

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Mon 11th May 2026 starting at 6:01pm and finishing at 7:45pm (circulated 25th May 2026) and the following Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

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

In attendance:

District councillor Wayne Smith (WS) and residents LA, LC, WH, DM, BN, FR and PSI

043/26: APOLOGIES AND WELCOMES

There were apologies for absence from Bill Ronald (BR).

044/26: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

045/26: MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 20th April 2026. These were approved by the meeting and signed by PH (along with the APM notes from 2025).

046/26: ACTIONS & MATTERS ARISING

All actions requested were noted to have been completed.

047/26: CHAIR and VICE-CHAIR ELECTIONS (AMP)

TC said that in the recent 2026 election all Parish Cllrs had been re-elected unopposed, but one District Cllr had not been re-elected. PH proposed BR as Chair of RPC and this was seconded by FC. FC proposed PH as Vice-Chair and this was seconded by NW. Both had indicated they were willing to fulfil these roles and their appointments were unanimously approved. TC reminded Cllrs that fresh contact and declarations of interest documents would be required at the next meeting.

048/26: FINANCE & ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

Account activity (including:

Green's printing of resident's permits (£137)

NALC membership (£117)

EoI submission (to be found in Appendix 1) advice (IG; £1000)

Planning advice (AM; 660)

Election-APM expenses of TC (£223)

LN sign installation and PH railings repair (£3611; with part to be refunded by PH)

Jamie wild trail strimming (£180)

had been circulated before the meeting and was now formally approved.

Previously RPC had approved payment for 2 hanging baskets for Hambleden Lock and Marsh Lock and one for the Parish Hall. PH suggested this was now increased to 3 at the Parish Hall. TC was asked to obtain and circulate a quote for 7 hanging baskets with maintenance at the PH. TC was also asked to obtain a brass plaque 'Funded by RPC for the benefit of residents and visitors' for the new RPC-funded gate at the Ferry Lane field entrance nearest the lock.

049/26: LICENSING & EVENTS

The meeting agreed to keep its existing comments on the Old Blades (Garden) licence application. The events calendar (see Appendix 2) intended for the Newsletter and website was noted (subject to approval by event organizers). In the April minutes BR said RPC was trying to ensure there were no negative impacts of events. PH and FC were thanked for their excellent work on the annual residents vehicle permits and asked to provide information to residents on the website and Newsletter. TC was asked to store the resident vehicle permit database without incurring GDPR issues.

050/26: PLANNING

Application 260863 (Bird Place) was discussed. It was felt the matter should be left to WBC Planning officers, asking only that the glass structure should not cause light pollution and reflections across the river. Application 261053 (M40 data centre campus) was also

discussed, where the meeting felt that RPC should make no comments. Enforcement action regarding long-term boat moorings were discussed with the meeting unsure if this was with regard to boat owners or landowners.

051/26: WEBSITE

Website activity in March 2026 was noted. There was discussion about whether RPC could ensure printed copies of the Newsletter were available. TC was asked to look into the matter.

052/26: TOWPATH, FOOTPATHS, TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

The meeting welcomed the fact that WBCH contractors had cleared the A4130 pavement-footpath along the A4130 from Rose Lane to Remenham Church Lane. NW said work was continuing at least until 15th May. TC reminded the meeting that this work revealed the minimal kerb height. The meeting thanked all those involved for the Expressions of Interest (EoI) in the Safer Streets Programme (see Appendix 1). WS suggested the matter was considered by WBCH, TV police and possible local funders. Subsequently (15th May) such a meeting was attended by WS and TC. The importance of monitoring vehicle speeds was appreciated by the meeting. An advert highlighted by David Cook was briefly discussed, when the meeting felt that little could be done as this was an advert of a contractor. Bob Nancarrow (BN) introduced the topic of a new bus-stop being placed close to Remenham Place on the A4130 for buses travelling away from Henley. The meeting felt this was a good idea. Some wondered whether request bus-stops might also be introduced near Wilminster, Culham Lane and Middle Culham – on both sides of the A4130 – if deemed safe by WBC and the bus company. TC was asked to circulate an RPC response for Brianne del Rosario (WBC Transport Planning and GIS Officer). There was discussion of a commemorative oak towpath bench to replace an earlier one. TC was asked to circulate design-cost options. Subsequently, Michael Dudley also suggested RPC offer to repair the commemorative bench to John Lord Hunt (shown below) in Ferry Lane field.



053/26: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 8th June meeting 6pm in Parish Hall.

ACTIONS:

TC to:

circulate a quote for 7 hanging baskets with maintenance at the PH
obtain a brass plaque 'Funded by RPC for the benefit of residents and visitors'
coordinate the roll-out of resident's vehicle permits
publicize the events calendar in the Newsletter, website and noticeboards
store the resident vehicle permit database without incurring GDPR issues
submit agreed comments on 260863 (Bird Place) and 261053 (M40 data centre campus)
circulate an RPC bus-stop response for Briane at WBC
circulate costs-designs of an oak towpath bench

PH/FC to

publicize the annual residents vehicle permits on the website and Newsletter

Chair:

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Those attending/remaining then had a glass of wine (etc) and snacks

054/26: APM Notes (starting at 8:00pm and finishing at 8:47pm on 11th May 2026)

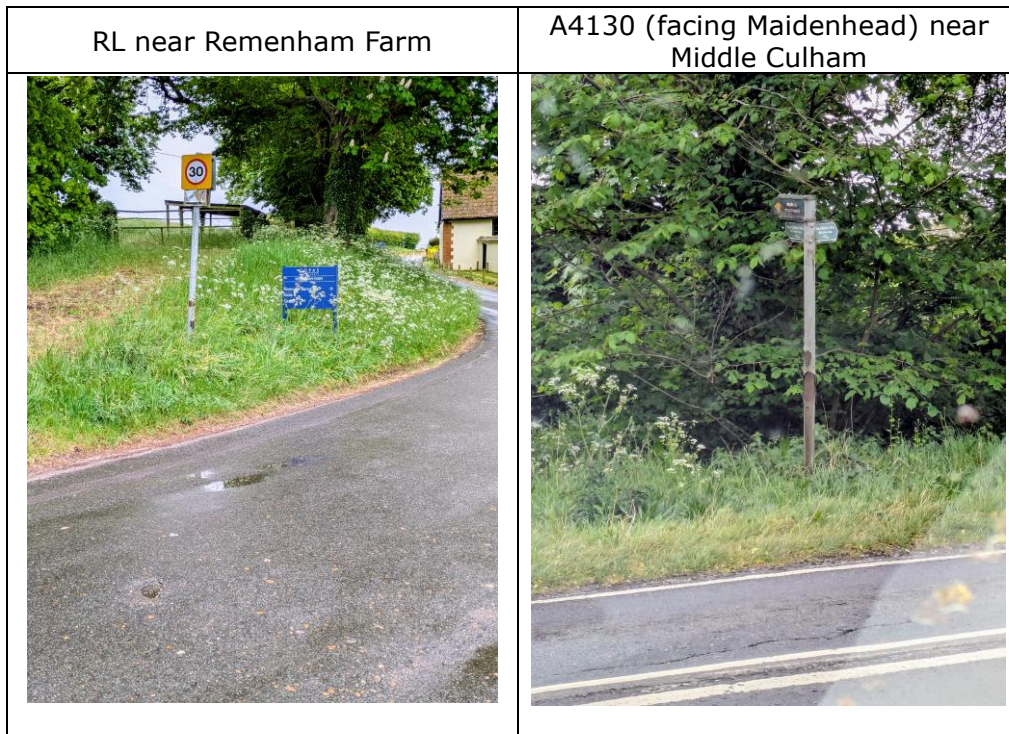
Apologies for absence: PB and BR.

Notes of the last APM (2025) were signed under 045/26. There were no matters arising Report from Chair: PH thanked residents for working together on the submissions of EoIs to produce Safer Remenham Streets. She said she hoped that we could all build on this momentum.

TC outlined the 30th March 2025-30th March 2026 financial position:

Starting March reserve	£116,840
Precept	£ 30,018 (+1%)
CIL-VAT-interest income	£ 62,343
Non-infrastructure expenditure	£ 36,397
CIL expenditure	£ 26,803
End March reserve	£115,984

where it was hoped Aston slipway repairs would be completed in 2026. He described forthcoming improvements to traffic data collection on Remenham roads and lanes including two new SR7s on renovated posts:



- APPENDIX 1** Expressions of Interest (EoI) submitted under WBC's Safer Streets Programme
- APPENDIX 2** Events Calendar