

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Mon 15th May 2023 starting at 5:35pm and finishing at 6:32pm (circulated 18th May 2023)

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

In attendance: Chris Leeming (CL); John Neville (Henley Cricket Club; JN); Jacky Ronald (JR); Felicity Rutland (FR), Marilyn Sermon (MS); Pat Sly (PSI)

046/23: WELCOME

BR welcomed John Neville of the Henley Cricket Club mentioning that he had a planning background.

047/23: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Franky Cookson and Darrel Poulos.

048/23: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

049/23: ELECTION

There was a discussion about whether the meeting was quorate. The election of BR as Chair was proposed by John Halsall and seconded by Polly Hogan. The election of JH as Vice-Chair was proposed by Polly Hogan and seconded by Bill Ronald. This was approved unanimously and both accepted the posts.

050/23: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

JM had asked that the minutes of 17th April 2023 indicate that he had been unable to attend, subject to this change, it was then AGREED that BR be authorised to sign the minutes for the meeting on that date as a true record of that meeting.

051/23: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The actions taken by The Chairman and The Clerk were noted. Highways defects had been reported on Fix-My-Street. Feedback from WBC Planning and Enforcement on Holme Farm and The Flowerpot was noted. There was discussion about the safety of tables near to the roadside and the extent to which properties were covenanted involving the National Trust. BR offered to discuss matters with those involved and report back to the next meeting.

052/23: PLANNING

Two planning applications were considered.

(i) JN spoke to 230917 (Henley Cricket Club) where this related to existing unlit signs around the cricket ground. RPC noted that its comments were not required.

(ii) 213587 (Stowdes House - gatehouse) where WBC Planning had apologised for sending out confusing e-mails. RPC did not need to respond. Subsequently, RPC noted that the appeal APP/X0360/D/22/3309067 on The Reach had been dismissed.

053/23: CIL PROJECTS

The Clerk updated the meeting on

(i) oak signs that would be delivered the following day and be installed by the contractor at the end of May at the same time as maintaining existing signs,

(ii) paving in front of the Parish Hall (PH) where Oscar had suggested an alternative colour (Brindle) but the meeting decided to keep to the WBC-

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approved natural colour to avoid delays and extra cost of seeking to amend existing WBC-Planning approvals. CL questioned the value of paving this area, and

(iii) defibrillators, where it was AGREED there should now be two: one near the lock (where TC had had discussions with the lock-keeper) and near Temple Island at spots where fine boats could come alongside the bank in an emergency.

It was AGREED the location of defibrillators and emergency information (circulated) should go on the noticeboard and website. MS mentioned that some defibrillators had a common code for access (C159).

054/23: WEBSITE

No website activity or GigaClear update was available this month.

055/23: HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

The meeting was sad to hear of the imminent departure of Steve Allender for the West Country in June and thanked him for his hard work. An advert was AGREED for a replacement litter picker to go on the noticeboard and website. NW asked whether there was information on the power supply for the second SID on the A4130. TC said this had been requested again.

056/23: LICENSING AND EVENTS

JH described the outcomes of the meeting on Rewind on the 28th April. It seemed that WBC Licensing had agreed to residents requests for amendments to the licence. CL spoke about event development by stealth that was damaging the landscape and asked TC to request a copy of the Rewind Licence. The Clerk AGREED to do this. JM asked about events at Rose-Toop.

057/23: FINANCIAL MATTERS

TC had circulated details of RPC account activity, which was approved. It was noted that the SSE contract for electricity for street lamps came up for renewal in October 2023. It was AGREED that RPC would return to the matter then. Alison Jones was approved as the Internal Auditor.

058/23: ANY OTHER MATTERS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Mon 12th June at 6:00pm

ACTIONS:

BR will: discuss planning and Highways matters with those involved at The Flower Pot and Holme Farm

*TC will: inform the contractor of the natural colour choice for paving outside the Parish Hall front wall
oversee final CIL work
purchase a second defibrillator and coordinate their installation
circulate emergency information for the noticeboard and website
circulate and post an advert for a replacement litter picker on the noticeboard and website
continue to chase WBC Highways on potholes, Aston Lane and the unconnected SID on the A4130
request a copy of the Rewind Licence
circulate audit paperwork before sending to the internal auditor*

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APPENDIX & Minute 059/23:

REMENHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM)

Notes on the APM held on Mon 15th May 2023 starting at 6:32pm and finishing at 7:30pm (circulated 17th May 2023). Notes taken at the 2022 AMP were circulated.

Those present included: Angie (AE) and Ron Emerson (RE); Nigel Gray (NG), Chris Leeming (CL); Jacky Ronald (JR); Felicity Rutland (FR), Marilyn Sermon (MS); Pat Sly (PSI)

BR said he had received an apology from Peter Grace who said he was unable to attend the meeting. Following wine and light refreshments, PH proposed BR Chair the meeting. PSI seconded this. JH proposed a vote of thanks to BR for his hard work during the year. BR thanked JH for his hard work over many years for Remenham Parish. He noted that FC and DP were unable to be present.

Bill Ronald welcomed all to the meeting and said it was good to see so many residents at the meeting. He thanked Councillors for all their hard work during the year. He thanked the Community for their support and involvement. He said it had been an active year for RPC. He then outlined what had been achieved in the last year in Remenham. He spoke of CIL expenditure (inviting comments from JM, PH, TC) and Highways, (where there was discussion about parking, tree stumps near Leander, traffic flows on Remenham Lane, hatching at the entrance to Remenham Lane and the double white lines near Middle Culham). BR asked Ron Emerson to update the meeting on the outcome of the WBC licensing meeting with residents on the Rewind Festival. He described the progress made and said he hoped the wider community would now become involved. The Clerk then gave key data on the financial position of RPC, saying that RPC reserves had been lowered by the necessary CIL spend, but that these were still healthy and next year the VAT refund was expected to be larger. Table 1 shows the patterned of spend of CIL income in 2022-2023. He showed traffic data for Remenham Church Lane collected (see Figure 1) during and after HRR 2022. RE said this was exactly the sort of data that was needed. There was discussion about whether another Sierzega analyser was required to give simultaneous traffic data for Aston Lane and Remenham Church Lane during the Rewind Festival. TC said this would cost about £1800. He then showed data (see Figure 2) for the last week for White Hill which showed average vehicle speeds on Remenham Hill had been moderated by the new WestcoTec speed warning signs.

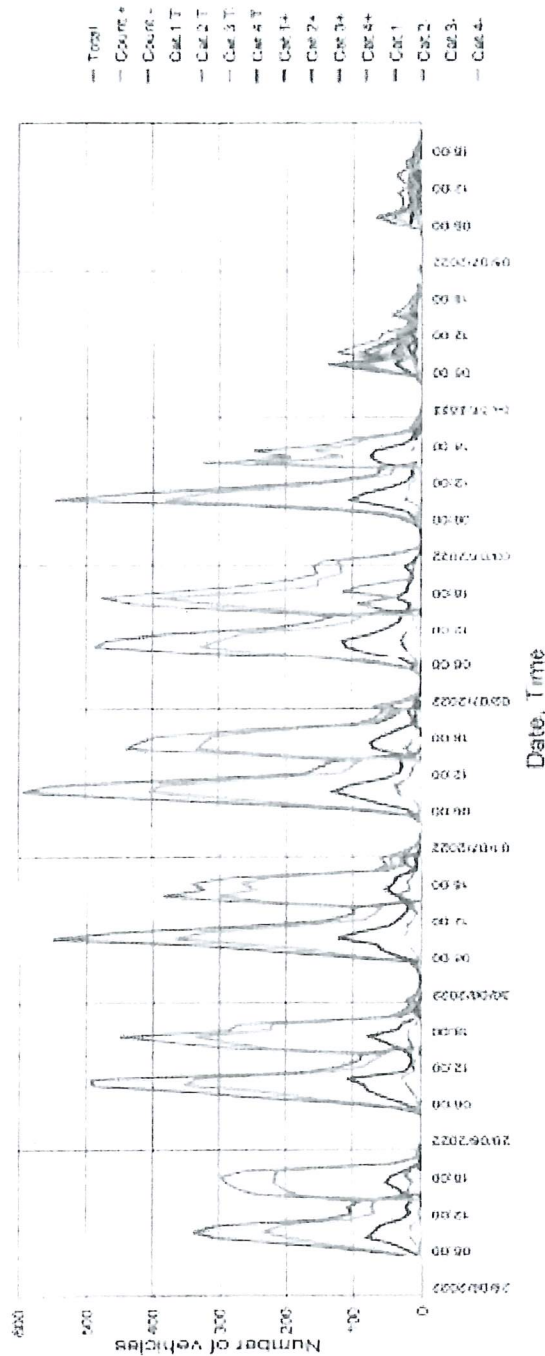
BR closed the meeting at ^{7:45}~~6:30~~pm thanking everyone for attending.

Table 1. CIL spend (£) in 2022-2023 totalling £34923.35 although VAT had already been reclaimed

Oak signs	4638.00
CIL on PH	8603.75
SID speed signs	13050.00
A321 trail	7065.60
Defibrillator	1566.00

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Statistics		28 June 2022, 06:10 o'clock to 05 July 2022, 17:13 o'clock													
Period:		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Speed violation	0 % Motorcycle	320	5	751	4.5	110	4.1	215	38	38	31	55	40	65	
Average time interval:	1.6 sec Truck	500	8	1052	5.7	1784	5.4	24	30	35	63	28	34	40	68
Traffic in column	37 % Car	10457	74.7	10521	65.1	16959	79.2	24	30	35	63	28	34	39	72
ADT:	120 Large truck	1619	14.3	3375	21.7	4864	18.6	19	25	31	35	20	21	37	42
Truck Share	89 % Total	11301	42.2	15550	67.5	26821	120	23	29	34	59	25	30	39	72

Figure 2. Variations in average vehicle speeds on White Hill in the week before this 2023 APM depending on the time of day measured with new WestcoTec speed indicators

