

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held face-to-face on Mon 13th March 2023 starting at 6:02pm and finishing at 7:15pm (circulated 28th March 2023)

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

In attendance: Peter Grace (PG), Chris Leeming, Felicity Rutland (FR), Pat Sly (PSI) and Andrew Walley (AW)

024/23: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from John Halsall, Polly Hogan and Darrel Poulos

025/23: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NW declared an interest under 028/23.

026/23: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

13th Feb 2023 RPC minutes were approved and signed.

027/23: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The actions taken by The Chairman and The Clerk were noted. There was a discussion about what was needed at the gated entrance to Ferry Lane field near the lock. BR said there no progress to report. It was felt that RPC should not be seen to be introducing a trip hazard. In response to a question from PSI, The Chairman said that there had been progress in Aston Lane and on the clearing of the pavement on White Hill (A4130) as far as Remenham Church Lane. JM reported that he had attended the WBC Planning meeting about Hobbs Boatyard, which he was pleased to had been approved.

TC/JM/FC had attended a Communities event on 6th Feb 2023. WBC were offering Cllrs training in planning matters if they were interested. It was agreed that a relevant WBC Cllr should be invited to an RPC meeting.

TC said he had received an email from Sue Laing asking for support in purchasing Coronation mugs. A sum of £500 was AGREED. The topic of a possible King's Shed was raised and it was decided that RPC would await further details.

TC said that in 2020 (during the pandemic) he had been asked to find out the position of Glebe Land. He said he had been contacted by Father Jeremy who had found some files. He had been to see these. The land (3.4 acres) is behind the Parish Hall and between the Old School and Remenham Manor. It was sold by the Church to Copas/Tom Copas in the time of Rector Pritchard. A letter from Francis Burley (30th Oct 2000) of Stonehouse Barn in the Parish Office said the sale was on the understanding that Copas would sell half back to the village at the same price per acre that Copas had paid for it. At that time the suggestion was for 3 trustees to consider a Millenium Green. At some time a re-purchase of a small screened corner (~250m² (0.06 acres)) at possibly the furthest corner from nearby houses for Parish Hall parking or an Elizabeth & Charles oak or an oak coronation bench might be interesting if it would benefit residents, but not cause harm to the nearest residents. PG said this might be expensive. PSI said if it provided green car parking for the Parish Hall it might be helpful. She remembered her late husband discussing Glebe trustees.

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028/23: PLANNING

Two planning applications were noted. Neither involved RPC being asked to comment. NW outlined 230375 (1 Horseshoe Cottages). TC said he would circulate previous RPC comments – to ascertain what RPC wished to say.

029/23: CIL PROJECTS

The Clerk said he had raised the approved paving with WBC Highways but had still had no reply. He wondered whether RPC would wish to offer new oak gate signs at the time the paving was carried out. He said that he hoped to order oak signs for the A321 trail and Ferry Lane after final checks on wording. Some website pages needed updating.

030/23: WEBSITE

Updated data on Feb 2023 website activity and the Gigaclear roll out was noted.

031/23: HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

TC said that all was ready for the March Litter Pick. Data for traffic levels on the 30mph section of the A4130 (near the Aston Lane turning) was noted (see Appendix 1) between 21-28 Feb. It was AGREED that this should go on the website and be made available to Henley Town Council.

032/23: LICENSING AND EVENTS

The Clerk was asked to try to get more information on licensed events at Remenham Court. It was AGREED that the next phase of costs in the forthcoming Licensing Review would be met.

033/23: FINANCIAL MATTERS

TC had circulated details of RPC account activity, which was approved. It was noted that the www connection at the Parish Hall had risen from £44 to £61/month.

034/23: ANY OTHER MATTERS

AW asked how he could find out the position on the planning application for Foxhaven. TC said he thought there had not been a WBC Planning decision. He said he would provide a link to the WBC Planning website.

PSI said that there an HRR review meeting soon and that RPC ought to be represented. BR wondered whether JH would be back.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Mon 17th April 2023 at 6pm and then 15th May at 5:30pm (AMP) followed by the APM at 6:30pm.

ACTIONS:

*BR will: report on the gate area for Ferry Lane field
coordinate the updating of some website pages*

TC will: organise payment for Coronation mugs on receipt of an invoice

circulate previous RPC comments on 230375 (1 Horseshoe Cottages)

provide traffic data to the website and Henley Town Council

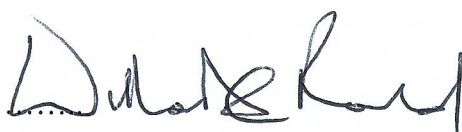
order oak signs (when wording is finalised)

ensure all is ready for the March Litter Pick

seek more detailed information on events at Remenham Court

provide planning links for AW

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Appendix 1. Traffic data for 30mph section of A4130