

**ROTHERFIELD GREYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 11th JANUARY 2021 7.30PM 2020 VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT:

Susan Hems (Vice-Chairman)	SH
Nick Digby (Chairman)	ND
Michael Pearey	MP
Richard Ovey	RO
John Hill	JH
<i>For part of the meeting:</i>	
David Bartholomew (OCC councillor)	DB
SODC councillor Jo Robb/Lorraine Hiller	JR/LR
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

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

001/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

002/21 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

None

003/21 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM 9TH NOVEMBER 2020

The minutes were agreed to be an accurate and true record and were signed by the Chairman.

004/21 OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

This report will be attached to the minutes and available on the website.

The subjects are:

KEEP TO TIER 4 DISCIPLINES IN 2021 AS CASES CONTINUE TO RISE

RIVER LEVELS IN OXFORDSHIRE AND GRITTING UPDATES

SCAMMERS TARGET RESIDENTS WITH PROMISE OF COVID VACCINE

WINTER SUPPORT ROLLED OUT FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

SPECIFIC REPORT FOR ROTHERFIELD GREYS

HENLEY HGV BAN

As the PC is aware, Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak, Henley’s representative at OCC, is campaigning for an HGV ban in Henley. I have much sympathy with his objectives but my concern is that HGVs will simply be deflected along the B481 or elsewhere if this occurs. When the Bix duals were being resurfaced a few years ago and HGVs were unable to use

them, the increase in HGV traffic along the B481 impacted on parishes along the road. Councillor Gawrysiak has acknowledged this concern. I have seen his virtual presentation and am somewhat reassured, although I still have questions about the feasibility of his ANPR/HGV register proposals; I therefore abstained on his motion at SODC Full Council meeting in December. I will do the same if it comes to OCC Full Council before my concerns are fully assuaged.

Nick Digby also agreed with the above and had concerns about the HGVs using rural roads instead.

DEER KILLED ON LOCAL ROADS

I continue to receive emails about this issue which I have investigated in the past. I share the concerns about the sad death of these animals but, regrettably, there is nothing OCC can do. Suggestions I receive include:

Fencing. This is the responsibility of the landowner and the council cannot compel them to fence their land.

Signage. There are existing signs (last refurbished in May) and they have been deemed to be adequate by OCC officers.

Speeding enforcement. This is a matter for the police and beyond the remit of OCC.

Speed limit. Outside of the village sections, the roads do not meet national criteria for a reduction.

THIRD READING BRIDGE

The Berkshire parties continue to press for funding for the Outline Business Case to support the bridge. In order to be involved in the discussion, OCC has agreed to be a party to a 'joint statement of agreement' to investigate all options for improving cross Thames travel.

However, SODC has withdrawn from this joint statement and as a result of this, DfT has now expressed reluctance to consider the bid.

005/21 SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

This SODC report can be found on the website and attached to the minutes.

Subjects include:

Local Plan 2035

District Councillor Grants

Covid Vaccination Programme

Latest Covid Statistics for South Oxfordshire

Civil Parking Enforcement

New CIL Spending Strategy

Thames Valley Rivers Network

The councillor grant is available but running out of time. There are no projects at present that can be submitted for this.

Garden waste collection is on hold at present.

The clerk saw the NT response to the report of a dead cherry tree next to the telephone exchange. The clerk wrote again to inform the National Trust that as they had been made aware of the problem and they did nothing, they are liable. It was moted that residents would do the removal of the tree.

The signage 'To Let' outside the Greys Green business park is not being removed even though it was stated by the agents it was let.

The Lamb, Satwell – this was seen as overdevelopment and inappropriate materials used for a residential development (2 houses) within this small hamlet. It will be going to Planning Committee as requested by Highmoor pc. The parish council felt the same and will do a planning response for that. But it is unlikely now to be a viable business.

Land adjacent to The Sheiling, Shepherds Green Construction of one outbuilding to contain stables, a tack room and a machine room for local residents to use. This application is refused.

Greys Meadow, Greys Green – Enforcement is served and the slow process of that is starting.

006/21 CLERK'S REPORT

HTC CIL spend meeting – Nick – how did it go? Ken Alcott (Henley Town Council Mayor) felt that traffic increase was not enough to justify any pavements.

Time was spent on the website to update for 2021.

The clerk explained that the clerk's report was to notify the parish council of any additional work done by the clerk. The normal day to day stuff is not mentioned.

007/21 PARISH ROADS

Pot holes in the village had been filled in.

The Broadplat sign is not been moved as seen by OCC as okay. As was the Shepherds Green sign.

The village gates between the War Memorial and Rocky Lane junction are on order.

008/21 MISCELLANEOUS:

a) Correspondence

Deep Cleanse Services - Rotherfield Greys 22/03/2021 to 24/03/2021.

The form for locations has been filled in and submitted (areas in village near church).

b) Footpath report

No report.

TIME SET ASIDE FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

009/21 PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT

a) Current planning/enforcement

P20/S4702/FUL

The Bothy, Badgemore Park Golf Club, Badgemore RG9 4NR

Demolition of existing dwelling and garage. Construction of replacement dwelling, garage and related landscaping.

RGPC response required by 19.1.21

P20/S4637/FUL

The Lamb, Satwell RG9 4QZ

Conversion of the existing public house to a dwelling, the erection of 2x detached 3-bedroom dwellings and associated hard and soft landscaping.

RGPC response required by 24.1.21

This will be put to planning committee.

b) Planning responses

P20/S4440/HH

The Strip, Shepherds Green RG9 4QW

Proposed replacement garage/garden store outbuilding

RGPC NO OBJECTIONS

SODC Target Decision Date 12th February 2021

P20/S4404/FUL

Pond Cottage, 1 Rocky Lane, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4RD

Replacement store in paddock to provide improved tractor store and stable.

RGPC NO OBJECTIONS

SODC Target Decision Date 14th January 2021

P20/S3271/FUL

Highlands Farm, Highlands Lane, Rotherfield Greys, RG9 4PR

Variation of conditions 1 (approved Plans) and 14 (boundary treatment) of application

RGPC response OBJECTS

SODC Target Decision Date 3rd December 2020

P20/S3406/FUL

Rocky Lane Farm, Rocky Lane, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4RE

Construction of new groom's accommodation and tie up for grooming horses.

End Consultation Period 26th October 2020

SODC Target Decision Date 9th November 2020

The clerk apologised for missing this one. Confused with **P20/S1838/FUL** as also Rocky Lane Farm.

c) Planning decisions

P20/S3962/FUL

Land adjacent to The Sheiling, Shepherds Green Construction of one outbuilding to contain stables, a tack room and a machine room for local residents to use.

RGPC response OBJECTS

SODC REFUSED

P20/S1838/FUL

Rocky Lane Orchard, Rocky Lane, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4RE

The construction of a single storey residential dwelling to provide accommodation for an orchard manager.

Rotherfield Greys Parish Council OBJECTS to this application for the following reasons:

As the area is in an AONB and will be viewed by residents and from a public footpath, the building of a dwelling should be REFUSED. The need for a 24/7 manager living on-site is not justified.

WITHDRAWN

It was noted that fences had been erected and this is being monitored.

P20/S2723/FUL

Greys Meadow Studio, Rotherfield Greys
RGPC response STRONGLY OBJECTS
SODC REFUSED

P19/S2646/FUL

Highlands Park

Full planning permission for a variation of housing mix at Highlands Farm (as consented under P17/S0024/RM), comprising the substitution of 85 dwellings in the central and south-western parts of the site with 113 dwellings; a net increase of 28 dwellings with 40% affordable housing maintained across the site, along with footpath connection (as amended to alter the route of the proposed footway off Highlands Lane and to provide minor adjustments to the development layout)

SODC GRANTED

The lighting of the entry is still too bright. This will be reported to Jo Robb.

065/20 FINANCE

a) Donations/Subscriptions:

None.

b) Accounts to pay:

Jane Pryce

Clerk's salary (Dec/Jan)	£ 294.66
Office rent	£ 26.00
Total for cheque	£ 320.66

c) Payments received

Interest £0.29

Bank Balance £ 22,284.24

The setting up of electronic (BACS) payments has proved impossible at present as the wait time for answering the phone is unknown as no-one did.

011/21 Additional Funding for Charity

As part of the signing off the budget 2021/22, the S137 charity figures needs confirming.

S137 charity donations allowance increased to £2,321.28. An increase of £300.

It was suggested at the November meeting to keep existing donations/subscriptions but maybe add another charity or increase amount for existing.

Last year the S137 payments were £2,011.89

It was decided to leave as is to give flexibility to donate later in the year.

The Budget was agreed. Nick will sign tomorrow.

012/21 MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

An updated USB stick backup of council business will be given to the chairman later and swapped for the last one used. This forms an offsite backup.

The Ramblers Association has been looking at lost foot paths and this is being promoted via '<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/dont-lose-your-way-2026.aspx>

RO reported that two paths on his land are being looked at. These are both unused for many years and lead to no-where.

War memorial damage log: This was deferred to next meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.43 PM

Next meeting – 7.30pm 8th March 2021