

**ROTHERFIELD GREYS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 15TH JULY 2019
IN GREYS VILLAGE HALL, GREYS GREEN**

PRESENT:

Susan Hems (Vice-Chairman)	SH
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	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

042/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Michael Pearey, Richard Ovey and Nick Digby emailed their apologies.

043/19 OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

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

SPECIFIC REPORT FOR ROTHERFIELD GREYS

DOG LANE RESTRICTED BYWAY SIGNAGE

A resident has complained that the promised ‘Restricted Byway’ signage has not been erected, but the officer responsible says it has; I would be grateful for clarification from the PC.

SH explained that there was a new sign but had been positioned badly.

DB would check this with the officer.

THIRD READING BRIDGE

A ‘buildability’ report for just the bridge with no mitigation measures is expected by the end of this month. In terms of costs, these are currently estimated at £126,193,772, however delivery of a new bridge with associated junctions at either end would be at least £150 million. Furthermore, these costs do not include any land acquisitions, planning or services costs and, most importantly, do not include the costs of any mitigation measures that may be required as a result of the scheme. Of great relevance is that a new organisation called TfSE (Transport for the South East which includes Berkshire and Hampshire) will formally submit their proposals to become a sub-national transport body by the end of 2019. If successful they would obtain legal status for TfSE and will get their own powers and money to help deliver strategic projects. It is understood that the Third Thames Bridge is on their top three priority list and they wish to submit a bid for Large Local Major Fund to work up and deliver the scheme – this needs to be submitted by the end of July. The tranche of money they are going for needs to have

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construction started by April 2025. The TVB LEP is very supportive of this scheme and is looking at ways they could potentially help fund part of this (i.e. put some money towards developing the business case). Reading's Draft Local Plan reconfirms that building the bridge remains a transport priority.

Next steps – Wokingham is going to continue to lead on the project and work with TfSE and the TVB LEP to pull together a bid document for funding to help produce an Outline Business Case as well as for major scheme funding from the Large Local Majors fund. It is also likely that the Cross Thames Travel Group will be reinstated. The bridge-building programme has been reinvigorated but mitigation measures for South Oxfordshire including a link road continue to be ignored.

There may be a need to re-run the 3rd Reading Bridge discussion meeting that had been run the previous year in Highmoor.

There was a discussion about the new white lining that had been redone but not as requested.

COUNCILLOR PRIORITY FUND

I have offered match-funding of £500 for 2019/20 for Highways works and would be grateful for an update.

A quote was required for approval and presented at the next meeting in September.

044/19 Accounts to pay

Jane Pryce

Clerk's salary	£294.66
Office rent	£ 41.68
Total for cheque	£336.34

Jefferies Accountancy Services £399.00 for the internal audit 2018/19 accounts.

Bank Balance £17,388.12

As the meeting was not quorate, no other business was discussed.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 PM

Next meeting – 9th September 2019