

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held face-to-face on Mon 17th April 2023 starting at 6:05pm and finishing at 7:04pm (circulated 24th April 2023)

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

In attendance: Felicity Rutland (FR), Pat Sly (PSI)

035/23: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from John Merkel and Darrel Poulos.

036/23: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

037/23: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

13th March 2023 RPC minutes were approved and signed. JH asked for clarification on the Glebe land (minute 027/23) and whether the Clerk had seen any legal documents 2023. TC said he had only seen a letter from someone who had seen the legal documents. He added that he was still awaiting a reply from the diocese office and would report back when there was news.

038/23: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The actions taken by The Chairman and The Clerk were noted. Litter pick items had been returned to WBC – with no charge. The donation to the Remenham Coronation mugs was noted, as were the purchases of oak signs, defibrillator and water quality analysers. Phosphate levels above and below Henley (Ferry Lane) should soon be available.

039/23: PLANNING

Two planning applications were considered.

(i) 230810 (Common Barn) – on this RPC decided it wished to make no comment, other than to ask WBC Planning to ensure that (i) the photovoltaic array and its support structure and reflections could not be seen from any public footpath or road and (ii) if connected to the national grid at high voltage that persons, deer etc should be fully protected from this.

(ii) 230776 (Colt House). RPC noted that on 12/01/2023 under 223812 it had said that it is happy to leave the matter with the relevant WBC Planning Officer, asking only that WBC Planning ensure that the total % volume increase proposed will not exceed norms and that light pollution is minimised. RPC appreciate that early applications were for permitted development (PD). Now the proposal is for a different more visible extension. RPC would like WBC Planning to ensure that 72% volume increase is valid and that there will be minimal light pollution in this portion of the dark Green Belt from the new more visible extension.

In addition there was discussion about why no planning applications appeared to have been submitted on Holme Farm and its boathouse (where trees may have been planted on Highways land) and The Flower Pot. The Clerk was asked to look into these matters.

040/23: CIL PROJECTS

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The Clerk updated the meeting on (i) a contractor carrying out maintenance work on the existing towpath signs/posts on 5th May and installing the new signs (where precise locations were needed) and (ii) paving at Parish Hall (PH). PSI said that because of recent bad weather the paving might be 1 week later than originally planned.

041/23: WEBSITE

Updated data on March 2023 website activity was considered and the Clerk was asked to chase up Gigaclear again on its roll-out. There was a discussion about whether the website suggested those attending a Coronation event needed to inform Sue Laing.

042/23: HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

BR thought that the state of Aston Lane had improved, but sadly already three further potholes had appeared requiring attention. PH agreed. FR mentioned the pothole on the other side of Henley Bridge. TC said that the speed sign facing traffic going towards Henley still had no electricity supply. JH suggested reporting these on-line. The Clerk AGREED to do this. PSI was concerned about a land slip near the upper churchyard.

043/23: LICENSING AND EVENTS

JH said the meeting on Rewind on the 28th April was going ahead. BR said that he was attending. JH asked about Remenham Court events.

044/23: FINANCIAL MATTERS

TC had circulated details of RPC account activity, which was approved. It was noted that in 2022-2023

(i) Precept-VAT income amounted to £28936

(ii) CIL expenditure had been completed £34924 involving

Oak signs 4638

PH paving/downlights 8604

SID 13050

A321 trail 7066

defibrill 1566

(iii) SSE street lights costs had been £1322

(iv) BT WWW PH connection had been £1693

There was discussion about item (iii) and whether this was justified.

045/23: ANY OTHER MATTERS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Mon 15th May at 5:30pm (AMP) followed by the APM at 6:30pm.

There was discussion about matters to be considered at the AMP and refreshments for residents at the APM. TC was asked to bring forward recommendations.

ACTIONS:

TC will: submit approved comments on 230810 and 230776

enquire about planning applications for Holme Farm and its boathouse and
The Flower Pot

coordinate the contractors work on 5th May

chase up Gigaclear again

report potholes, the lack of electricity supply to a SID and the state of
Aston Lane on line.

report back on contract end-dates for SSE(street lights) and BT internet
connection at the Parish Hall

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