

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Mon 13th Nov 2023 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:30pm (circulated 14th Nov 2023)

PRESENT Cllrs Bill Ronald (Chairman)
Franky Cookson (FC)
Polly Hogan (PH)
John Merkel (JM)
Nigel Williams (NW)
The Clerk (PS; TC)

In attendance:

Anthony de Winton (AdW)
Ron Emerson (RE)
Chris Leeming (CL)
Adam Young (AY Thames Valley Police (TVP))

102/23: WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed AY from Thames Valley Police and Anthony de Winton. There were apologies from John Halsall (family illness) and Darrel Poulos (boat in Sonning). TC thanked PH for taking notes at the last meeting.

103/23: TVP

AY outlined what could be done on ASB and drink-driving. He said the nearest police station was in Henley, but that he was happy for his TVP mobile number (07816162644) and e-mail (adam.young@thamesvalley.police.uk) to be available to residents. AY said that 999 (emergencies) and 101 (non-emergencies) were also available. TC asked whether police could check on vehicle speeds on the A4130 and A321 in Remenham in a manner similar to those carried out in Hurley. AY suggested RPC requests this in an email. It was AGREED that TC would do this.

104/23: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that BR be authorised to sign the minutes for the meeting on 9th Oct 2023 as a true record.

105/23: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The actions taken in Sept 2023 were noted. On Foxhaven/Beechview it was noted earlier properties had been demolished, but while 221887 (with no basement) had been approved, 223612 (with a basement) had not been approved. It was subsequently noted that Foxhaven 223612 has gone to appeal, with RPC invited to comment by 19th Dec 2023. It was also noted that SSE had at last renewed the power supply to the WestCoTec sign facing away from Henley and Copas had cleared Rewind debris from Remenham Lane.

106/23: PLANNING

232685 (The Flower Pot; change of storage/garage units to 3 accommodation units in gravel car-park) was considered. In the light of concerns JH was asked to list this retrospective application. It was AGREED that the views of Andy Meader should be sought. RPC has until 27th Nov to comment. See footnote on RPC comments after advice from Andy Meader.

107/23: CIL PROJECTS

It was noted that the 2 oak posts (for defibrillator boxes) were now at Hambleden Lock and the Copas sites and that TC had to generate a CIL report for WBC.

108/23: WEBSITE

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Website use in October was noted. FC described the regular updating of the website and requested more landscape photos of the Parish. She said that changes to domestic waste collection in bins was now on the website.

109/23: LICENSING

The WBC statement on licensing was circulated and noted. JH was asked to coordinate RPC's response with legal advice.

110/23: LITTER, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

RE said he thought that blue Copas signs should not be in place all year and wondered whether they might be lifted. It was AGREED TC should look into this.

It was AGREED a further effort be made to find a replacement for Steve Allender (litter picking). TC said he thought JH knew the lady who had applied and that there might be a way forward.

TC said that John Laing had emailed about gaps in hedgerows where there were drops, giving the upper churchyard as an example. TC said that there were other unguarded drops next to highways in the Parish. He said The Woodlands Trust were offering hedgerows and that WBC Highways might offer to replace safety bollards. It was AGREED that Chris Easton should be invited to the Jan 2024 RPC meeting to discuss the matter.

TC said he had had an email from AdW about the Aston slipway. He said RPC had in 2021-22 sought EA advice and Cook Piling for a quote for slipway repairs. AdW said he thought what was required was a concrete ramp that lowered the angle experienced by vehicles/trailers. It was AGREED that TC would download the EA approval form and a lower quote from Oscar.

PH again raised the issue of the gate area of the lock-side of Ferry Lane Field. It was AGREED action was needed.

111/23: FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was AGREED that TC was taking the right approach with regard to terminating the street light contract with SSE. It was noted that NALC salaries had increased and that these should apply to TC (taking is monthly stipend from £302.25 to £329.55/month). It was noted that RPC had received a free laptop 6 years ago. It was now giving issues and should be replaced. TC was asked to get a quote from ITQED for a laptop and software. It was also AGREED that the Urbaser dog-waste bin emptying contract should be renewed.

112/23: ANY OTHER MATTERS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

BR mentioned a new younger resident who might be willing to be considered for coopting onto RPC (Paul Binney). It was agreed that RPC would consider replacing its wooden bench commemorating contributions to the Parish Council and that TC should organise drinks/mince pies for the next meeting; Mon 11th Dec at 6:00pm

FOOTNOTE:

Subsequently, the following comments were approved. RPC noted at its November meeting that 232685 seeks to transform storage/garage units into 3 accommodation units. RPC's main concern is unauthorised building works to change use from storage to accommodation in a Green belt location. RPC wishes WBC Planning to seek advice from Fire & Rescue about the emergency exits and the effect of the adjacent substation and general parking, WBC Highways about parking segregation and multiple entrances/exits on a very busy corner, water supply and waste disposal, National Trust over covenants and Brakspears Brewery. RPC wants WBC Planning to ensure that no new storage units appear elsewhere on this site.

ACTIONS:

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TC will:

circulate AY TVP mobile number (07816162644) and e-mail
(adam.young@thamesvalley.police.uk)

contact AY on vehicle speeds on the A4130 and A321 in Remenham in a
manner similar to those carried out in Hurley

contact Andy Meader and then circulate comments on 232685 for
approval before the deadline

generate a CIL report for WBC

discuss with Copas the possibility of blue signs being lifted at some
times of year

invite Chris Easton to the Jan 2024 RPC meeting

download the EA form and request a slipway quote from Oscar

look at the gate area of the lock-side of Ferry Lane Field

complete cancelation of the SSE street light contract

raise TC stipend SO


obtain a quote from ITQED for replacement laptop

renew Urbaser contract for 2023-2024

prepare for Co-opting process

obtain bench quotes

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