

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wed 7th February 2024 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:25pm (circulated 11th Feb 2024)

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

In attendance: Emma Abbot, Linda Ashwell (LA), Daniel Bausor (DB), Peter (PG) & Natalie Grace (NG), Emma Long, Felicity Rutland and Pat Sly (PSI)

010/24: APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Paul Binney, John Merkel and Darrel Poulos.

011/24: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that BR be authorised to sign the minutes for the meeting on 8th Jan 2024 as a true record.

012/24: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

The actions taken in Jan 2024 were noted.

013/24: CO-OPTING

BR reported that he had received an email from Darrel Poulos indicating he was resigning. He said he planned to phone Darrel shortly. He also knew that John Merkel wished to concentrate on health matters. He indicated that EA and PG had indicated that they would wish to be considered. TC said he had heard from one other resident who might be interested. TC said the advert inviting applications to become an RPC Cllr remained on the website and noticeboard. It was AGREED TC would contact WBC Governance to update them on any resignations.

014/24: PLANNING

BR invited DB/EL to describe application 240069 for lighting of Henley Bridge (upstream and downstream sides). They said the proposal had support from many (including Historic England). It would not affect fish. It would be a warm white/moonlight colour. It would switch off each night. It was AGREED that RPC would write to support the application. On Foxhaven (233130) it was AGREED RPC would leave the matter to WBC Planning but would ask that the %volume increase should be within norms for the Green Belt and that any filling of the swimming pool from the Foxhaven borehole should not impinge on adjacent borehole users.

015/24: WEBSITE

Website use in Jan 2024 was described by FC. PH wondered whether the site could be complimented by a WhatsApp group. NG wondered about other platforms. BR said this might be a task for a new Cllr.

016/24: LICENSING


BR said that Ron and Neil had attended the WBC Licensing meeting. TC said that RPC was committed to generating a Parish Profile against which the cumulative impact of events could be seen. TC suggested the purchase of two new Sierzega monitors (traffic and bicycles), light-sound-insect monitors. It was AGREED he should get quotes for the next RPC meeting.

017/24: HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

TC provided a summary of the January meeting with Highways (see Appendix 1). BR suggested that RPC should consider WBC proposals at its March meeting. Vickie Amarilis wants to come to the next meeting to describe a proposal to have an art trail from Hambleden Lock to the Rivers & Rowing Museum. TC was asked to invite her. TC was asked to complete the discussions with Culden Faw on the Ferry Lane field entrance near the lock by the March meeting.

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018/24: WOKINGHAM & HENLEY MATTERS

TC said a Litter Pick on 24th March 2024 was being offered by WBC with them providing safety hardware. TC said that WBC Highways had approved this. It was AGREED this should go ahead, with coffee/cakes provided at the Parish Hall. LA said that it was a shame that early bulb planting had been problematic previously. BR suggested that planting might be integrated with the litter pick, provided suitable species could be found.

019/24: FINANCIAL MATTERS

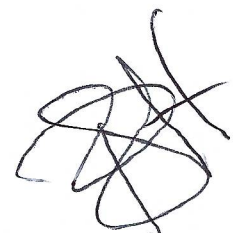
Account activity was discussed and agreed. TC showed the survey of the slipway. It was AGREED RPC should now move to Stage 2 for the next meeting. TC said that Jenna at WBC had indicated that in 2024 RPC might have £45K CIL monies to spend on infrastructure and it should be planning ahead on this in the context of the slipway, Ferry Lane field entrance and traffic monitors. Consideration was given to SSE street lighting. TC/PH AGREED to get clarity on SSE proposals and to get action by the next meeting. PSI said she understood the need for SSE action, but said the light near The Little Angel was very useful for those parking. TC wondered whether the WBC Highways to introduce an EV parking place there might include a street light. TC said the 2% Precept (Appendix 2) had been approved (based on the outline 2024-2025 Budget (see Appendix 3)). TC said the domain payments would move to a DD from RPC's current account.

020/24: ANY OTHER MATTERS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Next meeting Mon 11th March

ACTIONS:

TC will:

- contact WBC Governance to update them on any resignations
- contact WBC Planning on 240069 and 233130
- obtain Sierzega (traffic and bicycles), light-sound-insect monitors to enable the generation of data for the Parish Profile
- circulate the WBC Highways proposals
- invite Vickie Amarilis to the next meeting
- complete the discussions with Culden Faw on the Ferry Lane field entrance
- facilitate the Litter Pick on 24th March 2024 with coffee/cakes at the Parish Hall and integrated planting
- approve Stage 2 slipway design generation at two design levels (with PH) complete the SSE process and seek EV/light options for Remenham Lane



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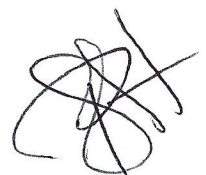
Appendix 1 Topics at WBC Highways/RPC Teams Meeting on 31st Jan 2024 with Ed Day (WBC H), BR, PH and TC:

- (1) yellow box marking and kerb improvements at the A4130-A321-Remenham Lane-Leander junctions
- (2) drainage channels on Aston Lane
- (3) mud on Remenham Lane
- (4) edge markers-barriers of drops from highway near UTRC-upper churchyard-Remenham Court
- (5) parking in Ferry Lane
- (6) low pavement widths-heights and debris coverage on A4130 (and wave of tarmac) and advice for any voluntary litter pickers on 24th March) and one residual tree stump near Henley Bridge
- (7) provision of an EV charging point in a Remenham Lane parking bay

Relevant photos were supplied by TC.

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Appendix 2

Appendix 3

Income (£)	2024-2025	Notes
Precept	29721 +2%	
Other		
Interest		
Total	29721	
Expenditure (£)		
Wages	8000	a
TC expenses	750	b
Advice	15000	c
Chair expenses	500	
Local profile for licensing	10000	d
AGM expenses	300	
PH donation	1500	e
Newsletter don	1200	
Churchyard don	1000	
Web domain	300	
Insurance	500	
Electricity		f
External audit	400	
Internal audit	300	
Urbaser dogwaste	1000	g
PO Box	450	
Hall internet		e
BALC/NALC	150	
CAB	100	
Open spaces	100	
SLCC	100	
CPRE	100	
Traffic/pollution data	2000	
Adverts	100	
Election		
Fixed Assets	20000	h
Public events		
Police/Highways		i
Miscellaneous (ICO)	100	
Total	63950	
Surplus income over spend	-34229	
Reserves current acct	87706	j

a: wages may decrease because of absence of SA

b: TC expenses increased

c: legal and planning advice increased

d: need a Remenham profile as a measurable backdrop to SLP. RPC should say to licensing that it fully supports the RFA/RPC submission, but is planning to produce an acoustic/traffic/water pollution/air pollution profile of the Parish and would like data feedback from WBC Licensing to demonstrate the cumulative impact of events on the Parish that could be assessed in an annual September washup meeting.

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- e: increased PH donation to take account of WWW connection (now a zero entry in itself)
- f: SSE lighting stops
- g: currently Urbaser charge £736/year (up a little in case)
- h: expenditure on fixed assets will include maintenance (£1K), replacement computer (£1.5K), log changes (£0.5K), Ferry Lane field gate (£5K) and slipway (£12K)
- i: police deleted
- j: current reserves £116K would reduce at the end of 2024-5 to £82K (much healthier)