

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held face-to-face on 9th January 2023 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:16pm (circulated 12th January 2023)

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

In attendance: Pat Sly (PSI); Jake Morrison (CAB)

001/23: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from John Halsall and Polly Hogan

002/23: WELCOME TO Jake Morrison (Citizens Advice, Wokingham)

The Chairman welcomed Jake to the meeting and invited him to describe the work of CAB in Wokingham. Jake's presentation was well received with questions arising answered. The Chairman AGREED to include in his forthcoming Newsletter contribution a reminder to residents of the services offered by CAB in Wokingham and Henley.

003/23: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

004/23: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

12th Dec 2022 RPC minutes were approved and signed.

005/23: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The actions taken by The Chairman and The Clerk were noted. It was noted that TC had submitted the CIL report and that, at the request of JH, NW and TC had visited Maggie Harrison and learned of her concerns. She had been put in contact with Tau Chamboko at WBC. It was AGREED that GigaClear would be invited to update RPC's February meeting on its roll-out and issues with repair of contractor-caused damage. It was noted that a WBC-wide litter pick was being organised. The meeting AGREED that Remenham's contribution should be on 25th March. It would convene outside the Parish Hall at 09:30am. The Clerk was asked to request 20 litter-pickers and high-visibility waistcoats from WBC and organise their return to WBC afterwards. The Clerk was asked to purchase 20 pairs of work gloves. The Clerk was asked to organise refreshments for 11:00am at the Parish Hall. Pat Sly was asked to book the Parish Hall for that morning. BR AGREED to invite residents to participate in the event in his forthcoming Newsletter contribution. It was noted that the next on-line RPC-Highways meeting may be on the 13th February. It was AGREED that Bob Nancarrow should be invited to attend as an observer.

006/23: PLANNING

Three planning matters were considered: 223612 (Foxhaven), 223812 (Colt House), and 223627 (Land in front of Remenham Parish Hall). Following a discussion it was AGREED no comments would be made but

(i) on 223612 RPC would hope that WBC Planning would ensure that (i) the construction of the basement would not cause damage to tree roots and ground water flows, (ii) light pollution is minimised, (iii) constructors/construction parking is not on the narrow Remenham Church Lane and (iv) constructors/construction traffic does not impinge on or greatly add to normal traffic levels, including event traffic (when traffic levels are very heavy).

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(ii) on 223812 RPC would hope that WBC Planning the total % volume increase over the years would not exceed norms, and that light pollution is minimised, and

(iii) on 223637 RPC would hope that WBC Planning would consider resident's views and the current state of the relevant terrain.

007/23: CIL PROJECTS

The circulated CIL report was accepted for WBC submission and website uploading. It was AGREED that MakeSomethingSpecial oak signs with appropriate text would be purchased for the wild trail alongside the A321 (Wargrave Road) and possibly the parking area at the end of Ferry lane, Aston. The text was to be determined by JM and PH. It was also noted that a contractor was ready to improve the appearance of existing oak signs on the towpath. NW AGREED to look at improving the settings on the downlights outside the Parish Hall.

008/23: WEBSITE

Updated data on December's website activity described by FC was noted.

009/23: LICENSING AND EVENTS

The Clerk thought that a joint submission was in hand and that event traffic data would be available for Remenham Church Lane.

010/23: FINANCIAL MATTERS

TC had circulated details of RPC account activity, which was approved. The outline budget (see Appendix 1) and the precept form (see Appendix 2; with a 5% rise) were approved. The Clerks expenses were approved and signed by BR. An increase in payments to The Clerk, Steve Hounsome and Steve Allender were approved.

011/23: ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Flower Pot was discussed briefly in the context of Community Assets. It was AGREED that either John Halsall or Franky Cookson would act as Chair at the February meeting. The Clerk subsequently pointed out that the 10th April meeting might have to be moved to the 17th to avoid a clash with Easter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Mon 13th Feb 2023 at 6pm.

ACTIONS:

BR will:

include in his forthcoming Newsletter contribution
(a) a reminder to residents of the services offered by CAB in Wokingham and Henley and (b) invite residents to a litter pick on 25th March convening outside the Parish Hall at 09:30 or 10:00am.

consider the date of the April meeting in relation to Easter

JH/FC will: consider how best to Chair the Feb RPC meeting

TC will:

invite GigaClear to update RPC's February meeting on its roll-out and issues with repair of contractor-caused damage

request 20 litter-pickers and high-visibility waistcoats from WBC and organise their return to WBC afterwards

purchase 20 pairs of work gloves
organise refreshments for 11:00am at the Parish Hall

request that Bob Nancarrow be invited to attend the 13th February RPC-WBC Highways on-line meeting

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write to WBC Planning on 223612 (Foxhaven), 223812 (Colt House),
and 223627 (Land in front of Remenham Parish Hall) after circulating
'comments' to Cllrs for approval

circulate Remenham Church Lane traffic data

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

increase NW payments to The Clerk, Steve Hounsome and Steve
Allender

Pat Sly (PSI) will:

book the Parish Hall for the morning of 25th March

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