

DRAFT Rotherfield Greys – Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm on 11th March 2024 at Greys Village Hall

PRESENT:

Nick Digby (Chair, ND), Susan Hems (Vice-Chair, SH), John Hill (Cllr, JH), Robert Hadfield (Cllr, RH), Richard Ovey (Cllr, RO), Annette Young (Clerk, AY), David Bartholomew (OCC, DB), Jo Robb (SODC, JR)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** none

2. **MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:** none

3. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes from 8th January 2024 were confirmed and signed as correct by the chair.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:**

a) War Memorial Names – Quote was approved and waiting to be completed. Agreed to find someone else as no response. ACTION: AY to investigate.

b) Lamb at Satwell proposal to turn into residential dwelling – no further update. It was noted that cars have returned to the site. Area to be monitored by local residents.

c) Rubbish at Lamb at Satwell reported on fixmystreet and email sent to Environmental Enforcement Officer (EEO). Reported to the Highways department at County level, as the highway is being altered. Highways have said that the matter is being investigated. Fix my street ref 53402121. Update 14th February from Highway Maintenance/Environment, OCC. Crew to visit site on 15th Feb to remove the newly laid topsoil to reestablish the original verge line and tidy up the area in general. Also to take stones back to the resident boundary and will give 7 days' notice to remove these completely.

d) Annual donation to St Nicholas Church – a donation of £850 has been requested by the treasurer of the church toward the upkeep of the church and churchyard. Updated guidance on funding to churches – on 26 December 2023, a new section 19A of the Local Government Act 1894 came into force, which means that councils can now use their discretionary powers to fund church property, including that of other Christian denominations and non-Christian faiths. The NALC Legal Briefing L02-23 Power to Fund Works to Property Relating to Affairs of the Church or held for an Ecclesiastical Charity is available on the website. All agreed and £850 donated. Message from Paul Fairweather (Treasurer, St Nicholas Church) to say that Greys PCC, are most grateful for the support of the Parish Council in contributing to the church and in particular helping to defray the cost of the extensive repairs to the church clock. The clock is a community asset and was donated to the church just after the war by the then incumbent in memory of his son who was killed in the last few months of WW2.

5. **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:**

DB talked about the full council meeting in February to debate budget proposals. There was a question regarding rumours of areas of curfew to be introduced, which was dismissed by DB as “fake news”. All agreed the money could be better spent on road maintenance. The general report and full details will be attached to the minutes and available on the website [here](#).

Local matters discussed included The Lamb at Satwell (see above), flooding at junction near

War Memorial. ACTION: DB to follow up. Rocky Lane junction, near Greys Court is in a bad state with dangerous potholes. ACTION: AY to send DB details, to follow up. DB left the meeting at 7.45pm

6. SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Jo Robb confirmed there would be no cuts to services in the new budget. SODC are committed to the new social housing policy, local plan 18 and now have a Dark Sky Policy. The general report will be attached to the minutes and available on the website [here](#). JR left the meeting at 8.15pm.

7. CHAIRS REPORT

The litterpick/spring tidy up at the weekend was well attended and very successful. Thanks to everyone, including those who collect rubbish all year round. Special thanks to Jo and Graham Duncan for organising and laying on refreshments after.

8. PARISH ROADS

20 mph – positions agreed and on list but no confirmed start date.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Grass cutting Greys Green. Email from Estate Manager, National Trust. SODC asked NT to review the grass cutting at Shepherds Green, to leave some areas uncut. Their idea is that probably one of the two greens are left/cut depending on public opinion. RH has canvassed the local residents and it was agreed that the East side would be left and West side would be cut for recreational use. There was some concern about maintenance. ACTION: AY to respond to Estate Manager.

Defibs ongoing maintenance . Millie's Dream (Henley Charity) have offered to carry out future monitoring and maintenance of the two defibrillators located at the village hall and Maltsters Arms from April 1st 2024 for an annual grant of £150 per defibrillator. This includes regular checks (at least once a month), paying for and replacing the batteries and pads if required and updating the national defibrillator network, The Circuit. The Maltsters Arms machine was checked recently; a new battery was required, which was done at a cost of £250.00. Pads had expired and were replaced at a cost of £100.00. ACTION: All agreed to reimburse £350 to be paid straight away and to pay annual grant of £300 for both defibrillators to be maintained.

Traffic calming in Shepherds Green between B481 and junction at Greys Green. Email from resident John Woods, regarding the road being used as a rat-run. Increased traffic is causing the exit from Satwell Close, particularly, to become extremely dangerous due to impaired views and speeding traffic. Councilors were in agreement and traffic calming measures to be investigated. ACTION: AY to follow up.

10. FOOTPATH REPORT: no report

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: none

12. PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT

a) Applications received and awaiting decisions:

[P24/S0368/HH](#) Greys House Rotherfield Greys RG9 4QD

Removal of two chimney stacks. Erection of rear part single storey extension with flat roof and roof glazing. Erection of rear two storey extensions with pitched roof featuring dormers and new chimney flues. Loft conversion with rear dormers & roof windows to front and rear roof slopes. New rooflight to existing flat roof serving single storey flank addition. Conversion of integral garage into habitable room with door replaced by window. Received 31st January 2024. End Consultation Period 20th March 2024. **Target Decision Date 17th April 2024.** ACTION: Details sent to councilors to consider.

[P24/S0678/HH](#) Greys House Rotherfield Greys RG9 4QD

Demolition of redundant central chimney stack. Erection of single storey front extensions, conversion of loft space to create two bedrooms, new roof light to existing single storey flat roof, conversion of integral garage to habitable room, replacement windows and alterations, extensions and conversion of detached two car garage to create staff living accommodation on first/loft storey level and additional car parking space on ground floor level. Received 27th February 2024. End Consultation Period 27th March 2024. **Target Decision Date 29th April 2024.** ACTION: Details sent to councilors to consider.

[P24/S0252/HH](#) 2 Park Cottages Broadplat Rotherfield Greys RG9 4PA

Demolition of existing garage outbuilding, used as a workshop with storage, and construction of a new outbuilding to provide an artists studio. Received 22nd January 2024. End Consultation Period 19th February 2024. **Target Decision Date 18th March 2024.** ACTION: Details sent to councilors to consider.

[P23/S3990/FUL](#) Astbury Satwell Close Satwell RG9 4QT

Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a replacement two storey dwelling house with attached double garage. Target decision 16th January 2024. **No decision yet.**

[P23/S3209/S73](#) Autumn House Section Of B481 From Bolts Cross To Highmoor Cross

Rotherfield Greys RG9 5LG. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans Jan 2022) and remove condition 6 on application P21/S3388/HH. Proposed extension to the rear of the dwelling to house a leisure area, including a sitting room, gym, a covered swimming pool with changing facilities and a plant room; and proposed extension to the existing garage with accommodation above served by dormer windows. 3077P21/S3388/HH Conditions(s) 2 and 6.

Withdrawn prior to determination on 1st November 2023.

[P23/S0582/FUL](#) Satwell House Satwell RG9 4RB

Landscaping works including the creation of a new access, the creation of a lake and substantial tree planting. *(Amended plans and additional information received 7.11.23)*

Target decision 8th December 2023 – **no decision made**

[P21/S0361/FUL](#), [P23/S0400/DIS](#), [P23/S2911/DIS](#) Grange Farm Badgemore RG9 4NZ

Discharge of conditions 5 (existing vehicular access), 8 (off - site highway works), 9 (hard and

soft landscaping scheme), 10 (CEMP: Biodiversity), 11 (barn owl mitigation strategy), 12 (biodiversity enhancement), 13 (external lighting), 14 (contaminated land (preliminary risk assessment), 15 (contaminated land - remediation strategy), 16 (surface water drainage works) & 17 (foul drainage works) on planning application P21/S0361/FUL. Redevelop farmyard with equine and veterinary hospital with associated car parking, bike store and bin store (relocation of Henley Vets).

[P21/S0361/FUL](#) Permission Granted 24th September 2023.

[P23/S0400/DIS](#), partially discharged 5th April 2023.

[P21/S0361/FUL](#) Target Decision Date 31st January 2024, **no decision made yet.**

b) Planning decisions

[P23/S2076/DIS](#) Fairways Satwell Close Satwell RG9 4QT

Discharge of conditions 4 (Obscure Glazing), 5 (Wildlife Protection) and 6 (Tree Protection) on application ref. P21/S3256/HH (Extension and alterations to left hand side wing, single storey rear infill extension and alterations to driveway).

Target decision 2nd August 2023. **Partially Discharged 17th January 2024**

[P23/S3875/HH](#) 5 The Walled Garden Badgemore Henley-on-Thames RG9 4FL

Single storey extension to side and rear; dormers and side facing gable to north-facing roof flank. (as amended by plans submitted 19 January 2024). Consultation ends 2nd February 2024.

Planning Permission granted 7th February 2024.

[P23/S4103/HH](#) Bel House Shepherds Green RG9 4QR

Part single storey and part two storey extension and minor exterior alterations.

Consultation period ends 20th January 2024. **Planning Permission granted 2nd February 2024**

[P23/S3077/FUL](#) Greys Meadow Studio near Rotherfield Greys RG9 4QJ

Application for the retention of Greys Meadow Studio (retrospective).

Target decision 7th November 2023 – Committee Meeting 22nd November 2023

Decline to Determine on 14th December 2023

13. FINANCE

a) Budget and new Auditor adopted and agreed – Theresa Goss

b) Payments – Clerk Pay January (£190.26) & February (£190.06, HMRC (Clerks tax £47.40 & £47.60).

c) Interest on Income – £112.64

d) Balances – As at 11.03.24 Current Account £2374.97, Savings Account, £302131.67, CIL: £5316.72

14. AOB

a) The Maltsters Arms has reopened. No further updates.

b) The village hall is 100 years old this year and there was a discussion regarding marking the occasion and to combine with village summer drinks event. ACTION: Councillors to discuss outside meeting.

c) The village fete will be taking a sabbatical this year.

d) All agreed to pay Alex Angell £200 as per contract for grass cutting/war memorial upkeep.

e) Jo Robbs term as the Rotherfield Greys representative with Henley Municipal Charities is coming to an end and Jo would very much like to continue and the trustees have asked her to

carry on. All agreed to formally vote on Jo continuing as the RG representative for the Municipal Charities. ACTION: AY to inform Jo/Charity.

Next Meeting 13th May 2024 - AGM

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.26pm