

**ROTHERFIELD GREYS
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021
GREYS GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:

Nick Digby (Chair), John Hill (Cllr), Robert Hadfield (Cllr), Richard Ovey (Cllr), Karen Wheeler (clerk)

OCC Cllr David Bartholomew (part)

Members of the public – 1

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

SODC Cllr Jo Robb

Cllr Susan Hems

MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

None

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM 12th July 2021

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

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

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

Subjects are:

PRIORITIES OF NEW ADMINISTRATION

The new LibDem/Green/Labour administration has announced its priorities. I have concerns that some of these areas, while laudable, are matters beyond the council's remit and are for central government, or that the council can have minimal impact upon them. The priorities are:

- Tackle the Climate Emergency, Tackling inequalities, Prioritisation of wellbeing, Review and reform of the social care system, Increased investment in travel network to reduce car journeys, Improved access to nature and green spaces, Supporting children and young people to achieve improved health, wellbeing and educational outcomes, The creation of a resilient local democracy, Support for local employment and businesses to make Oxfordshire a centre for green technologies

The vast majority of the emails I receive are about road maintenance/improvement, traffic accidents, drains, grass cutting, flooding, footpaths, waste disposal and planning matters – these important but unglamorous matters receive barely a mention and the administration seems to focus more on grandstanding on national issues than the fundamentals of running a local council.

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THANKING PEOPLE IN OXFORDSHIRE FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

People in Oxfordshire who are wanting to donate items to help those who have been evacuated from Afghanistan are being thanked for their warm-hearted reaction to the situation. The generosity of Oxfordshire people to date means that no further donations are needed just now. Some of the items donated have already been distributed and gratefully received by arrivals at RAF Brize Norton from Afghanistan over recent days. OCC will be working closely with the district councils and the city council in coming days and weeks as the situation develops. Further information on support for refugees in Oxfordshire can be found here: <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/support-afghan-refugees/>

OAKLEY WOOD HWRC UNDER THREAT?

I am concerned that once again, our Oakley Wood household waste recycling centre (HWRC) could be under threat. Please respond to the following consultation and forward it to any residents you think might be interested. <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/tell-us-what-you-think-of-countys-household-waste-and-recycling-centres/>

ROUTE REVEALED FOR OXFORDSHIRE STAGE OF WOMEN'S TOUR CYCLING RACE

This year's Women's Tour professional cycling race comes to Oxfordshire on **Monday 4 October**. Route details can be found here: <https://www.womenstour.co.uk/stages/stage-1/>

SPECIFIC REPORT FOR ROTHERFIELD GREYS

Stolen – dog land sign has been replaced

Fix my street – 2679441 Pot holes by post box reported and due to be repaired in the near future.

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Garden Waste Suspension

Regrettably, the Council was given no alternative but to agree to Biffa temporarily suspending the garden waste (brown bin) collection service at the start of August. This was to preserve the core waste collections of rubbish, recycling and food. Regrettably this means that the garden waste service is still suspended and will remain so for a while longer. Customers who do not receive their contracted collections will be provided with appropriate remedy. This is still under discussion. Please see SODC's waste website with further information and again, our sincere apologies for this. <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/garden-waste/>

Councillor Community Grants

Applications are open for this year's Councillor Community Grants. Lorraine and Jo each have £5000 to spend in our wards so please get in touch if you have any ideas for projects you'd like financial support for. [Councillor community grants - South Oxfordshire District Council \(southoxon.gov.uk\)](https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/councillor-community-grants)

A Hospice for South Oxfordshire

Cllr Stefan Gawysiak is leading a campaign to bring residential palliative and end-of-life care back to South Oxfordshire following the closure of Sue Ryder in Nettlebed.

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Important Consultations: Oxfordshire Plan 2050 and the Oxford-Cambridge Arc

Consultation on the Oxfordshire 2050 Plan is open and closes on Friday 8 October. We warmly encourage Parish Councils, residents, businesses and community groups to give their views on the proposed options. Useful info can be found at <https://www.oxfordshireopenthought.org/>

Big Green Week

SODC is inviting residents and community groups to organise and take part in a River Clean-up on World Rivers Day, Sunday 26 September. [World Rivers Day](#). If you'd like to organise a local event there are a number of organisations that can offer advice and support: [Surfers Against Sewage](#), [Clean Access Clear Waters](#), [World Rivers Day](#), [Wandle Trust](#), [Thames 21](#)

Move Together

Earlier this year a new county-wide programme "Move Together" launched to support hundreds of Oxfordshire residents most affected by Covid-19 to move more and protect their health and wellbeing. You can find out more about Move Together via this website.

www.getoxfordshireactive.org/move-together

Planning

Following a unanimous decision by Full Council, we are returning to the old system of planning call-ins, whereby Parish Council objection triggers automatic call-in to Planning Committee for minor (9 houses or fewer) applications.

The Government's National Bus Strategy

The Government's National Bus Strategy sets out a vision for dramatically improving buses.

CHAIRS REPORT

Covered across main agenda

Village fete – very successful already raised a provisional total £7.5k. Thank you to committee, Cllr Susan Hems and all those that have helped this event.

PARISH ROADS

Speeding – continues to be an issue throughout the village especially for concealed entrances in the area. Local police have been seen monitoring speeds recently.

Pot holes – fix my street tickets raised

Correspondence

Cricket ball hitting windscreen of passing car, dealt with quickly and efficiently by the Cricket club.

Speeding – ongoing issue

HGV's parked overnight outside the church – staying at the pub

Footpath report

Report received -nothing significant to report outside of muddy paths and the need to cut bath foliage that has become overgrown.

Request for gates – Approved in principle, some clarification needed

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Questions from the public

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PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT

a) Applications received and awaiting decisions

P21/S3823/HH

Ridgeway House Greys Green

Proposed dormer window and alterations to existing en suite.

SODC target decision 2nd November 2021

P21/S3744/DIS

The Bothy Badgemore Park Golf Club Badgemore

Discharge of condition 4 (Energy Statement) in application P21/S1742/FUL. 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.

SODC Decision targeted 7th October 2021

P21/S3302/HH

Lambridge Wood Barn Bix RG9 4RZ

Extension and alterations to existing barn Reconstruction of cart shed and change of use to habitable accommodation Installation of double glazed crittall windows and increase in size of selected windows Electrification of vehicular and pedestrian access gate Bin store by main gate Installation of log burning stove and insulated flue

SODC Decision targeted 12th October 2021

P21/S3256/HH

Fairways Satwell Close Satwell RG9 4QT

Extension and alterations to left hand side wing, single storey rear infill extension, new triple bay garage, new plant room and alterations to driveway.

SODC Decision targeted 13th September 2021

P21/S3055/HH

4 Rocky Lane Rotherfield Greys RG9 4RE

Single storey extension to west side (and associated works), and amended app

SODC Decision targeted 30th August 2021 - ok

Decision awaited

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

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SODC Target decision 11th August 2021

P21/S0931/DA

Greys Meadow Studio Rotherfield Greys RG9 4QJ

Without planning permission, the undertaking of various operations including: 1) the erection of three buildings; 2) the formation of earth bunds; 3) the excavation of a trench (ha-ha); 4) the laying of a track and various hardstanding areas, 5) the erection of retaining walls; 6) earthworks to create a tiered garden and basement level courtyard; 7) hard landscape works to create paths, steps, patios and to install an outdoor sculpture; and 8) the installation of a mail box and signage. (SE19/309).

APPEAL HEARING 16/17/18/19 November 2021

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

P21/S0107/HH

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

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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 30th August 2021

c) Planning decisions

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

SODC GRANTED

FINANCE

a) Payments:

Clerk's salary Aug/Sept Clerks allowable expenses Jul/Aug/Sept, stationary, one drive annual subscription £535.36

Jane Pryce, gold for telephone box, 123 email and web service -£149.24

b) Income

Bank online access pending

HMRC - £494.94

c) CIL funds

None due in this period

d) Charitable payments

Agreement to replicate that paid in 2020

AOB

a) Ongoing Website maintenance

Agreed to continue with service provided by Jane Pryce - £200pa whilst continuing to explore alternate options to improve the website for the future. For the moment, savings can be achieved by cancelling the .co.uk addresses.

b) WI advertising – approved to use GAG

c) Jubilee celebration Beacon and Sunday Lunch – to establish what has been done in the past, discuss more in November

d) Malsters Pub – complaints received about the outside space, PODs and also HGV parking overnight and general car parking.

e) Outgoing clerk – thank you to be organised and hosted by Nick

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:43PM

Next meeting – 8th November 2021