

**ROTHERFIELD GREYS ANNUAL ‘ELECTORS’
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 17TH MAY 2021
GREYS GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:

Susan Hems (Vice-Chairman)	SH
John Hill	JH
Nick Digby (Chairman)	ND
Richard Ovey	RO
<i>For part of the meeting:</i>	
David Bartholomew (OCC councillor)	DB
SODC councillor Jo Robb	JR
Michael Pearey	JP
Jane Pryce – Clerk	JOP

Members of the public/parishioners present for part/all of the meeting	3
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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

024/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

025/21 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

None

26/21 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Nick Digby was proposed by SH and seconded by RO for chairman. Susan Hems was proposed by ND and seconded by RO for vice-chairman. The forms for this were filled in by the councillors and witnessed and signed by the Returning Officer.

027/21 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM 8th March 2021

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

028/21 OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

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

Subjects are:

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION

OXFORDSHIRE TO BENEFIT FROM ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE GROWTH

MAJORITY OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN OFFERED FIRST CHOICE PRIMARY

COVID STATISTICS

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**SPECIFIC REPORT FOR ROTHERFIELD GREYS
ELECTION RESULT**

I am delighted to have been returned as your County Councillor for another four years. However, across the county, the Conservative Independent Alliance have lost their majority and the Greens, Liberal Democrats and Labour have formed a coalition and will run the council. I move from being Cabinet Member for Finance to Opposition Spokesman for Finance.

NOTICE OF LANDOWNER DECLARATION: LAND AT GREYS GREEN FARM

OCC issued this notice to the PC and me on 24 March. Such Notices are issued as a courtesy. They are not up for discussion, challenge or consultation because they are merely a formal record of the Landowners intent. Parishes are very welcome to display them on Noticeboards as they are public documents.

HENLEY HGV BAN

Cllr Gawrysiak brought his motion to OCC Full Council as he did to SODC. I again abstained as I am not yet confident traffic will not be deflected from Henley along the B481.

Questions were asked about the 3rd Reading bridge as Oxfordshire and Reading council were now Labour held. It was acknowledged this might cause the case for the bridge to be forwarded. But as many problems with the production of electric vehicles remain – this is an on-going issue. A car-based 3rd Reading Bridge is still not a solution.

029/21 SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

This SODC report can be found on the website.

JR mentioned the Lamb which highlighted how ‘Assets of Community Value’ (below) worked. Greys Meadow re. Henley Herald article was mentioned and JR would look into it.

Subjects include:

Elections – 6 May
Assets of Community Value
Collaborative Housing
Local Plan 2035 and Bioabundance
Grant Funding for New Affordable Homes
Town and Parish Council Forums

This was a discussion about ‘Assets of Community Value’ This was not seem as a problem for the parish.

030/21 CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILOR

Robert Hadfield was proposed by ND and seconded by SH. The Co-option papers were filled in and witnessed and signed by Returning Officer. The Register of Interests form was given to Cllr Robert Hadfield and when complete, need to scanned back the clerk who will sign and register the new councillor with South Oxfordshire District Council. Code of Conduct would be emailed as a lengthy document.

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031/21 CLERK’S REPORT

Internal audit papers were prepared and I was interviewed by the Internal Auditor on 3rd May.

We passed.

I need to update the cricket fixtures for 2021 but sadly Michael Cusden has died. Does anyone know contact details for Peter Dawkins, new chairman for the Greys Green Cricket Club? RO would look into this for a contact.

Thank you Cllr Susan Hems for providing me photos of the VAS signs she had seen. Unfortunately, checking with the new clerk, there was not more information as before her time. I checked the placement of the signs and seems the placement and height position are not only against Highways act, it is also has to be approved by the police. To do this would incur fines.

032/21 RESIGNATION OF THE CLERK

The clerk sent her resignation of the Chairman on 30th April 2021.

Three months’ notice was advised if the new clerk had no experience. If the new clerk has experience, then 1 month was advised. This was agreed.

033/21 PARISH ROADS

Village Gates near Rocky Lane junction were confirmed as complete.

034/21 MISCELLANEOUS:

a) Correspondence

Royal British Legion brochure for ‘The Tommy’ – a metal cut out. Is there interest in this? Unsafe area by the War Memorial – it is likely to be stolen. The decision was not to have a ‘Tommy’.

Zurich Insurance

Parish council insurance due 1st June

5-year £780.90

3-year £812.63

1-year £844.35

5 year agreement was agreed.

b) Footpath report

No report

TIME SET ASIDE FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was a discussion about footpaths and it was requested that any problems be reported to the clerk.

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035/21 PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT

a) Applications to be considered

P21/S1385/HH

The Rosary, Shepherds Green RG9 4QL
Single storey extension & internal alterations. Bay window to breakfast room.
RGPC response required on 8th May.2021. RGpc NO OBJECTIONS

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 response required by 23rd May 2021. RGpc NO OBJECTIONS.

b) Planning responses

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

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

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SODC target decision date 28th January 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/S0422/HH

5 The Walled Garden, Badgemore RG9 4FL
Alterations to existing carport to enclose three sides and erect a central partition to form a secure parking bay with oak barn-style garage doors in keeping with the existing structure
RGPC response NO OBJECTIONS
SODC GRANTED

P21/S0357/HH

4 The Walled Garden Badgemore RG9 4FL
Alterations to existing carport to enclose three sides and erect a central partition to form a secure parking bay with oak barn-style garage doors in keeping with the existing structure
RGPC response was NO OBJECTIONS
SODC GRANTED

P21/S0111/FUL

Badgemore Park Golf Club, Road from Gravel Hill to Broadplat House, Badgemore RG9 4NR
Proposal to construct a pond on the 18th hole to provide golfing strategy, visual interest and increased biodiversity
RGPC response no objections - comments - It is near the Gas Pipeline which has an area around it where no construction is allowed. This is because it is a high-pressure supply from Southampton up north.
I have submitted the parish council’s response above but it has not appeared on the SODC website.
SODC GRANTED

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 NO OBJECTIONS
SODC GRANTED

P20/S4440/HH

The Strip, Shepherds Green RG9 4QW
Proposed replacement garage/garden store outbuilding
RGPC NO OBJECTIONS
SODC GRANTED

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036/21 FINANCE

a) Donations/Subs:

CFO

Annual subscription £35

b) Accounts to pay:

Jane Pryce

Clerk's salary April/May £320.70 (+ 94.20p missed from last year) and PC expenses for audit (via BACS) £399 (VAT £66.50) = Total cheque £813.86

c) Payments received

Bank interest £0.29

First half precept £4,007.00

Bank Balance £25,260.81

37/21 EOY ACCOUNTS AND AGAR INTERNAL AUDIT 2020/21

The Internal Audit passes with very few errors and praise for a couple of improvements suggested last year that have been made.

The AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) passed by the Internal Auditor and Governance statements were agreed. Pages 3, 5 and 6 were signed the RFO and the chairman and minuted.

038/21 MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

SH asked for volunteers for the village fete.

War memorial damage log:

None to report at this meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 PM

Next meeting – 12th July 2021