

**ROTHERFIELD GREYS
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018
IN GREYS VILLAGE HALL, GREYS GREEN**

PRESENT:

Susan Hems (chairman)	SH
Nick Digby (vice-chairman)	ND
Richard Ovey	RO
John Hill	JH
<i>For part of the meeting:</i>	
David Bartholomew (OCC councillor)	DB
Jane Pryce – Clerk	JOP

Members of the public/parishioners present for part/all of the meeting	2
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GAG = Greys Alert Grapevine email alert system

CIL = Community Infrastructure Levy paid by developers to mitigate the impact of new houses.

RFO = Responsible Financial Officer.

The parish website is www.rotherfieldgreys.org.uk

053/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Michael Pearey emailed his apologies.

David Nimmo-Smith did not attend.

054/18 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

SH declared an interest in Dog Lane.

055/18 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (09/07/2018):

The minutes had the wrong title as shown as an ANNUAL ELECTORS meeting where it was an ordinary parish council meeting. Also more detail was needed on the request to reduce the speed on a section of road from Henley to Rotherfield Greys village. The following sentence was added: ‘Mention of the speed limit reduction presented by member of the public to be discussed at next meeting 10th September’.

Once corrected the minutes were declared a true and accurate record and duly signed and dated by SH.

056/18 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.

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SPECIFIC REPORT FOR ROTHERFIELD GREYS

HIGHLANDS FARM DEVELOPMENT ROAD STATUS

Subsequent to queries about possible planning breaches, I was asked by the District Councillor to establish whether OCC will be adopting the access road and the roads within the development. OCC officers have confirmed that no application to adopt the roads has been received to date.

The clerk was asked to put an enforcement about the street lighting as not in the planning application. The District Council would be also looking into this. RO has an early map of plans for Highlands Farm Lane which JOP will check for street lighting plans.

THIRD READING BRIDGE

The enthusiasm of Berkshire councils for this project is undimmed and, independent of Oxfordshire councils, they have now commissioned further work to support the 'business case'. I am meeting with OCC officers for a full update next week.

The clerk asked if a second 3rd Reading Bridge meeting for local parish councils would be appropriate and was told that when more information is forthcoming, it might be needed.

DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 1 (PART) THE ROSARY, SHEPHERDS GREEN

I have been asked to comment on the above application and seek the views of the parish council. It was confirmed that the diversion was on the agenda to discuss and the clerk will email the decision to him.

DOG LANE

I was previously asked to investigate OCC responsibilities in respect of repairing this lane and reported in July that the eastern section from Rotherfield Greys to the Chiltern Way is an unclassified, unmetalled county road with concurrent restricted byway status, and that the western section from the B481 to the Chiltern Way is restricted byway status. A restricted byway is defined as a public right of way on foot, horseback or in a vehicle other than a mechanically propelled vehicle and therefore does not include public use in a motor vehicle. As a restricted byway, Dog Lane is maintainable at the public expense to a level commensurate with its public use; it is therefore not publicly maintained to enable use by motor vehicles as there is no public right to do so. OCC Public Rights of Way officers visited the site and later confirmed that as they have had no complaints in connection with the intended use of Dog Lane, there are no immediate plans to carry out any maintenance. However, I have pointed out that there has been different treatment of Dog Lane in the past, and adjoining Kings Farm Lane (also a restricted byway) recently. As a consequence of this, officers will be undertaking a fresh site visit in the near future to establish and implement a consistent policy.

This is a major bowl of contention as change of use for the road had not been consulted on.

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It seems the classification of the road changed in 1997.

COUNCILLOR PRIORITY FUND

As previously advised, I have a £15k Councillor Priorities Fund to allocate across my nine parishes. I will divide this in relation to parish size, thus I have £500 available for Rotherfield Greys to match-fund Highways projects. This means if the parish council identifies Highways works costing a total of £1000, I will meet half the cost from my fund. If the works are costed via OCC Highways and undertaken by them, all that is needed is my agreement to proceed; if works are costed and undertaken by third-parties a form will need to be completed followed by a simple OCC approval process. I understand the PC has made some preliminary enquiries and I look forward to receiving a full request.

White lining for village was requested a year and half ago. Cllr David Bartholomew requested the clerk ask again for an update and cc him.

057/18 SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

There was no report from David Nimmo-Smith but the clerk was requested to pursue update on Greys Meadow and The Lamb and when was the CIL meeting with Henley?

058/18 CLERK'S REPORT

The SODC councillor grant for the previous year had been closed as confirmed as spent.

The SODC councillor grant for 2018/19 has been applied for. This will be £500 towards replacing the pad stones on the bus shelter/well housing.

The confirmation of the Knolly's family tree is being sought for correct dates before a history tab is added on the website. Richard Ovey will find out.

The clerk was asked to report a dead cherry tree opposite the Greys Green cricket pitch. JOP noticed it isn't quite dead but who would be the person to report that too? A name was given and the clerk will write to inform of the poor health of the tree.

059/18 PARISH ROADS INCLUDING DOG LANE

ND asked why had two sections of road near the War Memorial junction been repaired?

The clerk knew nothing about this and neither did the parish council.

David Bartholomew had received a letter from a parishioner requesting a reduction of speed limit from unrestricted to either 30 or 40 mph in the section coming from Highlands Farm to Rotherfield Greys Village. It has been discussed in previous meeting but there may give an increased risk of planning application for housing developments. The cost would also be an issue. The parish council cannot afford this extra expenditure at the present time.

Dog Lane - A member of the public stated that deliveries and ambulance/fire service cannot access the road due to its poor condition. It was agreed to wait for the report mentioned above and continue to request action to improve the surface. Also his house cannot be sold as viewers found the state of road unacceptable.

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060/18 MISCELLANEOUS:

Correspondence

The OALC via the Woodlands Trust has offered each parish one native tree with plaque to plant to mark the 100th Armistice Day event. This is for every parish in South Oxfordshire. This was agreed to apply for. Location is yet to be decided. And permission for a location needed to be sought from the National Trust.

Patricia Dixon requested a GAG for the Grey's Senior Citizens Lunch on the 13th November. The Council agreed.

Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter for August was agreed to put on website.

Barclays Bank – Susan Hems is now a signatory for cheques.

Good Neighbour Scheme Support Service – Guidance to set up a scheme. Good Neighbours run the COMET bus service in Nettlebed. This will be kept in mind for COMET buses if/when it is set up.

Chiltern Society – thank you for donation of £150.

PSCO Janice Smith wondered if the parish would like to borrow the SID (Speed Indicator Device) for one/two weeks and get training in using it. As the training was on Wednesday 12th it was too late to arrange but the cross parish purchase of a SID will need more training to be arranged.

Consultation on South Oxfordshire CIL Spending Strategy. The clerk had drafted a response:

“The parish of Rotherfield Greys, and the village in particular, has been overlooked in the large development of houses at Highlands Farm. So the example is that a nearby parish is suffering the brunt of a new development but receives no CIL.

The blanket approach of geography over common sense is causing problems with increased traffic through unsuitable rural roads, into a village with no pavements. The parish where the development is adjacent and where the traffic will enter and exit seems to be ignored.

The parish council is asking that when a new large development is happening that a map is looked at. Where is the exit road and where does it exit into? If in a neighbouring parish, surely this is cause to re-consider the CIL and look at mitigation for the increased traffic around that area.”

SH asked that she edit the above and is aware of the deadline of 16th September 2018. This was agreed.

Application to divert the footpath that runs alongside The Rosary.

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“The OCC has received a request to divert footpath 330/20. It would change the beginning of the footpath (starting next to the Rosary). Instead it would carry on down the road and then turn into field (south) to join up again. This would allow the Rosary to increase the size of their garden widthways and create privacy for the house. It would increase the length of the path by 23 metres.”

The diversion was agreed and the clerk would inform the Rights of Way Officer.

TIME SET ASIDE FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

On the September 19th The Lamb at Satwell must be vacated as will be a criminal act to remain in residence. Questions were asked about the process and as the building was boarded up – was it occupied? It was confirmed it was.

061/18 PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT

a) Applications to be considered

None received within the deadline after the meeting.

b) Planning responses

P18/S2191/HH

Lambridge Wood Farm, Bix RG9 4RZ

Roof conversion and extension to the Old Stables. Rear extension to existing garage to provide additional storage.

RGPC - NO OBJECTIONS

SODC Target Decision Date 20th September 2018

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P18/S1338/FUL

Hernes, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4NT

Free standing 11kW solar PV installation

RGPC - NO OBJECTIONS

SODC Target Decision Date 26th September 2018

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P18/S1095/FUL

Cherry Trees, Satwell Close, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4QT

Demolition of existing house and detached garage and erection of replacement house and detached garage and construction of outdoor swimming pool

RGPC - NO OBJECTIONS

SODC Target Decision date 11th June 2018 – Amended – see above.

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P17/S4409/O

Highlands Farm, Highlands Lane, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4PR

Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the construction of up-to 5 detached dwellings

RGPC 'SHOULD BE REFUSED' comment - overdevelopment of the site

SODC decision date 9th April 2018

c) Planning decisions

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P18/S1091/FUL

The Barn, Greys Green RG9 4QH

"Variation of condition 2 - approved plans on application ref. P17/S2489/FUL (Demolition of remnants of existing barn and reconstruction to create a four bedroom dwelling and erection of a car port) to add single storey linked garden room and sunken terraces"

RGPC - OBJECTION/COMMENTS - Variations appear to exceed the original brief by a CONSIDERABLE measure and therefore should be refused. This is a massive increase in bulk of the building footprint.

SODC GRANTED

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P18/S1095/FUL Amendment No. 1

Cherry Trees, Satwell Close, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4QT "Demolition of existing house and detached garage and erection of replacement house with internal detached garage and construction of outdoor swimming pool (Amended plans received 21 June 2018 showing internal garage instead of detached, minor alterations to the design and a privacy screen included to the rear balcony)."

RGPC - NO OBJECTION

SODC GRANTED

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P18/S1918/LB

National Trust, Greys Court, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4PG

Re-building of a collapsed wall

RGPC - FULLY SUPPORTS

SODC GRANTED

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Greys Meadow - An enforcement is in progress for Greys Meadow. A Stop notice may be issued until work carried out can be inspected and ensure that the current planning application is following the conditions. It was requested of the clerk to ask the planning inspector to inspect the site to confirm that planning restrictions are being followed.

062/18 WAR MEMORIAL & ARMISTICE DAY

The offered tree (see above) was suggested that a space to be planted be found near to the War Memorial, other location were also mentioned.

‘The Battle’s Over’ guidelines for Armistice Day state that it is not a celebration, it is a commemoration. And fireworks have been discouraged. This was noted. The beacon will be lit and a bugler will do the ‘last post’. This will be discussed with other parties who are involved. And a GAG notice should be done soon.

It seems that Peter Blaker has been paying for the wreaths. And when JOP suggested reimbursement, he suggested a donation to the British Legion. This was agreed for £100.

063/18 VILLAGE FETE REPORT

A lovely sunny day and lots of people came and we raised £7,300. The traffic was a problem.
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064/18 FINANCE

a) Donations/Subs:

Donation - Church maintenance fund	£850.00
Donation - Henley & District CAB	£150.00
Donation - Sue Ryder	£100.00
Donation - SCAS	£100.00
Donation - Wyfold Riding for disabled	£150.00

British Legion's Poppy Appeal. This was agreed for £100. The clerk is awaiting for a new cheque book.

b) Accounts to pay:

Jane Pryce

Clerk's salary (Aug/Sept)	£294.66
Office rent	£ 41.68
Total for cheque	£ 386.60

c) Payments received

2nd half of precept £4,030.00

Bank Balance £12,147.52

065/18 Matters arising for information only

The updated **USB** stick had been forgotten by JOP.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.56 PM

Next meeting 19th November 2018