

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Mon 10th November 2025 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:54pm (circulated 11th November 2025)

PRESENT Bill Ronald (BR; Chair)
Polly Hogan (PH)
Emma Abbott (EA)
Franky Cookson (FC)
Nigel Williams (NW)
The Clerk (PS; TC)

In attendance: Angie Emerson (AE), Ron Emerson (RE), Felicity Rutland (FR) and Wayne Smith (WS; district councillor)

107/25: APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Paul Binney.

108/25: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

EA expressed an interest in a planning matter (242405) and absented herself from this discussion.

109/25: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was AGREED that PH be authorised to sign the minutes for the meeting on 13th October 2025 as being an accurate summary of that meeting.

110/25: MATTERS ARISING & ACTION LIST

TC said he had undertaken all tasks requested at the last meeting. PH said that Culden Faw staff had still not responded to an email on the Ferry Lane field gate. TC said he would re-initiate the Culden Faw-RPC gate requests. PH-FC said they had attended the meeting of Wargrave PC on the Upper Culham Farm. TC was asked to forward RPC comments to WPC. FC said she had taken photos of trees in Remenham worth having tree protection order (TPOs). BR reminded her that there was a website for submitting TPO requests. FR said she had not heard from Leander on whether they could attend the meeting.

110/25: ACCOUNT ACTIVITY & FINANCE

The following Oct-Nov payments were noted and approved:

Tactical Management £45.11: emptying overflowing bins

Andy Meader £840.00: planning advice (UCF and Thamesfield)

On CIL TC confirmed that WBC said that RPC had received £81008 CIL monies and spent £34762. This leaves £46246 to spend of CIL monies. Hence he recommended in addition to spending (as approved) on the Aston Slipway (£32000) that RPC invests in:

a solar supply to the existing Truvelo SR7 on RCL (£900)

a solar supply for the existing Truvelo SR7 on AL (£900)

a new Truvelo SR7 on WH (White Hill) (£4464)

a new Truvelo SR7 on RL (Remenham Lane) (£4464)

a new WestcoTec SID on he A321 (£4800)

moving the WestcoTec SID on WH to near Middle Culham

slide projector store, bench, analyzer recalibration (£2000)

totaling £17528.

All costs (£32000 slipway + £17528 = £49528) include VAT that is recoverable. This would mean RPC had spent £3K from its reserves, which was a good thing. TC was asked to circulate the above confirmed figures after the meeting to get final approval. He was also asked to enquire at what % increase WBC would be applying itself and then circulate a suggested budget for 2026-2027 and CIL report.

111/25: LICENSING, EVENTS & CIA

TC was asked to discover from Keiran at WBC when he was organising the Rewind South meeting with residents & Cllrs and when the WBC CIA document would be available. BR gave feedback from a meeting with

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Tom Copas and a useful discussion followed. It was AGREED that it would be useful to have a timetable of all 2026 events. TC said that the circulated Final CIA document was on the website.

112/25: PLANNING (EA left the room for the enture discussion on 252405)

TC explained that work on the Henley Bridge approach next to TollGate had been brought to RPC's attention. FC said that bridge stones were now with a stonemason in Northamptonshire. BR said that plant growth may have been caused damage to the stonework and that there were now barriers around the affected area. FR said she wondered why the matter had not appeared in the Henley Standard. TC said he thought OCC Highways were now expected to apply to WBC Planning before the end of the year. BR thanked TC for his hard work in getting WBC Planning to take action on the matter.

On 252623 (Abingdon Reservoir) it was felt RPC should make no comment. On 252334 (Bird Place) it was felt RPC should say that such a modern 3 floor

(below-the-river-flood-plain basement,
a ground level and
a roof-top terrace)

extension that would be visible across the river was not in keeping with a grade 2 listed building and that RPC wished to object to this.

On 252421 (Penguin) RPC believes that WBC Enforcement should inspect the ground work already undertaken at the site and in particular the new ground levels on the site compared to the original land levels of properties on either side – as RPC thinks this might cause their erosion. It thinks that the views of the Environment Agency should be sought by WBC.

On 252405 (2 Riverside) RPC was concerned about the tight packing of properties in this thin riverside strip and the access of fire-engines in an emergency and would not wish any work to aggravate this. In addition it was concerned to see an Annex (TBC) as yet another development on the site.

113/25: WEBSITE

The meeting noted October 2025 website activity.

114/25: TRAFFIC, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

AE expressed concern about long term mooring of boats. RE said he was sufficiently worried about traffic on RL they were going to install a camera. TC said that with WS support drain work was now in hand. WS said RPC should keep raising issues with Chris Easton on outstanding issues (e.g. potholes and hedge cutting. TC was asked to enquire of Jamie whether he knew anyone who might be able to help with hedge trimming if there was no movement from WBCH. TC mentioned that the contractor was dealing with litter-waste bins, signs and the additional noticeboard the following day (11th November).

115/25: HENLEY & WOKINGHAM ISSUES

TC mentioned that he had attended the River Committee meeting. The next RPC election TC said would be in May 2026. He was asked to check on contest-uncontested elections, etc. It appeared WBC was sending guidance to PCs shortly.

116/25: DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 8th December 2025 at 6pm in the Parish Hall

ACTIONS:

TC to forward RPC comments to WPC
re-initiate the Culden Faw-RPC gate requests
undertake approved CIL expenditure
ask WS for the likely WBC rate increase for next year
generate and circulate a suggested 2026-2027 budget and CIL report for the Dec meeting

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