

## REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wed 11th March ~~February~~ 2024 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:21pm (circulated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024)

**PRESENT** Cllrs Polly Hogan (PH) (Chair)  
Paul Binney (PB)  
Franky Cookson (FC)  
Nigel Williams (NW)  
The Clerk (PS; TC)

In attendance: Emma Abbot (EA), Vickie Amarilis (VA), David Cook (DC), Peter (PG) & Natalie Grace (NG)

### **021/24: APOLOGIES**

There were apologies from Bill Ronald

### **022/24: MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

It was AGREED that PH be authorised to sign the minutes for the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 as a true record.

### **023/24: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST**

The actions taken in Feb 2024 were noted.

### **024/24: CO-OPTING**

It was noted the WBC Governance had not yet said the process of co-opting could proceed. TC was asked to contact them with regard to starting the process as soon as BR returned.

### **025/24: PLANNING**

Surprise was expressed that WBC Planning had objected to the proposal for lighting on bridge. TC said WBC Planners had contacted him as to who owned Henley Bridge. DC said he had written a letter to the Henley Standard on the matter. There was a broader planning discussion touching on Foxhaven and Lockwaters, where EA explained where these were located.

### **026/24: WEBSITE**

FC described the Feb 2024 activity on the website. She raised the stipend of the website manager which she thought should be raised. TC said that he was very important to the community and the Parish Council. He said that a rise to £200/month might be appropriate and that this would be defined by hours/month (which might well increase with Remenham Profile data updates) and the hourly rate (£/hour). FC agreed to discuss the matter with him.

### **027/24: LICENSING**

The PC was reminded that a meeting was taking place at WBC the same night. TC said that RPC had asked that Michael Dudley represent them at the meeting and indicated that RPC was collecting data over the next 5 months. He said that there were already points of concern (i.e. levels of traffic-generated NO<sub>2</sub> mostly above WHO-recommended values). PB asked how RPC should act. TC said that he would collect a bit more data and then ask WBC and SODC to act.

### **028/24: HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

The first draft of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WRA report on slipway options was discussed. It was AGREED that the second report should define technical options and their possible cost range and that this should be taken to Highways and PG suggested also the EA. TC said that fishing regulations meant that any work could not start until July. It was noted that neither Culden Faw nor Ed Day (Highways) had come back to RPC with moves forward. PH said she thought the gate in Ferry Lane field near the lock, should have a gate similar to the one near the slipway. It was AGREED that after disconnection from SSE that RPC would move to install a solar street light of good technical and aesthetic design and EV charging point near the Remenham

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Lane parking bays. It was AGREED that an EV charger supplier should be invited to the next meeting. TC AGREED to attend a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March in Henley. VA described her plans for an art trail event focussing on the river. This was warmly received and there were suggestions of WI, website, Parish Hall and newsletter involvement. DC suggested that rented flower planters should be locked in place along the green flood rails on both sides on the A4130 (White Hill). This was thought to be a great idea. It was AGREED that this should go ahead for the summer. TC was asked to circulate the exact price involved for approval and place the order. There was discussion about repainting of the hatched yellow boxes at the bottom of White Hill.

**029/24: WOKINGHAM & HENLEY MATTERS**

TC said litter picking gear and wild verge seed (4x500g) (and a bun (not 500g)) would be available at the Parish hall at 9am on the 24<sup>th</sup> March for use that day or any day in the following week.

**030/24: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

PH commented that the defibrillator purchased for Hambleden Lock was sitting unused. TC added that he had not seen the post for near Temple Island put in place yet. He had spoken to the person at the EA responsible for lock refurbishment. TC's expenses were approved. He said he had spent an additional 10h on traffic data acquisition for the Remenham Profile. It was AGREED that TC place an order for 3 SR7 traffic monitors. TC said that a portable speed gun was available. He was asked to invite Steve Townsend to demonstrate the system. If then approved by WBC Highways and TC police it was thought RPC should go ahead provided volunteers were available. DC, TC and PG/NG said that were interested and said they had suggested this a year ago. TC said that we needed to approve donations to the churchyard, Parish Hall and newsletter by the end of the month. He was asked to circulate suggested levels of donation.


**031/24: ANY OTHER MATTERS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** PH thanked everyone for attending and ensuring the went smoothly. She thanked Little Angel staff. Next meeting Mon 8<sup>th</sup> April in the Parish Hall

**ACTIONS:**

*TC will:*

- seek the final 2<sup>nd</sup> WRA report
- seek solutions from Culden Faw and Ed Day (Highways)
- seek disconnection from SSE
- find a solar street light of good technical and aesthetic design
- invite the EV charging point supplier on 8<sup>th</sup> April
- attend a Henley Highways meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March
- circulate the final details of summer planters along flood rails
- order 3 SR7 traffic monitors
- invite Steve Townsend to demonstrate the speed camera on 8<sup>th</sup> April

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