

**ROTHERFIELD GREYS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 10TH JULY 2017
IN GREYS VILLAGE HALL, GREYS GREEN**

PRESENT:

Susan Hems (Chairman)	SH
Michael Pearey (Vice-chairman)	MP
John Hill	JH
Richard Ovey	RO
Nick Digby	ND
<i>For part of the meeting:</i>	
David Bartholomew (OCC councillor)	DB
David Nimmo-Smith (SODC councillor)	DNS
Jane Pryce – Clerk	JOP

Members of the public/parishioners present for part/all of the meeting	1
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GAG = Greys Alert Grapevine email alert system

The parish website is www.rotherfieldgreys.org.uk

041/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

042/17 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

None

043/17 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (15/05/2017):

The minutes were declared an accurate record and duly signed and dated by SH.

044/17 OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

GENERAL OCC REPORT

The report was emailed to the councillors before the meeting and will be attached to the minutes and available on the website.

SPECIFIC REPORT FOR ROTHERFIELD GREYS

ROCKY LANE GRAVEL REF 798089

I have escalated this but if the PC could let me have a photo it would be helpful.

JOP informed DB about two junctions (Rocky Lane ref. 798089 and Broadplat ref. 798916). These have been reported as needing attention before white lining on Fix-My-Street.

JOP will obtain a photo and email it.

SUBSIDENCE ON A4155 NEAR FLOWING SPRING

Part of the A4155 near The Flowing Spring has been coned-off and is subject to traffic lights, one-way traffic and a temporary 30mph speed limit after investigations revealed subsidence. The affected part of the road will be repaired with steel piles, starting late

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August. Unfortunately this will involve closure of this section of the road for about two months.

When start date of these works is confirmed JOP will put this on GAG.

THIRD READING BRIDGE

The Strategic Outline Business Case document has now been completed, but not fully reviewed by OCC officers or the Steering Group. I will report back with further news at the next meeting.

BROADPLAT HOUSE

OCC officers have again visited this site and have confirmed that all planting is in accordance with the planting licence held by the owners. I am advised that the police have put up notices in relation to alleged criminal damage of the owners property.

JH asked the trees should be checked that maintenance for them that been carried out. DB confirmed he would.

HGVs USING BROADPLAT LANE

I have previously investigated this matter and: a) advised that it highly unlikely that anything can be done to prevent HGVs using this lane; b) arranged for 'Unsuitable for heavy vehicles' signs to be erected – this appears to be the limit of action that can reasonably be taken. In regard to vehicles servicing the Dog Golf Course, it has been confirmed there is no routing agreement.

The tour of the Greys Green golf course confirmed that no lorries delivering materials would use Broadplat. Also the work is nearing completion (one more year) and there will be less deliveries from now on.

JOP thanked MP for helping her when her car broke down during this tour.

WOODEN POSTS ON THE PUBLIC VERGE IN GREYS GREEN OUTSIDE GREYS END

I have received a complaint about this and have asked officers to investigate.

JOP has all the information about this and will email it.

045/17 SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS:

The report was emailed to the councillors before the meeting and will be attached to the minutes and available on the website.

DNS reported that the planning committee were disappointed that no member of the parish council had attended to raise an objection.

It was decided to form a rota for councillors to attend, if needed. SH thanked DNS for speaking on their behalf.

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RO reported the Rotherfield Greys sign at Bolts Cross had been obscured by bracken. JOP asked for areas of grass/bracken that needed cutting for safety reasons be reported to her so that she could inform OCC.

Bin lorries were breaking down and causing delay in emptying bins. New lorries are coming.

The 5 Year Housing Land Supply was discussed as the district had only a 4.1 year supply.

The SODC Grant scheme opens 15th July and ends 6th September for application. Must be match funded.

Members agreed that the village gates for Rotherfield Greys village would be a project that would qualify.

JH mentioned the hedge at Badgemoor Golf Club as becoming a hazard and people have lost wing mirrors. This had been reported to OCC and DNS will follow it up.

046/17 PARISH ROADS

The white lining has been booked but JOP does not know when or how much. It is likely to take two days and be £1,050 per day. The junctions, above, need to be fixed first.

Rotherfield Greys village – white lining. It was advised that the middle line of the road be left to fade and edges done. This gives the effect of a narrower road. SH reported that this may cause a problem as vehicles were already using the middle of the road causing near collisions. JOP was asked to look into a sign for ‘vehicles in middle of road’ to help with this.

Broadplat - The chevron sign to be moved back to improve sight line. JOP confirm this has been reported.

Shepherds Green sign has been put in the wrong place, JOP has checked this and confirmed and reported this.

047/17 BROADPLAT – TRAFFIC MONITORING AND ROAD SIGN REMOVAL

DB confirmed that there was no justification for the removal of the sign.

Traffic monitoring device was not approved as this is an unrestricted road, finding out about speed would not help.

JH reported traffic volume/speed and unfortunately the parish council could not help with that. The slow signs might help.

048/17 MISCELLANEOUS:

a) Correspondence

Oxfordshire Adult Learning booklets (3) – these were handed to SH and will be placed either in the church or the bus shelter opposite.

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Would the parish council be interested in purchasing some updated ‘The Good Councillors Guide’ at £5.20 each? It was agreed to order one and share.

Fly the Red Ensign for supporting the Merchant Navy Day 3rd September 2017. The members declared no interest.

b) Public Footpath/Bridleway Report

Jane Warren, Rotherfield Greys Chiltern Society Representative, provided a footpath report for the meeting:

The main issue during the summer months is minor obstruction of paths by nettles, brambles and other vegetation. This is mostly controlled by natural usage by ramblers and dog walkers, but land owners can play an important role by light pruning, and hedgecutting once the nesting season is over.

Oxfordshire County Council undertakes the clearance of some of the more problematic paths – in this parish FP 12 between Bolts Cross and Shepherds Green was recently tackled by their team.

There is a large tree obstructing the permissive path between RG 17 and Rocky Lane. This has been down since April 2017 and is beyond the scope of the Chiltern Society to remove. However, the landowner, The National Trust is aware and has undertaken to remove it. In the meantime walkers have managed to find a way round it without venturing onto the main road.

Greys Court

Bridleway 10 has now been restored to its definitive line and 10 waymark posts installed to assist visitors using the Estate Walk. At the same time 650 m of light clearance was carried out, and 60 m of dense growth cleared. The National Trust have undertaken to issue a revised map.

Future Work

The Chiltern Society has no major projects planned for Rotherfield Greys but will continue to help with keeping paths clear and well marked as required. They are also happy to work with Landowners to replace stiles with Kissing Gates to increase accessibility.

The Chiltern Society has produced ‘No cycling’ signs for footpaths – these can be fixed with landowners permission.

Jane Warren

Chiltern Society Parish representative for Rotherfield Greys

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8 July 2017

c) Rotherfield Greys Website

The purchase of rotherfieldgreys.co.uk has been transferred to the hosting domain. There needs to be a mandate on the future use of this website.

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It was agreed to research other similar websites and maybe have advertising for local business, a history page and the environment and traffic were suggested. A decision would be made later.

049/17 PLANNING APPLICATION RESPONSE(s):

a) Applications to be considered

	Registration Date/ Decision Target Date
<p>P17/S2489/FUL The Barn, Greys Green RG9 4QH Proposed demolition of remnants of existing barn and reconstruction to create a four bedroom dwelling. Erection of a car port. No paperwork received yet.</p>	<p>7 July 2017 1 Sept 2017</p>

Questions about access were raised as across National Trust land. JOP to ask NT when plans are obtained.

<p>.....</p> <p>P17/S2337/HH 6 Church Close, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4PN Extensions to existing dwelling and replacement of existing roof into living space. No paperwork received yet.</p>	<p>6 July 2017 31 Aug 2017</p>
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<p>.....</p> <p>P17/S2460/HH Rosebank, Shepherds Green RG9 4QL Erection of conservatory No paperwork received yet.</p>	<p>5 July 2017 30 Aug 2017</p>
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<p>.....</p> <p>P17/S2199/FUL Rocky Lane Farm, Rocky Lane, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4RE Construction of two timber stables on a concrete base RGPC response due 11th July 2017</p>	<p>14 June 2017 9 Aug 2017</p>
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<p>.....</p> <p>P17/S1881/LDP Rosebank, Shepherds Green RG9 4QL Erection of conservatory WITHDRAWN</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>24 May 2017</p>
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b) Planning responses

	Registration Date/ Decision Target Date
<p>P17/S1748/HH Robinsgrove Cottage, Satwell Close, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4QT Demolition of existing 2 bay garage and replace in same location with a traditional oak frame 2 bay garage and office. 1st Floor space incorporated with roof space (Tree Survey and Arboricultural Method Statement received 13 June 2017).</p>	<p>24 May 2017 19 July 2017</p>

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RGPC 'NO STRONG VIEWS' - comment - 'A considerable increase in footprint of the building compared to existing garage, a possible concern'.

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P17/S0819/DA

The Lamb Inn, Satwell RG9 4QZ 23 March 2017
Without Planning permission, the material change of use of the 18 May 2017
public house to residential use.

RGPC response 'SHOULD BE REFUSED'
Still no decision by SODC

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P16/S4190/HH

Heathfield, Badgemore RG9 4NR 20 Dec 2016
Single storey extension to rear of existing detached garage to 14 Feb 2017
provide ancillary family/guest accommodation.

RGPC response 'NO STRONG VIEWS' 9.1.17
This is still under consideration and still 14th Feb for a decision

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c) Planning decisions

P17/S0938/FUL

Pinfold, Greys Green RG9 4QG Registration Date/
Decision Target Date
8th March 2017
Erection of new 4-bedroom dwelling with detached garage 3rd May 2017
(access rights and visibility splays shown on amended plans received 28th April 2017).

RGPC response 'SHOULD BE REFUSED'
SODC GRANTED
CIL payment due.

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P17/S1406/HH

The Bothy, Badgemore Park Golf Club Road from Gravel Hill to 18 April 2017
Broadplat House Badgemore RG9 4NR 13 June 2017

Erection of first floor extension to south elevation, replacement conservatory to west elevation, new conservatory to east elevation and guest suite extension to northern courtyard. (Identical scheme previously approved ref: P12/S1517/HH)

RGPC response 'NO STRONG VIEWS'
SODC GRANTED

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P17/S0024/RM

Highlands Farm Highlands Lane Rotherfield Greys RG9 4PR
Reserved matters approval for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following P16/S0077/O 'Outline planning application (all matters reserved except for access) for the phased development of the demolition of existing buildings and construction of up to 170 dwellings along with up to 2,000 m² B1 employment space, a Community Hub, public open space, sustainable urban drainage, earthworks, structural planting, substations and associated infrastructure'

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RGPC response 'SHOULD BE REFUSED'

SODC GRANTED

CIL payment of £2,148,276.00 estimated for this.

It was agreed that the traffic monitoring devices to be positioned again for a baseline (before the development) in two weeks' time.

050/17 WAR MEMORIAL

Thanks to Cllr. John Hill for finding Mr. Chris Green to maintain the war memorial. He started work on 21st May 2017. JOP has contacted him and payment of £400 pa was agreed, paid in two installations.

He is doing a good job.

It was suggested that, as the 100 year anniversary of the first world is next year, which the budget for next year (2018/19) should allow for repair of the pad stone (base) which has cracks.

051/17 FINANCE:

a) Donations/Subs:

Chiltern Society donation £100

RGPC church maintenance donation £850

b) Accounts to pay:

Clerk's salary	£294.66
Office rent	£ 41.68
Expenses:	
(on-line payment of hosting of www.rotherfieldgreys.co.uk)	£ 35.86 (£5.98 VAT)
Internal audit fee	£396.00 (£66 VAT)
Total	£768.20

c) Payments received

None

Bank Balance £17,169.01

052/17 Matters arising for information only

JOP informed the council that the noise of a pump was actually a pile driver at Sonning Common.

The clerk attended a course on 'The Clerks Year' and suggested that an agenda item 'Clerk's Report' would be of benefit to the parish council to understand what was going on generally in her work. This was agreed.

Updated USB stick handed to ND. And previous one returned.

Well at Shepherds Green - all the documentation for obtaining the deeds for the well are with Land Registry.

JOP had read reports that a similar scheme operated by neighbouring parishes had been cancelled as it was hardly being used. As the need to join with other parishes to make this affordable, it would seem unlikely to be viable. JOP suggested a scheme similar to the one running in Nettlebed where

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volunteers drove car-less/elderly people to the shops and hospital appointments. The need for this was still unknown.

The internal audit of the parish council accounts has been passed with no errors. This now moves to the third and final stage with the BDO/Government external audit. The clerk has received one question on 'any other payments'. The clarification requested has been provided.

How many Speed Awareness bin stickers were still available? ND confirmed there were at least 25 left.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50 PM

Next meeting – 11th September 2017