

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Mon 9th June 2025 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 8:30pm (circulated 11th June 2025)

PRESENT Polly Hogan (PH; Chair)
Emma Abbott (EA)
Paul Binney (PB)
Nigel Williams (NW)
The Clerk (PS; TC)

In attendance: Naomi Ashcroft (HWR), Barry Head (BH), Jackie Prout (HWR), Felicity Rutland, Pat Sly

060/25: APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Franky Cookson and Bill Ronald.

061/25: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

062/25: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that PH be authorised to sign the minutes for the meeting on 12th May 2024 (with APM)/2025 as being an accurate summary of that meeting.

063/25: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

All actions taken in May 2025 were noted. TC reported HRR support (£500 paid) for a flower window box; logs in Ferry Lane have been moved back (£1620 incl VAT); WBC say they have had no request for the Cllr vacancy to be filled.

064/25: BENCHMARKING RPC-WBC Responses (Appendix 1. May 2025 RPC minutes) TC reported that he & WS contacted Wargrave PC/WBC Planning/Highways/Flood Control. As a result Ray Drabble (WBC Flood Control Manager), TC, WS and Wargrave Cllrs met in Culham Lane on 2nd June 2025. Ray ordered clearing of drains & soak-ways by the end of June – this means that there will be a 7 week benchmark to get WBC action. Subsequently TC raised White Hill flooding (David Cook).

065/25: INTERNAL AUDIT

TC reported that the internal auditor had approved the accounts. All suggestions from the internal auditor were accepted.

066/25: EXTERNAL AUDIT

Section 1 (page 4) of external 2024/2025 audit documents and RPC responses to all sections were approved and signed.

Section 2 (page 5) of external 2024/2025 audit documents and RPC responses to all sections were approved and signed.

There was approval of submission of the external audit and an invitation for the public to view such documents.

The Fixed Asset Register updated to the end of March 2025 was approved and approved for uploading to the website.

067/25: ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

May-June payments were noted and approved; namely the following

Charlie Dawes (£1620.00)
ICO (£52.00)
Wild trail strimming (£180.00)
APM food refreshments £104.33
Internal audit fee (£180.00)
Slipway EA migration testing (£892.00)

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A final payment from SSE on closure of the RPC lighting account (£300.79), a 2025 payment from HRR for one flowerbox (£500) and a VAT refund from HMRC (£4595.68) were noted.

Likely future CIL income (Lockwaters: £1518) was noted. RPC had received £81,008 and spent £34,762 of CIL monies. This means that planned expenditure on the slipway and an open space was appropriate.

It was AGREED that (i) the contractor would be invited to fit dog-waste bins, put up signs and provide additional anchors for Ferry Lane logs in the next month and (ii) £1-2K should be spent on towpath benches – on which residents could ask for a commemorative plate to be fixed.

068/25: LICENSING, EVENTS & CIA

TC reported that the topics covered with HRR in a 3rd June 2025 meeting at HRR HQ included: (1) WBC continues to have responsibility for event traffic, but is now taking on more enforcement as police have stepped back, (2) RPC would continue to monitor traffic levels on RCL-AL during HRR (supplying data to HRR-WBC), (3) RPC would start to monitor bicycle numbers/speeds on the towpath near the Barrier during HRR and in 2026 HRR may mention this in their crew-coach information, (4) RPC would ask WBC for public toilets near the Barrier/Parish Hall, (5) HRR would request that RPC is asked to attend pre-/post- HRR/WBC meetings, and (6) HRR-RPC would continue to work together cooperatively when appropriate)

PH welcomed Naomi Ashcroft (HWR Chair) and Jackie Prout (HWR), asked them introduce themselves and describe HWR in 2025. There was discussion about traffic, residents permit to display in vehicles (and mechanisms of distribution) and toilets.

TC reported that WS had provided RPC with a sight of Remenham Court Field licence application. He thought this is for alcohol, live music, recorded music and late night refreshment (children allowed) from 10am – midnight or 00:30 on all HRR days. It seemed very similar to current licence PR0260. Later a submission requesting that a telephone number (that could be called by residents with concerns) would be displayed on the perimeter was approved, submitted and approved by the applicant.

TC presented traffic data for AL and RCL on 4th June (see Appendix 1) that was as expected. Subsequently, TC asked Keiran about where the CIA consideration would go ahead and over what timescale.

069/25: PLANNING

The current cases being considered by WBC Enforcement and an update on Brick Barns were noted.

There was discussion of application 251143 (Upper Culham Farm) in Wargrave parish and the impacts of such a 'world class' polo development on Middle Culham cottages, footpaths/PROWs, fly controls, extra traffic on the A4130. It was AGREED that RPC would object to the application.

Secundus applications (250786/87) were discussed. It was felt that RPC should oppose these applications.

070/25: WEBSITE

The meeting noted May 2025 website activity.

071/25: TRAFFIC, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

PH welcomed BH to the meeting. He described approaches to emptying dog-waste bins in Cookham and the upper limits on carrying dog waste. TC was asked to send the 3-word locations of the 5 RPC dog-waste bins. BH

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was asked to send what could be offered to RPC within the next month. It was noted that PCC were to introduce green chain link fence along the RCL side of the upper churchyard.

072/25: DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next RPC meeting would be at 6pm on 21st July 2025 in the Parish Hall

ACTIONS: TC to:

- upload the updated fixed asset register to the website
- submit the signed external 2024/2025 audit documents
- organise the contractor to fit dog-waste bins, put up signs and provide additional anchors for Ferry Lane logs
- organise the towpath bench(es) for £1-2K
- submit an agreed comment on the Remenham Court Field licence application
- follow-up with Keiran about the CIA timescale
- submit agreed comments on 251143 (Upper Culham farm) and Secundus 250786/87
- send the 3-word locations of the 5 RPC dog-waste bins to BH

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