

**ROTHERFIELD GREYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 9th NOVEMBER 2020 7.30PM 2020 VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT:**

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

Members of the public/parishioners present for part/all of the meeting	0
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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](http://www.rotherfieldgreys.org.uk)

**056/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**057/20 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:**

None

**058/20 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

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

**059/20 OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:**

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

**The subjects are:**

New National Restrictions from 5th November

OCC Challenges Government Planning White Pan

Parents Urged to Have Their Children Vaccinated Against Flu

Flu Vaccination Eligibility

**SPECIFIC REPORT FOR ROTHERFIELD GREYS**

**HENLEY HGV BAN**

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 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 and has asked to speak to parish councils in advance of putting forward any OCC motion on the topic. He is giving a virtual presentation on Wednesday and I will report back afterwards.

#### **FMS UPDATE ON ROAD SURFACE FROM HIGHLANDS FARM TO SAGE LODGE**

During the hot weather the underlying bitumen bled through in places and the road was sanded. Small areas of repair are required although only very limited depth of surface. OCC plans to undertake repairs with a 6mm stone before the end of the year.

#### **VILLAGE GATES**

I understand location, installation, costs and invoicing arrangements have been finalised.

**Clerk:** Yes, the clerk will pay, via BACS.

#### **060/20 SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:**

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

**Subjects include:** The Local Plan, Government Planning White Paper, COVID Community Hub details, Leisure Centre Update, Parking Policy Consultation and Oxford-Cambridge Arc Public Briefing Event

There was a problem in the Zoom meeting and Jo Rob was delayed in attending the meeting but this agenda item will remain here but was conducted near the end of meeting.

#### **Local Issues:**

There is local concern about P20/S3962/FUL Land adjacent to The Sheiling, Shepherds Green. It was agreed to have this called into Planning Committee. Objections by residents were encouraged to be submitted.

Greys Meadow – enforcement will be started on this.

There will be a cap put over lights in Highlands Park development but not timed use.

Path RG35 (Lane End to Rocky Lane) is in a terrible state. The clerk will inform the Chiltern Society representative to report to the landowner.

The HGV 7.5 tonne vehicle ban in Henley – had the parish council been approached about this? It was confirmed that they had not. But would be interested by the Power Point presentation.

#### **061/20 CLERK'S REPORT**

I received back the External Structure Inspection form. Thank you. Mr. Dan Catlin will be renovating the noticeboard at the village hall when he has time. Shall we ask him to look the Shepherds Green noticeboard? This was agreed. The phone box at Shepherds Green has one broken pane and I have asked Nicola Whittle for a spare pane when they have finish reglazing the RG village one.

Also report of a dead cherry tree next to the telephone exchange. The clerk will report this to the National Trust.

I have been looking into what CIL payments have been made in Harpsden and what these have been spent on.

Highlands Park is now under Henley Town Council and they will receive any future CIL payments.

HTC will contact me when a CIL spend meeting will be happening.

It is now thought various agencies might provide funding for pavements in the village and the parking bay would also be incorporated into that.

### **062/20 PARISH ROADS**

The 30mph repeater on the RG village gate has been moved up apparently. Although it was facing the hedge now it is road facing for on-coming traffic.

The village gates near Rocky Lane are on order but the cheque to pay them was incorrect. I am waiting for an invoice from Hampshire County Council (who do the invoicing). But this morning invoice received (please see item 065/20). And the invoice was from Oxfordshire County Council (?).

The car park area by the post box is still being requested but now is viewed (by OCC) as part of the pavement plan. So, funding for all the improvements is needed before that can be implemented. But the clerk has asked for another survey to update the previous survey as 3 years ago.

### **063/20 MISCELLANEOUS:**

#### **a) Correspondence**

Thank you letters from RGPC, Chiltern Centre, The Royal British Legion, Wyfold Riding for the Disabled and South-Central Ambulance Charity for donations.

#### **b) Footpath report**

##### **ROTHERFIELD GREYS FOOTPATHS – SEPTEMBER 2020**

I have been able to check approximately 2/3rds of the Rights of Way since June 2020 and can report no serious issues so far.

The Path Maintenance Volunteers (PMV's) re-started general tasks in August and more recently have resumed the fence installation programme, but inevitably have a lot of catching up to do.

Some of the jobs needed or completed are as follows:

#### **RG13**

At access point on road from Bolts Cross to Greys Green  
Landowner has restricted access by unsatisfactory 'fence'. OCC Rights of Way team seeking to resolve

#### **RG15**

Alongside church – gate post rotten and needs replacing

#### **RG21**

Field behind Cross Lane Farm – stile into field from Restrictive By-way RG32 is rotten and difficult to use

#### **RG24**

Where path exits onto Restrictive By-Way RG32 at Silgrove House. Rotten post replaced by PMV's 12.8.20

RG26

Entrance to Grange Farm – metal finger post lost in brambles

RG27

Signage needed but existing path is off the definitive line

Temporary solution may be to mark as 'permissive path' to help walkers navigate from road opposite New Farm into Lambridge Woods.

Permissive paths from RG17 to Rocky Lane, and from Rocky Lane to Greys Green – missing marker posts reinstated by PMV's March 2020.

### UPDATE NOVEMBER 2020

RG4 Opposite Lane Lodge – brambles cleared 24.10.20 by PMVs

RG21 (see above) Referred to OCC

RG26 (see above) Referred to PMV team

RG35 Near Lane End House – green metal finger post dislodged. Referred to OCC

Jane Warren - Chiltern Society Footpath Representative 7.11.20

## TIME SET ASIDE FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

### 064/20 PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT

#### a) Current planning/enforcement

#### **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 required by 20.11.20

This was asked to be put the Planning Committee meeting as there is strong objections from Shepherds Green residents.

#### **P20/S3271/FUL**

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

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

SODC End Consultation Period 16th October 2020

SODC Target Decision Date 3rd December 2020

The clerk apologised for missing this one. Confused with **P19/S2646/FUL** as also Highlands Farm.

#### **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

Target Decision Date 9th November 2020

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

**b) Planning responses**

**P20/S2723/FUL**

Greys Meadow Studio, Rotherfield Greys  
RGPC response STRONGLY OBJECTS  
SODC Target Decision Date 27th October 2020

**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.  
SODC Target Decision Date 30th September 2020

**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)  
RGPC OBJECTS  
Confusing on SODC website as seems to be now 'discharge of conditions' and so closed?

**c) Planning decisions**

**P20/S3127 & 8/HH & LB**

Backus, Shepherds Green RG9 4QN  
Installation of Stovax Stockton & Stovax 8 Midline solid fuel freestanding stoves, register plates, twinwall flexible flue pipes, chimney stack clamp & looting plate & reseat pots in lime mortar. Installation of surface mounted CO2 detectors all in compliance with building regulations.  
WITHDRAWN

**P20/S0782/FUL**

Garden Cottage, Badgemore Park, Gravel Hill RG9 4NR  
Reconfiguration of Garden Cottage to provide additional office accommodation; enlargements to provide twenty units of overnight accommodation (net increase of twelve), treatment rooms and staff accommodation.  
RGPC OBJECTS to this application with the following comments: Subject to the pre-application advice being monitored by the Local Planning Authority and complied with but generally this is overdevelopment of the site.  
SODC GRANTED

**P20/S1692/HH**

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Bluebells, Rocky Lane, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4RD

Two storey and single storey extensions and alterations to existing house and garage, erection of replacement tractor store.

RGPC - no objections

SODC GRANTED

**P20/S3084/HH**

Ash Cottage, Shepherds Green RG9 4QR

1 1/2 storey side extension replacing existing single storey brick bathroom, and new single storey rear orangery style extension replacing rear UPVC conservatory.

RGPC NO OBJECTIONS

SODC GRANTED

**P20/S1855/FUL**

Grange Farm, Road from Gravel Hill to Broadplat House, Badgemore RG9 4NZ

Change of Use of Farm Buildings to Equine and Veterinary Hospital (relocation of Henley Vets)

RGPC response NO STRONG VIEWS

SODC GRANTED

**065/20 FINANCE**

**a) Donations/Subscriptions:**

None.

**b) Accounts to pay:**

**Jane Pryce**

Clerk's salary (Oct/Nov) £ 294.66

Office rent £ 26.00

**Total for cheque £ 320.66**

**Jane Pryce**

BACS payment for OCC Highways (as cheques not allowed now) **£1,340.33**. VAT £223.39

**c) Payments received**

None.

Bank Balance £ 23,944.94

The setting up of electronic (BACS) payments was asked for. The clerk will look into this but might take some time as community accounts had more safe guards.

**066/20 Budget 2021/22**

The clerk had emailed a draft budget to councillors before the meeting.

Precept suggested: £ 8,014.00 (same as last year – this was agreed)

Income estimate: £9,482.38

Expenditure estimate: £6,129.99

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

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Donations/subscriptions to remain the same. It was agreed to keep existing donations/subscriptions but maybe add another charity or increase amount for existing. This will be discussed at January meeting.

**067/20 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.

2021 Meeting dates: 11<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> September and 8<sup>th</sup> November.

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

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.37 PM

Next meeting – 7.30pm 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021