

PRESENT Bill Ronald (BR; Chair)
Polly Hogan
Paul Binney (PB)
Nigel Williams (NW)
The Clerk (PS; TC)

In attendance: Pat Sly & Wayne Smith (Thames Constituency)

073/25: APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Franky Cookson and Emma Abbott.

074/25: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

075/25: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that PH be authorised to sign the minutes for the meeting on 9th June 2025 as being an accurate summary of that meeting.

076/25: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

All actions taken in June-july 2025 were noted. TC said the only outstanding item on the action list was the towpath seat replacement where it seemed best to wait to move forward with Copas until after July events. PH asked if the two proposed benches could include the wooden picnic table in Ferry Lane field. This was AGREED.

077/25: CIL & EXTERNAL AUDIT

TC reminded the meeting of estimates of CIL monies and the need to progress slipway actions. This expenditure had been mentioned in the forward look in the 2024-2025 external audit. It was AGREED he would make contact with Cook Piling to see whether there was a response from the EA and when work might start.

078/25: ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

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

Truvelo (£3491) bike monitor

HALC-BAL-NALC subscription (£116)

Wild trail strimming in July (£180)

Westcotec data subscription (£1440)

Westcotec repair to overcome water ingress of A4130 SIDs (£342)

It was AGREED that in August (i) the contractor would be invited to fit dog-waste bins, put up signs and provide additional anchors for Ferry Lane logs and that (ii) £1-2K should be spent on towpath benches/picnic tables.

079/25: LICENSING, EVENTS & CIA

TC reported data on towpath bike and Aston Lane/Remenham Church Lane vehicle numbers during HWR-HRR-HF-HMR and on interactions with HRR during that event. He understood that HRR was to recommend RPC involvement in the 29th Oct SAG debrief meeting. BR said that that date was already in his diary. It was AGREED that TC would generate a CIA statement for RPC within 4 weeks.

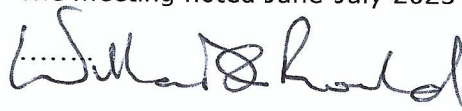
080/25: PLANNING

The current cases being considered by WBC Enforcement were noted. There was a brief discussion of application 251693 (White Hill Farm) where a new building for farm machinery, implement and fertiliser storage (30mx15m (450m²) x 7.5m high) was proposed. It was noted that special safe storage requirements for explosive fertilizer storage, but that RPC comments were not requested.

081/25: WEBSITE

The meeting noted June-July 2025 website activity.

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082/25: TRAFFIC, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

The clearing of drains in Culham Lane within 2 months of the issue being raised (with WS taking a lead) was appreciated. TC suggested this benchmark was kept in mind for future WBCH requests. After success on Culham Lane, TC with WS was asked to progress RPC request for (i) drain clearing on A4130 near the Little Angel/Matson Drive and Aston Lane (along with verges and hedges), (ii) barrier repairs at the Remenham Court chicane where WBC had been waiting for dry weather and (iii) attention to a dead tree at the junction of Culham Lane and A4130 (although TC said this might be in Wargrave parish) and clearing dead-overhanging tree branches on Aston Lane.

Contact WBCH to see whether they would pay for Vergemaster bollards along the highway edge near Old Blades.

In April RPC was fearful of losing its dog-waste contractor or Elaine or getting more bad Henley Standard publicity. Minute 038/25 says: approvals were given to the purchase of two larger dog waste bins (£1500). The Wybone order (only £1,036.75 with £109 discount) was placed on 2nd May. Pallet delivery was on 9th June (just too late for contractor to install before HRR/HF). Installation can now be in August. There have been no problems with the identical Parish Hall dog-waste bin. Contractors have said a polystyrene block can limit the bin capacity – to avoid the bag being too heavy. In the context of dog-waste there was a brief discussion about whether larger bins or whether more frequent collections were the answer. TC-PH were asked to explore the options going forward.


Overflowing bins in Ferry Lane were discussed. WBC had been asked for comments. There was a suggestion that leaving waste around bins might be fly-tipping and whether two older bins might be replaced by a new double one. PH suggested that polite notices should ask that when bins were full, the public should take rubbish home. Again TC was asked to explore options.

083/25: DATE OF NEXT MEETING: BR asked if the date of the next meeting could be altered. After a discussion the next RPC meeting was AGREED to be at 6pm on 15th September 2025 in the Parish Hall. Pat Sly asked TC to confirm this with Claire.

ACTIONS: TC to:

- move forward with Copas on the towpath bench
- move forward on the Ferry Lane field picnic bench
- contact Cook Piling to see whether there was a response from the EA and when slipway work might start
- organise the contractor to fit dog-waste bins and litter bins, put up litter/defibrillator signs and provide additional anchors for Ferry Lane logs
- pay Westcotec for SID repair to overcome water ingress (£342)
- generate a CIA statement for RPC within 4 weeks
- contact WBCH (with WS) on
 - (i) drain clearing on A4130 near the Little Angel/Matson Drive and Aston Lane (along with verges and hedges),
 - (ii) barrier repairs at the Remenham Court chicane where WBC had been waiting for dry weather
 - (iii) a dead tree at the junction of Culham Lane and A4130
 - (iv) whether they would pay for Vergemaster bollards along the highway edge near Old Blades
- explore the options with PH for
 - (a) dog waste bin installation/collections and
 - (b) overflowing bins in Ferry Lane

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