

**ROTHERFIELD GREYS
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 12th JULY 2021
GREYS GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:

Nick Digby (Chair), Susan Hems (Vice Chair), John Hill (Cllr), Robert Hadfield (Cllr), Jane Pryce (outgoing clerk), Karen Wheeler (incoming clerk)

Members of the public – 0

Key:

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

039/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Richard Ovey

Welcome to Karen Wheeler new clerk

040/21 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

Nick Digby – planning application

041/21 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM 17th May 2021

The minutes were agreed to be an accurate and true record and were signed by the Chair. The March minutes were also signed.

042/21 OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

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

Subjects are:

THIRD READING BRIDGE –

Current position is that the project is on hold due to lack of funding for business case (requires c.£1m) and Department for Transport requires full support by all councils before progressing. SODC have submitted position that they are not in support of the project.

FLOODING NEAR GREENMARSH FARM

Ongoing discussion but currently no viable solutions. Drainage would be assisted if the drainage ditches were cleared. This is the responsibility of the landowner.

**PATHWAYS TO ZERO-CARBON OXFORDSHIRE REPORT PUBLISHED
SURVEYS ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES**

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

SPECIFIC REPORT FOR ROTHERFIELD GREYS

Shepherd Green potholes. Potholes have sprung up in Shepherds Green which residents suggest are growing in size and depth. The tarmacked road which travels across Shepherds Green and to Lane End is not part of the public highway and is therefore not OCC responsibility. The District Councillor has advised me that the maintenance of the green and the road is an SODC responsibility under the terms of a 1949 agreement and she has raised

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this with the cabinet member responsible. A suggestion was made that OCC could undertake the repairs and be reimbursed by the parish council, however OCC has recommended that the parish council employs their own contractors direct so that they can confirm what work they require. This may also provide them with a more cost-effective rate direct rather than going through OCC. Additionally, as there are ongoing negotiations between other parties regarding responsibility for this road, OCC would not wish to get involved in undertaking repairs.

Parish Council noted the same issue relating to making the repair and implied responsibility. Issue ongoing.

Layby next to post box in RG village this has been reported on fix my street. Action Point - OCC David to look into progress. AP clerk to provide ticket number.

043/21 SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

This SODC report can be found on the website.

Subjects include:

PLANNING

Decision to approve Little Sparrows, 133 retirement homes on green field site at edge of Sonning Common despite appeals.

Expansion of AONB

Natural England taking forward to parliament the potential to extend the Chilterns AONB

OXFORDSHIRE 20/50

Strategic Spatial Plan, decides housing for Oxfordshire. Important that parishes respond to consultation. Date for consultation still to be confirmed.

Greys Meadow

Appeal hearing scheduled for 29th August.

044/21 CLERK'S REPORT

Thank you to Cllr Richard Ovey for obtaining contact details for new Greys Grey Cricket Team. Peter Dawkins will provide the cricket fixtures dates for the website.

An EOY CIL report has been submitted to SODC. Summary – CIL spend is £1,116.94 for 2020. Remaining CIL is £8,368.22.

Meeting held with an Area Secretary of the Chiltern Society – Proposal to replace existing stiles with gates, costing £3,000. Location is a path from Henley so a major benefit for town dwellers to access countryside. Agreed to progress.

045/21 PARISH ROADS

Speeding – continues to be an issue throughout the village especially for concealed entrances in the area.

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Overgrown foliage currently particularly long. Action point for clerk – to talk to SODC regarding verge cut back.

Pot holes – see section above

046/21 MISCELLANEOUS:

a) Correspondence

Sergeant Major Oliver Reed has asked for permission for a mountain bike ride for 11 soldiers that may or not go through the parish on bridleways/cycle paths on 17th July. He has to submit a report detailing the ride and that he has ‘warned’ any parishes he will be passing through. Agreed.

Permission to erect signage for Rotherfield Greys village fete 5th September. Agreed.

b) Footpath report

No report

The Chiltern Society have asked to confirm the change of stiles to gates at Lower Hernes. The former parish clerk Jane Pryce will be checking some paths in the parish alongside Daniel Hampshire – yet to be confirmed which paths but meeting on 17th July. Jane has offered to help to replace Jane Warren who has retired.

TIME SET ASIDE FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

047/21 PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT

a) Applications to be considered

Cllr Nick Digby was asked to leave the meeting while councillors discussed this.

[P21/S2753/FUL](#)

Pinfold, Greys Green, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4QG

Erection of a two-storey dwelling with detached garage.

RGPC response required by 17th July 2021. Decision to object on grounds of over development

[P21/S2826/HH](#)

The Croft, Satwell Close, Satwell RG9 4QT

Installation of two 16kw Samsung Air Source Heat Pumps to replace existing oil-fired boiler

RGPC response required by 21st July 2021. Support application.

b) Planning responses

[P21/S2381/HH](#)

Robinsgrove, Satwell Close, Rotherfield Greys, Henley-On-Thames RG9 4QT

Two storey side extension. Replacement Garage. Enlargement of front porch. Provision of swimming pool and patio area

RGPC NO OBJECTIONS

SODC Target decision date 19th July 2021

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White Cottage, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4QA

Extensions and alterations to include the erection of a garage and home gym building to the south of the property and new driveway.

RGPC OBJECTS with comments: a massive overdevelopment of what is essentially a small cottage in the woods. It looks as though the proposals almost double the size of the existing structure. By any standards this is overdevelopment. How the turning circles would work but the development can't be allowed to restrict emergency and other vehicles

The parish council were not included with this application to respond but as right on the boundary, this was changed. But the response has not been posted on the website.
SODC target decision date 19th March 2021

P21/S0361/FUL

Grange Farm, Badgemore RG9 4NZ

Redevelop Farmyard with Equine and Veterinary Hospital (relocation of Henley Vets)

RGPC response was NO OBJECTIONS

SODC target decision date 12th May 2021

P21/S0329/FUL

Grange Farm, Offices & Store, Badgemore RG9 4NZ

B1 Offices (revised design) with Solar Panels, car parking, cycle store, bin store, substation and plant housing

RGPC response was NO OBJECTIONS

SODC target decision date 12th May 2021

P20/S3406/FUL

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

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

SODC Target Decision Date February 19th 2021

c) Planning decisions

P21/S1742/FUL

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

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on application P20/S4702/FUL.

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

RGpc NO OBJECTIONS.

SODC GRANTED

P21/S1385/HH

The Rosary, Shepherds Green RG9 4QL

Single storey extension & internal alterations. Bay window to breakfast room.

RGpc NO OBJECTIONS

SODC GRANTED

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P20/S4637/FUL

The Lamb, Satwell RG9 4QZ Conversion of the existing public house to a dwelling, the erection of 2 x detached 3-bedroom dwellings and associated hard and soft landscaping.

RGPC OBJECTS
SODC REFUSED

048/21 FINANCE

a) Donations/Subs:

Sue Ryder £100

b) Accounts to pay:

Mr. Green

Half-annual payment for grounds maintenance at the War Memorial £200.00

Jane Pryce

Clerk's salary June/July/Aug £414.86. Add pc expenses for website 123-reg payment for 2-year hosting - £28.78 and 1-2-3 services £187.06. Total cheque £813.86

Karen Wheeler

Wages July £156.00

O.A.L.C.

3 training courses – 1 for Karen and 2 for Cllr. Rob Hadfield. Agreed.

c) Payments received

Bank interest £0.36

Bank Balance £23,601.41

Current Bank signatories to be updated to add Chair, Cllr Robert Hadfield and the new clerk. Agreed. AP – clerk.

Online banking – Approved. AP – clerk.

Purchase of laptop for clerk - £598.98 – Agreed

049/21 MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

An updated USB stick backup of council business was given to the Chair. This forms an offsite backup. This will be swapped at the next parish council meeting.

The External Structures Inspection Form was shared and approved.

One drive storage for parish documents - £59.99 to be set up. AP by Clerk

Planning responsibility will be taken by Cllr Robert Hadfield. Agreed.

Website and GAG – to be handed over to clerk and consideration to be given to management and services going forward. AP - Clerk (s)

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War memorial damage log:

Post is down. AP – John will make the repair.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:30PM

Next meeting – 13th September 2021