

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Mon 11th Dec 2023 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:39pm (circulated 12th Dec 2023)

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

In attendance: approximately 30 residents

113/23: JOHN HALSALL & REFRESHMENTS

The Chairman welcomed so many residents to the meeting and invited them to enjoy the refreshments. He spoke warmly of JH's contribution at a Remenham and a Wokingham level over the last 30 years, where he challenged national leaders on housing policy and with an engraved cut-crystal whisky glass wished him many years of happy retirement. JH thanked BR for his kind words. The meeting started formally at 6:35pm. A few residents left at this point.

114/23: CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

BR welcomed Paul Binney (BP) who had applied to be the new co-opted councillor and invited him to introduce himself. BR said he would be welcome 'young blood' with excellent Remenham credentials. Darrel proposed his appointment and this was seconded by NW. PB accepted. BR recommended the appointment of PH as Deputy Chair (on JH's retirement). Darrel proposed this and FC seconded. PH accepted to undertake this role.

115/23: APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

116/23: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that BR be authorised to sign the minutes for the meeting on 13th Nov 2023 as a true record.

117/23: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The actions taken in ~~Sept~~ ^{Oct-Nov} 2023 were noted. TC said he had spoken with Oscar over the slipway and downloaded the EA forms, agreed with Urbaser on a new contract to empty dog-waste bins, advertised the possibility of co-opting a new councillor, discussed with Copas the possibility of blue signs being lifted at some times of year, invited Chris Easton to the Jan 2024 RPC meeting, submitted Thames Bridge House planning comments, raised the TC stipend SO, obtained a quote from ITQED for a replacement laptop, and obtained a bench quote. He said was still working on the SSE street light contract termination and had yet to look at the gate area of the lock-side of Ferry Lane Field. BR thought that Tom Copas was considering the signage position.

118/23: PLANNING

TC confirmed that Thames Bridge House comments had been submitted (although work had already started) and that Foxhaven had gone to appeal over its request for a basement (although the properties had already been demolished). JH said he thought the Flower Pot application would be listed.

119/23: CIL PROJECTS

CIL statements were noted and approved subject to the items listed were approximately equal to CIL income.

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120/23: WEBSITE

Website use in November was noted. FC described the regular updating of the website and said information particularly about refuse was constantly updated.

121/23: LICENSING

JH said that a draft document was being produced. BR reminded the meeting that the deadline for submission was early January 2024.

122/23: LITTER, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

TC said that RPC's Sierzega monitor has provided levels and speeds of traffic towards and from Henley Bridge on the A4130 near the Little Angel from 8am on 21/Nov/23 to 8am on 25/Nov/23. PH said that feedback from Henley/SODC was expected in due course to allow a comparison of their systems with RPC's Sierzega. Bob Nancarrow spoke about highways issues on White Hill and the junction of the A4130 and Culham Lane (where a hedge blocked the view). BR said there would be many for and against the introduction of a 20mph zone on Remenham Hill. TC said that even when RPC installed a bench on White Hill in 2014 there were major Highways licence issues. Pat Sly raised the issue of the drop from the highway near UTRC. BR said this was to be on the Highways list for January. It was AGREED that TC would explore other ways of advertising Steve Allender's litter collection post – which might suit retired persons. It was also AGREED that TC would bring together all comments that would be brought to Highway's attention in January.

123/23: WOKINGHAM & HENLEY MATTERS

TC said that Graham Howe had once attended an RPC meeting as a Wokingham Councillor for Remenham, Twyford and Wargrave. He said he would contact Graham to see if he would provide feedback on Wokingham matters on JH's retirement and whether he might also list any planning applications if RPC thought this was necessary.

124/23: FINANCIAL MATTERS

Account activity was discussed and agreed. The history of the use of ITQED use for RPC internet/laptop services was noted. NW was asked to interact with the TC to decide on the ITQED use and replacement of secure RPC laptop. The quote for a replacement RPC Westminster 1.5m bench (£299) was noted.

125/23: ANY OTHER MATTERS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

BR welcomed the high attendance at the meeting, wished everyone a Happy Christmas break and said the next meeting would be on Mon 8th January 2024 at 6pm in the Parish Hall

ACTIONS:

TC will:
obtain quotes and EA paperwork for the slipway
progress Ferry Lane field gate options with Culden FW
submit amended CIL statements
bring together all comments for Highways in January
contact Graham Howe about Wokingham feedback and representation on
listing planning matters
interact with Nigel to reach a conclusion on ITQED/laptop replacement

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