

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

a face-to-face meeting of the Parish Council at the Parish Hall on

Monday 12th May 2025 at 6:00pm

APOLOGIES

REMEMBERING SARAH WEST

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 9th May 2024 with APM, 10th March 2025 & 14th April 2025

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR

ACTION LIST & MATTERS ARISING; actions taken/not taken; notice indicating Cllr vacancy on resignation of Peter Grace

BR-PH (RPC)-RFA-Copas meeting

PH: obtain snacks for the APM

TC: progress approved CIL expenditure & obtain wine/beer/cordial for APM

take internal audit documents to Alison Jones (internal auditor)

circulate/seek approval/submit comments on 250839, 250787 and 232970

continue to collect CIA data on Remenham Church Lane and Aston Lane & try to get SR4 operating near The Little Angel

send an approved email to the Mayor of Henley

raise HenleyRegatta.com signs that had appeared on Highways land on Remenham Church Lane with Highways



Reported
to WBCH

CIL; update on agreed purchases

Slipway (£32K), RPC bench (£2K) & Ferry Lane logs (£1.5K)

WestcoTec SID A321 (£4K), A4130 SID move (£2K) & data contract (£1.2K)

Sierzega bike monitor (£4K)

Larger Wybone dog-waste bins (£1.2K) purchased (WDB/112 Large Capacity Dog Waste Bin with Chute)

Oak reflect/Oscar alternative bollards (if WBCA-H accepted) (£1.5K)

Solar street light (£0.6K)

RPC ACCOUNT BALANCE/STATEMENT & FINANCE; account activity circulated; expenditure approval; internal audit underway



PLANNING

250839	Woodlands House	ground works	RPC comments sent
250787	Secundus, Wargrave Rd	1.8m electric entrance gate	RPC comments sent
250722	The Coach House	1 detached dwelling	RPC comments sent

Listed Building Consent Notification 251097
5 Remenham Terrace, White Hill, Remenham Hill

Wokingham Borough Council – Live Enforcement Cases for Remenham Parish – May 2025

RFS/2019/085351 Park Place RG9 3HN - Non compliance with conditions on PP - Investigation ongoing

RFS/2023/088840 Warren House, Wargrave Road RG9 3JD - Non compliance with enforcement notice - Awaiting compliance

RFS/2024/089970 Park Place Stables, Remenham Hill - Five unauthorised stables Investigation ongoing

RFS/2025/090131 Land adj to Remenham Place, Remenham Hill - Unauthorised stationing of a caravan for habitable accommodation - Investigation ongoing

RFS/2025/090201 Brick Barns, Remenham Hill - Compliance with Enforcement Notice - Awaiting consultee advice

old Horse Chestnut tree at 5 Horsehoes Field has died.

Worth asking residents which trees are worthy of protection orders

WEBSITE; 2025 statistics

2,633 unique visitors; 4,901 page impressions - slight drop

Pages accessed most frequently - highest first - home/top, Contact website, Remenham Church, Parish Hall, Church contacts, Remenham History, RPC, traffic census, parish hall booking

399 found your site through the Google search engine, facebook 2, 27 via Bing, 2 from pbs.org, Henley Herald 3

Vacancy caused by resignation of Peter Grace on website 9th May 2025

Thames Valley Police KIN Registration – RPC receives updates for website

LICENSING & CIA; Remenham Club (CP0008) - TEAMS meeting 23 April (2pm); CIA data 2025

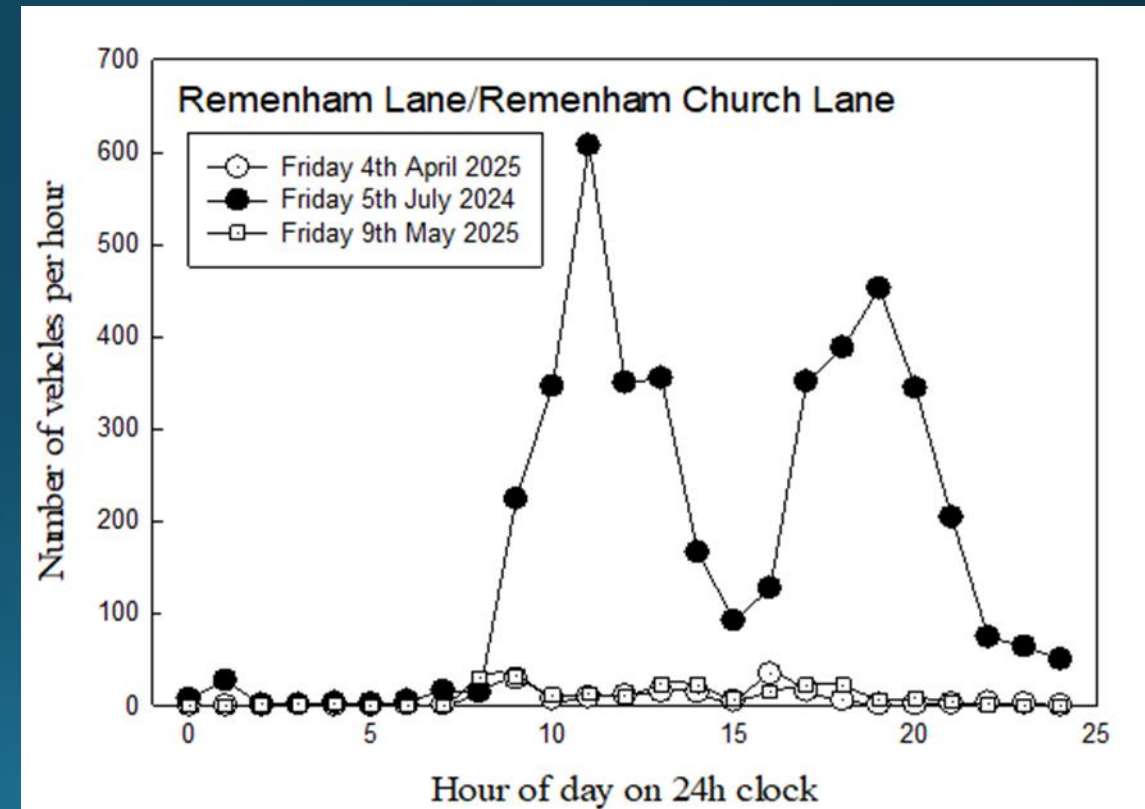
RPC said:

- (i) licences for alcohol sales-supply at Upper Thames Rowing Club (next door to Remenham Club) (PR0492) and Henley Rowing Club (PR0490) only allow this until 23:00
- (ii) it is not appropriate for Remenham Club to be able to sell-supply alcohol until midnight. Its licence in this respect should be kept at 11pm. Allowing a later cut-off would be likely to lead others requesting a similar extension and for a public nuisance to arise, and
- (iii) a local phone number (as well as a club email) should be provided – if a nuisance should arise at 10:55pm.

Ron Emerson spoke at the on-line meeting and asked in a letter to the Henley Standard 2/5/2025 p10): Would Henley put up with it?

Mentioned on events
Henley get the kudos
Remenham gets the queues

RPC bases its views on data collected. For example on traffic data such as that shown below for Remenham Lane/Church Lane for three Fridays: two non-event days (unfilled) and one event day (filled). It seems clear that events put a strain on community use of this single track road. RPC could have opposed extending alcohol sales from 11pm to midnight at Remenham Club in Remenham Lane, on the grounds that it will almost certainly increase lane traffic in the last 3h of the day.



On 29th April 2025 WBCL wrote to RPC.

The Sub-committee noted and had sympathy with Mr. Emerson's point regarding cumulative impact but said until there is any Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) in place it must decide each application purely on its own merits with the burden of showing such impact to refuse a Licence being on the objectors.

WBCL gave no weight to RPC points. It was the Sub-Committee's view that the Club would continue to promote the Licensing Objectives with this extension.

Only a Magistrate's Court (by 20th May) would consider an appeal.

CIA data 2025

No WestcoTec data

Aston Lane battery giving issues; new batteries purchased

TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS; WBC Assets-Highways response Feb 2024 issues



WBCH says tree stump does not require removal – RPC action?

HGE 5878 moving a SID sign on A4130 from outside Shell Garage facing traffic moving towards Henley to nearer to Culham Lane junction. WBC Traffic Management cannot see any issue with relocating the SID and suggest the verge opposite Marjoram House. If placed on the verge close to Culham Lane, it may block visually due to trees and the junction, so could not be as efficient. We kindly ask you also please contact the Street Lighting team to make sure they are also happy with this. On SID on A321 between A4130 jn/Conwys Bridge. We're now looking into this for you.

On 5880 (RL-RCL) I have looked back on google maps as far as 2008 up to present and I cannot see there ever being posts/bollards at this bank. Highway Assets only maintain/replace existing so on this basis I will forward this to our Traffic Management department as they may be able to assist. RPC asked if they could use reflective oak bollards. Pat/Oscar happy – need WBC approval

Highway Assets. On 5882 (Remenham Court) Highway Assets are aware of this we have waited for weather to dry up as we will be attending to road repairs and resetting replacing barriers. This will require a road closure. **Nothing yet.**

HGE 5883/5884 Surf tarmac and pavement width near milestone. **Removed!!**

WOKINGHAM & HENLEY ISSUES

ANY OTHER MATTERS

NEXT MEETING; Mon 9th June 2025 at 6pm in the Parish Hall

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) 8pm

All residents are welcome/encouraged to attend & speak on any matter

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1. Apologies for absence
2. Signed Notes of the last APM (2024)
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Financial/Data Report - The Clerk
6. Matters raised from the floor

Glass of wine/beer/cordial & snacks

Financial Report (TC). Each summer residents can view RPC audit documents. This March 2025 RPC reserves amounted to £116840 (raised by £28905 of CIL-VAT-interest income).

Financial year	24-25	25-26
Starting March reserve	97796	116840
Precept	29721 (2%)	30018 (1%)
CIL-VAT-interest income	28905	42508
Non-infrastructure expenditure	39581	37890
CIL expenditure	0	50000
End March reserve	116840	71368
Reserves/expenditure (R/E)	4.0	0.81

*CIL= Community Infrastructure Levy

For the above figures 2025-2026 taken from Feb 2025 RPC minutes:

- (i) VAT is paid by RPC in one financial year and then reclaimed in the next financial year (where it appears therefore as income).
- (ii) In 1992 the RPC precept was 10%. The 2025-2026 RPC precept rise has been kept modest.
- (iii) Reserves are increased by the precept, any CIL income, interest received on the reserve account and any repaid VAT allowed by Inland Revenue (for last year a VAT refund of £4.5K has been requested).
- (iv) and there is uncertainty associated with 25-26 numbers.
- (v) RPC reserves (and the ratio of reserves: expenditure (R/E)) are raised by occasional/variable CIL income. WBC say the only current potential CIL monies may come from Lockwaters and cannot advise when/if any CIL funds will be received from this development.

(vi) But in 2025-26 reserves are planned to decrease by the following one-off infrastructure expenditure (blue) taken from 038/25 RPC minute) of £50K:

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and increased CIA data acquisition costs (£4K); luckily offset by no SSE charges going forward. They might fall further as a result of RPC investing in a community open space. Planned 2025-2026 end of year reserves are (RPC judges) acceptable to the auditors.

Two larger dog waste bins needed



