REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Mon 12th October 2026 starting at 6:00pm and finishing at 8:00pm
(circulated 20th Oct 2026)

PRESENT Bill Ronald (Chair; BR)
Polly Hogan (Vice-Chair; PH)
Paul Binney (PB)
Emma Dietrich (ED)
Nigel Williams (NW)
TC: Paul Sermon

In attendance:
District councilor Wayne Smith (WS) and residents NB, AD, WYH, DM and PSI

088/26: APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

There were apologies for absence from Franky Cookson. BR said that unfortunately David Thrale (WBC) had emailed that day to say that he was unwell and unable to attend the meeting. He said however that he was delighted that Ashleigh Doveton (AD) had been able to accept RPC's invitation to attend. TC had circulated background notes provided by AD. There was unanimous approval of her being co-opted as a Parish Councillor for the November 2026 meeting.

089/26: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest. ED and PH provided updated Members Interest Forms and PB took a blank form to fill in.

090/26: MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BR thanked Mandy Sermon (MS) for taking notes of the last meeting. The minutes for the meeting on 14th September 2026 (prepared by TC from notes taken by MS) were unanimously accepted as being accurate and signed by BR.

091/26: ACTIONS & MATTERS ARISING

All actions requested in September were noted to have been completed.

092/26: FINANCE, AUDIT & ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

The following account activity:

Paul Lasenby (vegetation clearing from slipway (£950.00)
Andy Meader advice (£420.00) and
part-precept arrival (£15,759.00)

was noted and approved. It was AGREED that 2 Glasdon Lowther benches 1.9m long (£657.05 excl.VAT) should be ordered (one for the towpath near Temple Island and one in Ferry Lane field) together with the cost of contractor installation and traditional hardwood-facing slats. It was decided that RPC should not register with HMRC as an employer. TC said he had a request from lockkeepers for 2026-2027 continued funding of flower baskets. It was felt any decision should await a review of budgets. TC was asked to communicate this decision.

093/26: EVENTS & CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT-ZONE

NB reminded the meeting that an annual Rewind South de-brief with residents was required. It was AGREED that David Thrale (DT; WBC) and Steve Porter (SP; Rewind South) be invited to the RPC November meeting. It later appeared that SP was not free on that date, but could be available on 28th October for a Rewind de-brief meeting and that date was accepted by RPC. A final RPC 2026 traffic summary (Appendix 1) was approved and it was agreed this should now go on the website and go to WBCL. It was noted that a WBC-led 3h on-line HRR debrief had taken place (attended by PH, John Halsall, TC and WS). PH said that the meeting had agreed to ensure hedge cutting before HRR. BR said he and TC has received an email concerning boat owners parking overnight around the Parish Hall-church. He said he was soon to meet with Tom Copas and would raise the matter. WS suggested event organisers should be giving back to the community.

094/26: PLANNING

The meeting noted refusal of the appeal on Thamesfield and the subsequent receipt of thanks from some residents. TC was asked to enquire of Enforcement why some cases were taking so long to resolve. It was AGREED comments on Bird Place (260863/4) would only relate to

light pollution, with TC circulating specific comments before submission to WBC-PL. PH reminded the meeting that soon an application for lighting on Henley Bridge would be coming back to RPC. DM said that a bollard had appeared in the middle of the pavement near Rose Cottage-White Hill garage and TC was asked to investigate.

095/26: WEBSITE & DOMAIN

Website activity in Sept 2026 was noted. TC was asked to investigate auditor comments on the legal position of the RPC email.

096/26: TOWPATHS, FOOTPATHS, TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

TC reported that WBCH were re-laying the footpath along the A4130 from Middle Culham to Rose Cottage. The meeting was surprised at this expenditure. TC reported on possible sites for two Sierzega SR7s; he was asked to check with RE the planned site on Remenham Lane. WYH-DM were asked to suggest the SR7 site on the A4130. TC reported on steel poles to hold the new WestcoTec SID on A321 and the moved SID on the A4130 (to opposite Te Awa) and WS was asked to ensure that Ashley Waite decided on these two WestcoTec SID support poles. BR reported that Aston Lane now had world-class drains. PSI said reflectors at points on lanes above large drops were still needed. PH reported on the horse bridge near Marsh Lock. She also raised the possibility of a sign near Hambleden Lock to remind people to take dog waste home. RN updated the meeting on his attempts to progress a discussion with WBC on bus stops in the Parish on the A4130 and said he hoped RPC would take the matter forward. He also reminded the meeting that the height of kerbs on the A4130 were not of a sufficient height. Shortly after the meeting, work on Aston slipway started and BR, PH and TC agreed to ensure concrete and rusty railing were removed before the laying of fresh slipway concrete. WS said he had just received a matrix by which WBCH/Ed Day had decided its first round of safer roads expenditure (see Appendix 2). WS was asked to circulate likely costs of making Remenham roads safer. BR was asked to contact Matthew Barber (Police Commissioner) for advice on how the Parish might get a permanent speed camera on the A4130. It was agreed that AD, DM and TC would meet with Truvelo to test their hand-held speed camera. WS was asked to consider the provision of a hand-held camera (as in other parishes).

097/26: WOKINGHAM MATTERS

RPC noted the WBC Local Plan 2045 Scoping Consultation, but it was felt it would be unwise to respond.

098/26: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 9th November 2026 at 6pm in Parish Hall.

BR-PH-TC to:
facilitate Aston slipway completion

BR to:
discuss with Tom Copas the parking of boat owners around the Parish Hall-church
contact the Matthew Barber (Police Commissioner) for advice on how the parish might get a speed camera on the A4130

PH to:
explore-suggest a sign for near Hambleden Lock to remind people to take dog waste home

WS to:
accelerate an Ashley Waite decision on two WestcoTec SID poles
circulate likely costs of making Remenham roads safer
move forward with the provision of a funded hand-held camera (as in other Parishes)

WYH and DM to:
suggest the SR7 site on the A4130

AD, DM and TC to:
meet with Truvelo to test their hand-held speed camera and provide RPC with feedback

TC to:
order 2 Glasdon Lowther benches 1.9m long (£657.05 excl.VAT) and organise fitting etc
communicate flower basket decision to lockkeepers
invite David Thrale (DT; WBC) to the RPC November meeting

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accept and help organize Steve Porter's suggested 28th October (5pm) debrief meeting
upload the 2026 traffic summary (Appendix 1) to the website
enquire of Enforcement why some cases were taking so long to resolve
enquire about the status of the new mid-pavement bollard
submit circulated-accepted comments on Bird Place (260863/4)
investigate auditor comments on the RPC email
finalize installation of SIDs and SR7s

Chair: 

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Appendix 1: FINAL 2026 TRAFFIC AND CIA DATA

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

One event (Chiltern 50 Challenge on 26th Sept) only notified RPC three days in advance of the event, route and traffic implications and was then uncontactable.

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)

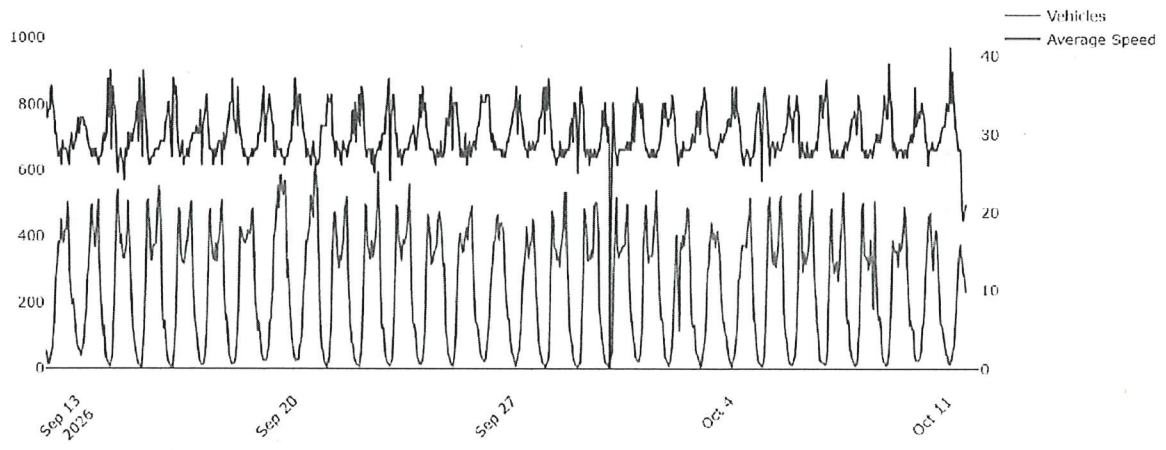
This road has an AADT (annual average daily traffic) count of 5734 vehicles per day.

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A4130 (30mph section from HoT) 13th Sept-11th Oct 2026

5734 vehicles/day (AADT: annual average daily traffic)

72.5mph maximum speed (over twice speed limit)



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 (which is higher than outside event times - 72.5 mph (see above).

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.

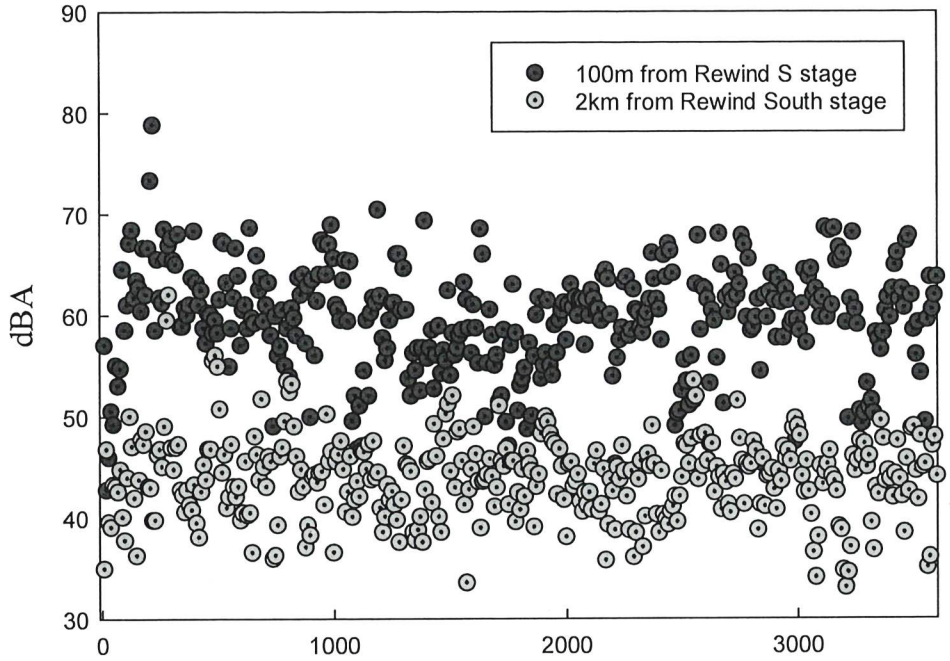
Bike Monitor

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

2026 Remenham sound profiles

These were were measured at 10s intervals at 3 sites made available by residents. Two illustrative profiles is shown at 10s intervals from 5pm-6pm on 23rd August 2026. One residential garden is close to the stage and the other is 2km away. 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 Remenham 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: WBC Decision Matrix on its SAFER STREETS PROGRAMME

WBC's Safer Streets Programme (Sept-Nov 2026) on Remenham's five roads. After careful assessment, we've now identified five initial areas, where we're proposing to lower the speed limit. We adopted a new speed limit policy in January and want to improve road safety in the borough. The evidence is clear that lower vehicle speeds in built-up areas and rural minor roads improve road safety. Feedback from WBC's Safer Streets programme thought AL, RCL and RL were quiet narrow rural roads that 'only provides access to a small village' with 'no footway'. RPC traffic monitoring shows that RCL-RL carry 'rat-run traffic' on weekdays and increased traffic on event days. They are also used by many cyclists, walkers and dog walkers.

Location	Location Type	SUMMARY	Total score (WBC max=23)
A4130	Rural Road	A two-way road that provides a link between towns and passes through a few villages. It is a wide two-way road with little to no footways in sections.	14 (61%)
A321	Rural Road	A two-way road that provides a key link between towns and passes through a few villages and by residential properties. It has a footway on one side of the road.	11 (48%)
Aston Lane (AL)	Rural Road	Quiet narrow rural road that only provides access to a small village. No footway.	11 (48%)
Remenham Lane (RL)	Rural Road	Quiet narrow rural road that only provides access to a small village. No footway.	9 (39%)
Remenham Church Lane (RCL)	Rural Road	Quiet narrow rural road that only provides access to a small village. No footway.	9 (39%)