

REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Mon 14th September 2026 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:58pm
(circulated 15th September 2026)

PRESENT Bill Ronald (Chair; BR)
Polly Hogan (Vice-Chair; PH)
Paul Binney (PB)
Franky Cookson (FC)
Emma Dietrich (ED)
Nigel Williams (NW)

In attendance:

District councilor Wayne Smith (WS) and residents LA, RE, WH, GM, DM, FP, FR, RN,
PSI and Mandy Sermon (MS)

077/26: APOLOGIES AND TOAST

There were apologies for absence from Paul Sermon (Clerk) and Mandy Sermon (MS) agreed to take minutes. The Chair thanked MS for undertaking this task of taking notes for these minutes.

078/26: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

079/26: MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 13th July 2026 were proposed by PH and seconded by ED and thus approved by the meeting and signed by BR. These minutes were prepared by TC from notes taken by MS.

080/26: ACTIONS & MATTERS ARISING

All actions requested in July (apart from the two benches) were noted to have been completed. PH-FC suggested that the Parish Hall Committee should seek self-irrigation of flower baskets. TC was asked to complete purchase of 2 towpath benches and suggest a mechanism for small approved commemorative plaques. WS thought that 3-weeks ago no inspector had yet been assigned to the Thamesfield application, but all comments received were now back on the website. WS reminded RPC about the immediate changes to planning, where RPC will no longer be able to recommend an application goes to WBC Planning Committee. This he thought was a major change.

081/26: FINANCE, AUDIT & ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

It was noted the TC had approval to transfer £38000 from the reserve to the current account in advance of payment for the slipway work.

082/26: CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT-ZONE

It was noted that David Thrall (DT; WBC) had now agreed to come to RPC October meeting and that *provisional* RPC 2026 traffic data (Appendix 1) was now on the website. BR explained how the data are collected. He mentioned that maximum vehicle speeds in Remenham 30mph roads and lanes were significantly higher than the speed limit (i.e. 82.5mph on A4130, 74mph on RCL and 60mph on AL) with a negative impact on residents safety and damage to property. WS suggested that all data should also be sent to Tony Griffiths at WBC (WS to provide TG email to TC). Changes to improve monitoring in 2027 were approved (including two new Truvelo SR7 monitors, one new WestcoTec SID and one moved SID). TC was asked to take action on these. DM described feedback from our MP (Clive Jones) on speeding (Appendix 2). BR said that RPC supported any action by residents regarding this matter. WS suggested the cost of physical changes required to reduce speeds on the 30mph section of the A4130 might cost about £15,000 and WBC Highways may think driver's behaviour was to blame. The meeting with WBC Highways and police was discussed briefly. The meeting decided that a letter to WBC Highways should be sent requesting a contribution to the costs and in the meantime RPC would seek possible alternative funding (as WBC H may be concentrating on quiet lanes). There was discussion about extending 30mph sections on the A4130 and A321.

083/26: PLANNING

It was noted that Atlanta and Stowdes applications had been approved. Current enforcement cases were noted (including the large sign at Bird Place). TC was asked to

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enquire with enforcement on this. It appeared that Bird Place have permission to do riverside work. On application 260791 (Penguin) TC was asked to take urgent action, including checking on EA approvals regarding flooding and constantly changing plans with amendments. TC had noted that there had been no reply to a request for an extension of the time limit on RPC comments. TC was to take action after discussion with WS and circulation of comments to Cllrs. On 261187 (Stablehouse Barn) RPC were happy to leave this to the Planning officer. On 261950 (Templecombe) the meeting thought that this was a matter for Wargrave PC. ED mentioned possible forthcoming applications. Tollgate cottage treework was mentioned. TC was asked to look at 260863-4 applications.

084/26: WEBSITE

Website activity in July-August 2026 was noted. FC-FR discussed whether another Cllr might want to take over oversight of the website. Discussion on the website-domain was deferred to the October meeting.

085/26: BUSES & SLIPWAY

RN updated the meeting on his attempts to progress a discussion with WBC on bus stops in the Parish on the A4130. RN says he is not going to pursue the matter further. BR suggested that any bus stops should be useful to residents. TC was asked to take up matter with Mike Blakeley who is responsible for bus matters at WBC. BR mentioned that the slipway and surround had been largely cleared of vegetation. Cook Piling need to get machinery to the slipway to start work. It was suggested that this is unloaded at the Flower Pot and driven down to the slipway. Cook Piling do not want to be responsible for any damage to Ferry Lane. BR proposed that Cook Piling be relieved of the cost of any damage and this was seconded by PH. Some overhead branches may need removing. BR and NW will investigate as soon as possible. TC was asked to clarify with Cook Piling.

086/26: OTHER MATTERS

An autumn litter was suggested by PH which might determine the effect of events. PSI-PH thought that some events left significant amounts of litter in the area. This was supported by NW. Hedges and ditches in the lanes were discussed. TC was asked to take action before the autumn. EA asked that the ditch along the wild trail should be included. WS will look at hedges. TC was asked to follow up on forms requested by WBC Electoral Services.

087/26: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 12th October 2026 at 6pm in Parish Hall.

BR to:

seek possible alternative funding of safer Remenham roads

WS to:

provide an estimate to TC of the likely costs (£15,000?) of making Remenham roads safer
provide TG email to TC

TC to:

write a letter to WBC Highways seeking a contribution to the costs (£15,000) to the costs of making roads in Remenham safer
complete purchase of 2 vintage towpath cast iron-wood slat benches and suggest a mechanism for small approved commemorative plaques
take action on new Truvelo SR7 monitors and WestcoTec SIDs
enquire with enforcement on the Bird Place advert
take urgent action on application 260791 (Penguin), including checking on EA approvals regarding flooding and constantly changing plans with amendments, despite the absence of a reply to a request for an extension of the time limit on RPC comments
say that RPC were happy to leave 261187 (Stablehouse Barn) with Planning
say that 261950 (Templecombe) was a matter for Wargrave PC
look at 260863-4 applications
circulate comments on Tollgate cottage treework
resend forms to election forms to Cllrs

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Appendix 1: Provisional TRAFFIC AND CIA DATA

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Remenham Parish Council (RPC)

Cumulative Impact Assessment of Some Events in 2026

Provisional Summary

Some Remenham summer 2026 events on website

It was requested that urgent event issues were raised with BR/PS who could liaise with organisers. Some event acronyms are used in text (HWR, HRR, HF and HMR).

Events notified on website	Date
Thames Path Mighty Hike	13 th June
Henley Women's Regatta (HWR)	19 th -21 st June
HRR qualifying races	26 th June
Henley Royal Regatta (HRR)	30 th June - 5 th July
Henley Swim Classic	28 th June
Henley Festival (HF)	8 - 12 th July
Henley Masters Regatta (HMR)	10 th - 12 th July
Lockdown Lodge	17 th July – 9 th Aug
Clive Jones MP Surgery	21 st July
Rewind Festival	21 st - 23rd Aug
Run Through	5 th Sept
Remenham Fayre	6 th Sept
10K Thames Path Challenge	13 th Sept

2026 Remenham traffic data

This has concentrated on traffic volumes and flow directions and for the first time on traffic speeds. One funeral was affected by event traffic.

A4130 (30 mph)

Normally without events there are two maxima (morning and afternoon) in vehicles/hour (about 500) on A4130 (30 mph section) and the fastest vehicles are travelling at twice the speed limit. One vehicle was found to be travelling at 82.5 mph.

Events raised vehicle number/hour (to nearly 1000/h (HRR) and 900/h (Rewind South)) on this section of the A4130.

Remenham Church Lane (RCL; 30 mph)

On a non-event day RCL sees inward traffic flows in the morning (60-80 vehicles/hour) for those on a morning rat-run and a smaller traffic flow out in the evening. Maximum detected traffic speeds are 38-44 mph.

During HRR one-way tidal flows are largely one-way with higher maximum flows (300 vehicles/hour or 1 vehicle every 12s) and maximum speeds (53 mph).

HF and HMR do not have one-way traffic flow (which is raised to 100 vehicles/hour) but worrying in a two way system - some traffic is found travelling at **74 mph** (over twice the speed limit). Rewind South raised traffic levels to higher levels than HRR (375 vehicles/hour with a vehicle every 10s at times) with some vehicles travelling at 67 mph on the day after the event.

Aston Lane (AL; 30 mph)

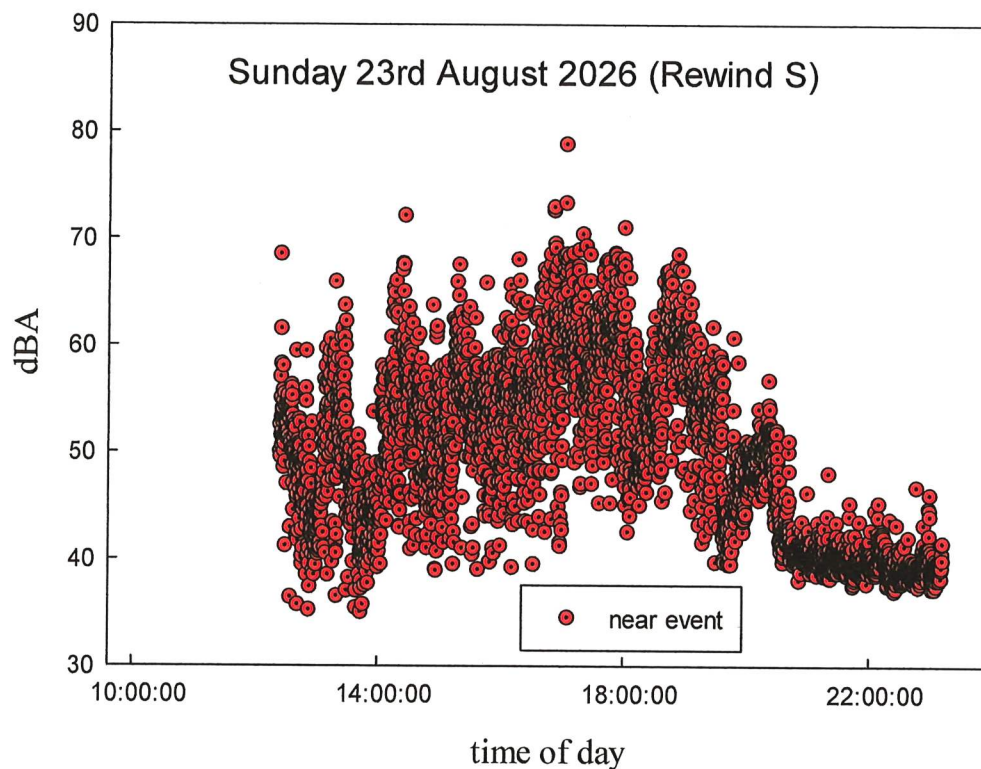
Without events AL normally sees up to 30 vehicles/hour in daytime. Some vehicles are travelling at 40-60 mph. Traffic flows seem higher on summer Sundays. Events had a smaller effect on AL traffic.

Bike Monitor

This was not available due to its blocking by event materials and power lines.

2026 Remenham sound profiles

These were measured at 10s intervals at 3 sites made available by residents. One illustrative profile is shown below. Other data are being analysed. Each profile should be compared with licence conditions. At the Madrid F1 circuit average noise levels reached 103 dBA, when the maximum permitted level is 55 dBA in a residential area. 79 dBA was seen in Remanham this year.



2027 Recommendations

Remenham traffic profiles next year should include data from the purchased Westcotec SID on the A321 (Wargrave Road) near HRC, the moved Westcotec SID near Te Awa on the A4130 (facing Maidenhead) and a Sierzega SR7 in Remenham Lane near the church.

Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA)

CIA data should be shared with WBC Licensing to help decision-making for the benefit of residents and organisers. RPC is happy to make its data available to all parties.

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Appendix 2: Feedback from DM and MP on Safer Remenham Roads

Unresolved road safety concerns on Remenham Hill (Feedback from DM)

Meeting with Clive Jones MP

I met Clive at his constituency surgery in July and had a very productive discussion about the repeated crashes, excessive speeding and the wider concerns residents have been raising for some time.

Following that meeting, his caseworker, Lily-Bea Wingate, has been extremely helpful and persistent. We have had several exchanges since July, and she has pursued matters with Wokingham Borough Council, Thames Valley Police and the relevant councillors.

Her intervention does appear to have generated some tangible progress. Thames Valley Police referred the matter to its Roads Policing Unit, and we have subsequently seen mobile speed-enforcement vans locally on two occasions, which is very welcome.

Roads Policing Review – Signage Problem Identified

Lily-Bea has advised that the Roads Policing Unit has now reviewed the location and identified issues with the speed-limit signage. These have been reported to Wokingham Borough Council (WBC). The Police have advised that they cannot commence speed enforcement until the signage issues have been dealt with by WBC.

I have asked for clarification as to exactly what needs rectifying and when this will be done. I also wonder whether this may tie in, at least in part, with Wayne's efforts to get the foliage around the signage properly cut back?

Cllr Adrian Betteridge / Previous WBC Reports

Lily-Bea has also been corresponding with Cllr Adrian Betteridge, who I understand is WBC's Executive Member responsible for transport and highways.

Initially, he directed me back towards WBC's standard online road-safety reporting process. This was frustrating because that process has already been followed on numerous occasions by other residents without any apparent resolution.

Wai has provided me with details of four separate reports she has submitted to WBC. She has confirmed that, to date, none appears to have resulted in action addressing the underlying problem.

Another resident (Kyle) has also submitted a road safety concern following incidents and near misses on this stretch.

Cllr Betteridge subsequently asked Lily-Bea for the reference numbers of the previous Council reports, saying that once he had these, he would inquire further.

As Lily-Bea is currently on annual leave, I have therefore written directly to Cllr Betteridge, providing the reference numbers and bringing him up to date. I have not yet received a response, although I only contacted him this week and Lily-Bea is due back next week, so hopefully we may hear more shortly.

The Key Outstanding Question – What Happened After 15 May?

As you will recall, through Wayne's efforts, Ashley Waite of Wokingham Borough Council and Tony Griffiths of Thames Valley Police carried out a joint site visit on 15 May, specifically to consider the problems at this location.

Nearly four months later, we still do not appear to have seen any assessment, report, notes, conclusions or recommendations arising from that visit.

Lily-Bea has now specifically asked Cllr Betteridge whether a report from the joint visit is available.

Could the Parish Council Add Its Weight?