

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Mon 11th Sept 2023 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:53pm (circulated 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023)

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

In attendance:

Steve Porter (SP; Rewind Festivals Producer)  
Kate Warren (KW; WBC) and residents  
Neil Brown  
Tanya Copas  
Richard Crook  
Jenny & David Law  
Gillian & Richard Murdock  
Felicity Rutland  
Pat Sly  
Anthony West

### **081/23: WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies from John Halsall and Darrel Poulos (Covid assessment). The Chair welcomed KW & Steve and introduced Richard Crook who had recently become an Aston resident.

### **082/23: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **083/23: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that BR be authorised to sign the minutes for the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 as a true record.

### **084/23: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST**

The actions taken in July-August 2023 were noted. BR described discussions on Holme Farm. TC said he had placed a free advert in the Henley Station newsagent for the litter-picking post.

### **085/23: PLANNING**

Two appeals were noted. TC said he would circulate details of RPC's previous comments in case these needed updating. The meeting considered the application for a Viewing platform 13m wide x 6.5m deep viewing platform on 4.4m high posts (at the lower level of the slope ground) at Warren House (231516). It was AGREED to leave the matter with WBC Planning, but only suggest the platform and any structures/lights on it should not be seen from the Thames Path and should be structurally sound for a period to ensure safe use.

### **086/23: CIL PROJECTS**

It was AGREED that the Clerk would complete installation of the 2 defibrillators, boxes and oak posts as soon as Culden Fam, Copas and the EA agreed: (i) upstream of Hambleden Lock and (ii) near Temple Island, with their locations given on the website, noticeboard and Newsletter.

### **087/23: WWW & WEBSITE**

FC reported on website use in August. TC reported that the Parish Hall was moving to GigaClear for its WWW connection in the next month and that direct RPC payments had stopped.

### **088/23: LITTER, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

BR asked if the KEEP CLEAR box at the junction of Remenham Lane and the A4130 could be repainted. The Clerk AGREED to look into this. PH

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reported that footpaths were become overgrown. It was AGREED that TC would ask Oscar Sly to see whether selected hedge trimming could take place on footpaths. PH mentioned a step needed near the lane edge with the top graveyard. TC said he might need to see Father Jeremy's advice on this.

**089/23: LICENSING AND EVENTS**

The discussion included aspects of: communications with residents, marshals (powers, competence and communications), noise/white-noise, traffic levels (mis-direction of caravans in Aston Lane, two articulated lorries going in opposite directions on Remenham Church Lane/Remenham Lane) and gravel carried from fields by traffic onto Remenham Lane. River shuttle benefits were also noted. The Clerk said that RPC had monitored traffic levels on the A4130 in the 30mph section of Remenham Hill/White Hill throughout the summer of 2023 using WestcoTec technology (where there seemed to be little effect of Rewind South and almost a third of vehicles were speeding and some were travelling at 73mph) (see Appendix 1). He said that RPC had also monitored traffic levels on single-track 30mph-limited Remenham Church Lane throughout the summer of 2023 using a Sierzega SR4. There he highlighted traffic levels were far higher during Rewind South than during Henley Festival or Henley Royal Regatta (see Appendix 2). BR said he hoped 2024 would see the Rewind South management address the issues raised (e.g. on communications and marshalling) to deliver further improvements. PH said she thought that there should be some recognition of the massive impact on the community.

**090/23: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

TC had circulated details of RPC account activity, which was approved. The meeting noted that some minor questions had been raised on the audit, which TC was answering this week. It was AGREED that the Urbaser contract to empty dog-waste bins should be renewed. The meeting asked TC to keep it abreast of any WBC-proposed changes in street bin emptying.

**080/23: ANY OTHER MATTERS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Concerns were raised about The Flower Pot and TC was asked to review options. RPC next meets on Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct at 6:00pm

**ACTIONS:**

*TC will: communicate views on Warren House (231516) to WBC Planning*

*get emergency and defibrillator information on the noticeboard, website and Newsletter and arrange defibrillator installation*

*seek the advice of Oscar Sly on hedge trimming/strimming of footpaths.*

*summarise the discussion for WBC Licensing, Rewind South and Copas.*

*continue to chase Chris Easton/WBC Highways\* regarding the Westcotec power supply, potholes around the Bridge and clearing paths between Middle Culham and the milestone/layby*

*recommend a way forward on The Flower Pot concerns*

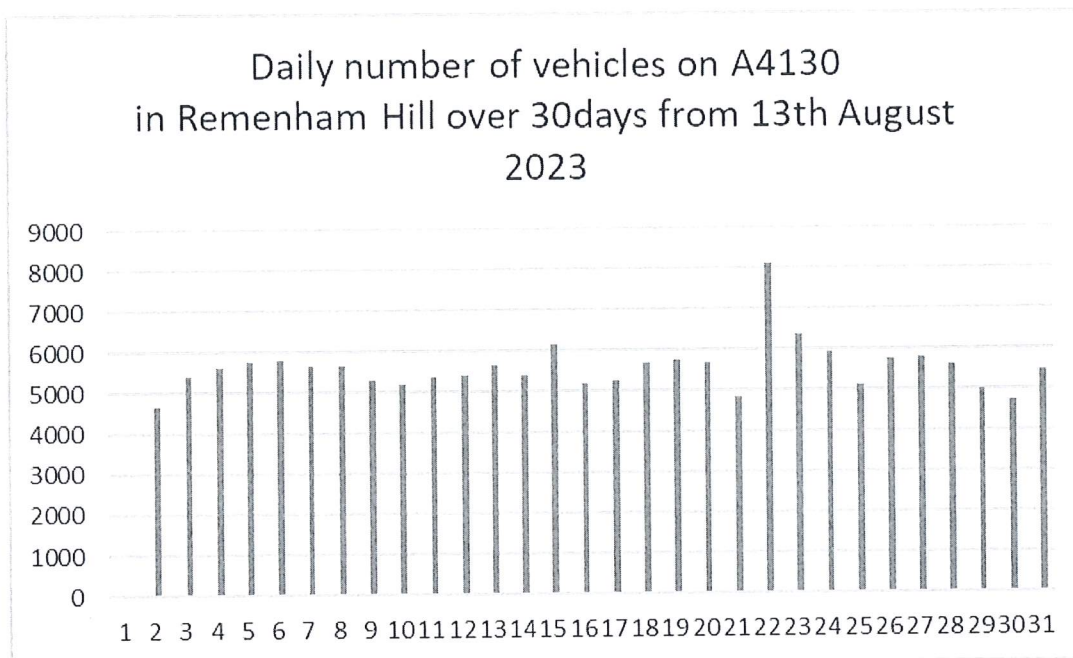
*seek Henley Standard, The Henley Herald and the WhatsApp group opportunities to widen the search for a paid litter picker*

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Here 20.4-28.4% of vehicles are speeding. The maximum speed seen was 73mph. There were 157259 vehicles seen over 30 days. The high traffic volume (8102) did not relate to Rewind.

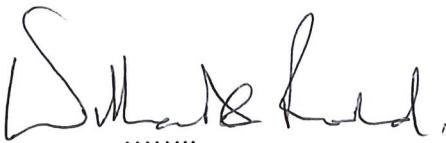


W. Mark Lewis

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**APPENDIX 2: Remenham Church Lane Traffic on Remenham Church Lane  
- where there is a massive effect of Rewind South**

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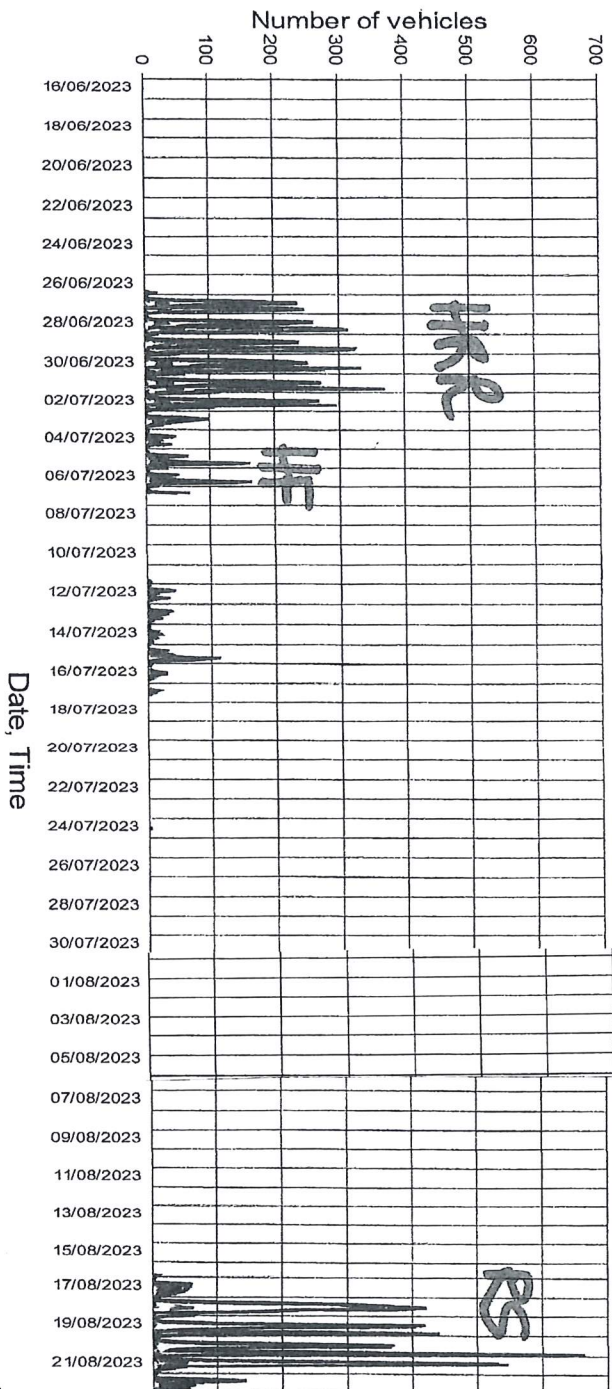
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## RCL traffic levels (vehicles/hour) during HRR, Henley Festival and Rewind 2023



Number of vehicles on Remenham Church Lane (RCL), a single track lane with passing places, over the summer of 2023. Major increases in traffic numbers/hour are seen during Rewind South (18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> August) with lower increases over HRR (27<sup>th</sup> June-2<sup>nd</sup> July) and Henley Festival (5<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> July). Remenham residents are anxious for event organisers and WBC Licensing to take into account the cumulative impact of such increases in traffic levels on single-track country lanes and trunk roads (A4130, A321) where RPC is also acquiring data

*William R. R.*

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