REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Mon 8^{th} Jan 2024 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:15pm (circulated 9^{th} Jan 2023)

PRESENT Cllrs Bill Ronald (Chairman)

Polly Hogan (PH)
Paul Binney (PB)
Nigel Williams (NW)
The Clerk (PS; TC)

In attendance: Felicity Rutland (FR)

001/24: APOLOGIES

There were papologies from Franky Cookson, John Merkel and Darrel Poulos.

002/24: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that BR be authorised to sign the minutes for the meeting on 11^{th} Dec 2023 as a true record.

002/24: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The actions taken in Dec 2023 were noted. TC had obtained quotes and EA paperwork for the slipway progressed Ferry Lane field gate options with Alex Dick/Culden Faw and hoped for an outcome by the Feb RPC meeting, amended and had accepted CIL statements, collated all Highways concerns, contact Graham Howe about Wokingham feedback and representation on listing planning matters (JH for the present), interacted with NW on the HP/ITQED/laptop replacement, interacted with WBC Governance who had enquired of RPC Cllr co-opting, and delivered JH engraved glasses (JH said in passing he would like his name on an RPC bench).

003/24: PLANNING

BR described the outcomes of recent planning applications.TC outlined the two applications RPC was asked to consider: Rivertrees (232716) and Marsh Lock House (233137). It was AGREED TC should contact WBC Planning to say that (i) on Rivertrees RPC was happy with the profile of Rivertrees seen from the river but was concerned about the effect of the basement (lying below river level) on the biodiversity of the river bank and river flows. RPC also wanted to be sure that the % increase in volume/area caused by the basement were within norms and (ii) on Marsh Lock House RPC requests more detailed information on which to comment.

004/24: WEBSITE

Website use in Dec 2023 was noted. This had increased 20%. TC reminded the meeting that the Cllr advert/notice remained on the website and noticeboard and would be there until Easter. BR AGREED to include this in his next Newsletter entry.

005/24: LICENSING

TC circulated an RPC/RFA submission to WBC Licensing on its Statement of Licensing Policy (SLP). BR said he had been involved in this draft. TC asked if RPC was liable to produce a full and proper local profile of the Parish for the upcoming meeting. BR said he hoped to attend the meeting.

006/24: HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

TC said that he had together all comments and sent these to WBC Highways, but as yet there was no response from them. Subsequently he spoke to Rebecca Brooks (having sent all documents and photos) who said that these had been received. He mentioned the 7^{th} Feb and requested a face-2face or Teams discussion. TC awaits a response.

007/24: WOKINGHAM & HENLEY MATTERS

Chairman

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7th Feb 2024

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TC said he should contact Graham Howe again on longer term Wokingham feedback for RPC and any listing of future planning applications.

008/24: FINANCIAL MATTERS

Account activity was discussed and agreed. TC expenses were approved. It was AGREED that the RPC Precept should be +2% and that TC should circulate a draft 2024-2025 budget and the precept form.

009/24: ANY OTHER MATTERS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

BR said it would be helpful if the next meeting was on Wed 7^{th} February 2024 at 6pm in the Parish Hall, Subsequently, TC found that the PH was available at that time.

ACTIONS:

TC will:

Obtain the slipway quote from Oscar within 2024-2025 budget limits Ask Harvey is he is able to comment on EA paperwork for the slipway Complete assessment of Ferry Lane field gate options with Culden FW within 2024-2025 budget limits
Agree Highways discussion on 7th Feb
Ask Graham Howe about Wokingham feedback and representation on listing planning matters

Conclude HP/ITQED/laptop purchase

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