the end of the year

order the paving blocks by the end of the year

request a roll-out update from GigaClear


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circulate traffic data

generate a precept form and draft budget based on a 5% increase in the precept

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