

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the face-2-face meeting held on 14th March 2022 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:25pm (circulated 15th March 2022)

PRESENT Cllrs Bill Ronald, (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)

028/22: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from John Halsall, John Merkel and Darrel Poulos.

029/22: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

030/22: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that the Chairman (JH) be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14th Feb 2022 on his return (confirming these as a true record of that meeting).

031/22: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The Clerk reported on feedback back from Copas on the request for an RPC-purchased defibrillator to be placed adjacent to the towpath near Temple Island, widening of a gate/cattle grid which were a pinch point on the towpath and allowing the updating of the RPC commemorative bench on the towpath that was showing signs of decay. He said he hoped to know more shortly. Following discussion PH was asked to draft a short policy statement defining RPC policy when it receives requests for a small plaque relating to persons with a link to Remenham that might be allowed on this RPC bench. PG mentioned that The Rambler's Association were sometimes able to help with such matters. The Clerk said that PH had completed her declaration of interests form and that BR still needed to complete one.

032/22: PLANNING

The Chairman asked the meeting to consider 3 planning applications relating to tree felling. It was AGREED RPC would make no comments other than to say it was happy to leave these matters with the Planning Officers. BR then asked the meeting to consider three applications: 220465 (Foxhaven), 220280 (Kilgerran) and 220511 (Woodlands House). On 220465 PSI and PG reminded the meeting about the history of the site; it was AGREED that WBC Planning would be asked to look carefully at the % increases in volume and area proposed. On 220280 It was AGREED that RPC would also ask WBC Planning to consider cumulative % volume and area changes and the openness of this site. On 220511 it was AGREED that WBC Planning would be asked to look at the how these buildings had been changed over a series of applications, while ensuring that the parking area just inside the gate to the Burrows and the trees/hedging outside this gate on WBC Properties land did not obstruct the planned wild trail for pedestrians.

033/22: CIL PROJECTS

The Clerk said that most downlights had now been installed by MKR on the front wall of the Parish Hall and that a quote had been received to bury the electric cables back to the Annex. TC provided PSI with 2 more downlights.

There was discussion about the paving quotes, and it was felt we needed to wait until WBC Planning had expressed their views on 16th March.

034/22: WEBSITE

FC presented February website statistics, where numbers were coming back again. She said she had been trying to get information displayed on HRR.

035/22: LICENSING AND EVENTS

There was discussion about the overall advice Kings Chambers would provide and the cumulative impact of events (e.g. Masters regatta, wild swimming and Henley Festival) taking place in Remenham and what would happen if emergency vehicles needed access. PG gave some background to these events and how we had arrived at the current position.

036/22: TOWPATH, FOOTPATHS, TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

FC updated the meeting on continuing interactions with WBC Highways about the A4130. The Clerk said he had seen a worker in yellow measuring distances near Middle Culham cottages. BR described progress in getting repairs to potholes on Aston Lane. The next RPC-WBC Highways meeting is due on 2nd May. The Clerk wondered whether those quoting to dig the trench between the Parish Hall Annex and the front wall might be asked to quote to excavate the gullies on Aston Lane. It was felt this should be left to WBC Highways.

037/22: FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk had circulated statements showing current account activity. It was AGREED that The Clerk could pay IT-QED (£164.40) for the laptop upgrade, MKR (£1138.07) for downlight installation, Gareth (£485.00) for electrical cable trenching work and CPRE (£36) as a subscription. The Clerk's expenses for July 2021-March 2022 (8 months; £510.83; including downlight purchase and Acrobat software for planning application downloads/snapshots) were APPROVED.

038/22: ANY OTHER MATTERS

There was discussion about the 2022 election in Remenham. It was AGREED information from WBC should be available. The Clerk said some information on timetables was provided by WBC Electoral Services on 9th March and could be made available. The meeting finished by expressing its support for Ukraine and refugees emerging.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Mon 11th April 2022 at 6:00pm face-2-face.

ACTIONS:

JH: to sign Feb RPC minutes

PH: to generate an RPC policy statement ready for when it receives any future request for a small time-limited plaque for the RPC bench relating to persons with a link to Remenham

TC: progress CIL projects and continue discussions with Copas
after circulating notes submit RPC comments to WBC Planning on
tree applications
220465 (Foxhaven)
220280 (Kilgerran)
220511 (Woodlands House)
pay IT-QED, MKR, Gareth and CPRE



Chairman



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11th April 2022