

**ROTHERFIELD GREYS
MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2018
IN GREYS VILLAGE HALL, GREYS GREEN**

Parish Councillors present:

Nick Digby (vice-chairman) in the chair, Richard Ovey, John Hill and Michael Pearey

For part of the meeting: Oxfordshire County Councillor David Bartholomew and South Oxfordshire District Councillor David Nimmo-Smith

Also present: Jane Pryce – Clerk and 3 members of the public.

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

066/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Susan Hems emailed her apologies.

067/18 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

John Hill declared an interest in Broadplat House.

068/18 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (10/09/2018):

The minutes contained an error under the planning applications for The Barn, Greys Green. The single story garden room had been withdrawn from the application. This was corrected and the minutes were then declared a true and accurate record and duly signed and dated by Nick Digby.

069/18 OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:

A statement was voiced first. An email from John Hill states that I informed the parish council that there is a court injunction on him. John Hill had made enquires and he would like to confirm existence of this and requested full details. I categorially deny that I made no such statement.

GENERAL OCC REPORT

The report was emailed to the councillors before the meeting and will be attached to the minutes and available on the website.

SPECIFIC REPORT FOR ROTHERFIELD GREYS

CAVERSHAM QUARRY

The liaison group met on Thursday 18th October. Key points from the meeting are:

- 52,000 tonnes of sand/gravel have been extracted to date
- The internal road for backfill leading from the A4155 to the weighbridge has been constructed, as has the weighbridge itself
- Construction of the junction on the A4155 to the internal road has now commenced and will take around eight weeks
- Backfilling will commence in January

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- Test drilling for a potential new site adjacent to Shiplake College is currently taking place

TOWN AND PARISH LIAISON EVENT THURSDAY 17TH JANUARY 2019

As part of the Thriving Communities vision, OCC wants to move away from the traditional top-down service design and delivery and talk to people to help shape plans and hear local voices. To support this, there will be a town and parish liaison event on Thursday 17th January 2019 at Sonning Common Village Hall starting at 2pm and ending at 5pm. The event will start with a short presentation followed by round table discussions. Please register for the event at townparishevents@oxfordshire.gov.uk

THIRD READING BRIDGE

As previously reported, the enthusiasm of Berkshire councils for this project is undimmed and, independent of Oxfordshire councils, they have now commissioned further work to support the 'business case'. I will be attending Reading Area Transport Forum on 27th November and the bridge is an agenda item.

DOG LANE

I am aware that Dog Lane has now been resurfaced via a private arrangement. OCC is aware of this but so far has made no official comment. A resident has contacted me requesting restricted byway signs indicating that only residents' vehicles are permitted. I have raised this with officers and am still awaiting a response.

The signs are being considered.

P18/S3552/FUL - 'BROADPLAT HOUSE', BROADPLAT

Highways is recommending refusal of an application for change of use of land adjacent to Broadplat House. However, this should be considered a holding objection in anticipation of an amended application for a 'Stopping Up Order'.

A question was asked what was this - Non used by Highways. Although a similar application had been made in Lower Assendon it was passed with much opposition from the parish council and residents.

COUNCILLOR PRIORITY FUND

As previously advised, I have a £15k Councillor Priorities Fund to allocate across my nine parishes. I will divide this in relation to parish size, thus I have £500 available for Rotherfield Greys to match-fund Highways projects. This means if the parish council identifies Highways works costing a total of £1,000, I will meet half the cost from my fund. If the works are costed via OCC Highways and undertaken by them, all that is needed is my agreement to proceed; if works are costed and undertaken by third-parties a form will need to be completed followed by a simple OCC approval process. I understand the PC has made some preliminary enquiries and I look forward to receiving a full request.

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Fix-my-Street for Potholes and Flooding at/near Hernes was submitted by a member of the public. David Bartholomew asked that the reference number be forwarded to him to escalate. The clerk confirmed she would forward this.

A councillor asked about road maintenance being carried out and where it was being done. The clerk would send the map.

070/18 SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

The report was emailed to the councillors before the meeting and will be attached to the minutes and available on the website.

Free Christmas parking on Tuesdays (December) in Henley on SODC car parks.
One month's Free swimming for Diabetics at their local swimming pools.

Training for the use of a SID (Speed Indicator Device) machine, was conducted at Middle Assendon by both David Nimmo-Smith and Jane Pryce and residents. Jane Pryce informed David Nimmo-Smith the machine failed first time used after the training. So is back for repairs. But it was encouraged to be thought about in future to rent for Rotherfield Greys.

SODC Local plan – is being revamped as to number required for housing. It is being reviewed for further public consultation around Christmas and January. There has been no safe guarding of land in regards the 3rd Reading Bridge by Reading.

David Nimmo-Smith noticed in the last minutes that there was mention of the Lamb (closed pub) at Satwell and he asked for an update. At present, the clerk informed David Nimmo-Smith, that there was evidence of the building still being lived in past the eviction date. Data is still being gathered.

And Greys Meadow. There was to be a meeting the next day, Tuesday, with the National Trust and residents. Please see below.

Thanks to David for SODC grant of £500 for the bus shelter at RG village.
And Armistice Day tree which has been planted at Shepherds Green.

Street lighting has been installed opposite Hernes (not in application) at Highlands Park – this would be looked into.

David Nimmo-Smith was asked about a CIL money distribution meeting at Henley Town Hall but he was not involved in that meeting. Harpsden and Henley and SODC were all putting in requests and Rotherfield Greys had not been invited. There is still a need to have some CIL payment for pavements for the village as increased traffic was likely from the Highlands Park development. The bid would have been for £65,000 for this and as the parish council could not afford this a CIL payments was needed to protect residents from the effect of the development. David would look into this and report back.

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071/18 CLERK'S REPORT

The Greys WI still trying to attract new members. Any ideas? The clerk suggested a flyer for the Senior Citizen's lunch.

Greys Meadow application (re. removal of condition 7 to allow a driveway over National Trust land) and the agricultural need proposal has resulted in a meeting tomorrow (Tuesday 20th November) with a councillor, the clerk, residents and National Trust. This is to discuss response for AG request as not refuse or approve – but is there an agriculture need for an apple store? As no orchard and submission admits no agricultural use of land in 0 years. This would result in a planning application for an apple store.

Extension dates requests for this to SODC and for School Cottages application were approved.

The Model Standing orders have been altered again for GDP (General Data Protection) but does not affect the current orders.

GDP has been added to the Risk Assessment.

Parish Assets Inspection Sheet was complete except Jane Pryce to check new village gates and she will give them a quick wash and clear vegetation. A new sheet was given to Nick Digby to start the check for the next 6 months and due back to the clerk in May 2019.

072/18 PARISH ROADS INCLUDING DOG LANE

Request for signage at start of Dog Lane to stop fly-tipping and parking.

White lining will be done next year with added Dragons teeth on approach to village from Henley and approach from Rocky Lane junction to wood and the change of speed limit. All giveway markings and four 30mph roundels in road at Rotherfield Greys village and Bolt's Cross. Waiting clarification of thick white lines either side of road in village.

073/18 MISCELLANEOUS:

Correspondence

Henley Town police newsletter which will be put on the website.

RGPC thanks for donation of £850.

Wyfold Riding for the Disabled donation £150.

Sue Ryder for the donation of £100.

TIME SET ASIDE FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

074/18 PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT

a) Applications to be considered

[P18/S3727/HH](#)

Old Post Office, Shepherds Green, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4QL

Single storey extension to dwelling

RGPC response NO OBJECTIONS

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School Cottages – a delegation from the Henley Housing Trust presented their proposal to council. Sketches were produced to show the building in more realist light. The height of the cottage was higher than the height of existing cottages but building regulations do not allow such a low ceiling height. But is lower than barn nearby. Gable end was viewed as unattractive and will be looked at.

Thanks were given for the presentation and questions answered.

RGPC – Objections

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[P18/S2253/FUL & P18/S3709/AG](#)

Greys Meadow – the first application is removal of condition 7 as to driveway to new barn/artist studio across National Trust land. The second is a statement of need for an apple store building.

Both of these will be looked at more closely at meeting tomorrow.

b) Planning responses

[P18/S2191/HH](#)

Lambridge Wood Farm, Bix RG9 4RZ

Roof conversion and extension to the Old Stables. Rear extension to existing garage to provide additional storage.

RGPC - NO OBJECTIONS

SODC Target Decision Date 20th September 2018

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[P17/S4409/O](#)

Highlands Farm, Highlands Lane, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4PR

Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the construction of up-to 5 detached dwellings

RGPC 'SHOULD BE REFUSED' comment - overdevelopment of the site

SODC decision date 9th April 2018 Gone to appeal.

c) Planning decisions

[P18/S1338/FUL](#)

Hernes, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4NT

Free standing 11kW solar PV installation

RGPC - NO OBJECTIONS

SODC GRANTED

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[P18/S1095/FUL](#)

Cherry Trees, Satwell Close, Rotherfield Greys RG9 4QT

Demolition of existing house and detached garage and erection of replacement house and detached garage and construction of outdoor swimming pool

RGPC - NO OBJECTIONS

SODC GRANTED

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[P18/S3163/FUL](#)

The Rosary Shepherds Green RG9 4QL

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A change of land use and construction of a hard surfaced tennis court with surround fencing
RGPC - NO OBJECTIONS
SODC GRANTED

075/18 WAR MEMORIAL & ARMISTICE DAY

It was great to see so many villagers turning up. And the exhibition arranged by Cllr. N. Digby had been congratulated by the council and general public as being exceptional.

076/18 FINANCE

a) Donations/Subs:

None

b) Accounts to pay:

Jane Pryce

Clerk's salary (Aug/Sept)	£294.66	Office rent
Officere Rent	£ 41.68	
Total for cheque	£ 336.34	

Mr. Green – War memorial caretaking **£200.00** (every six months)
Village hall bookings for 2019 **£120.00**

c) Payments received

CIL payment of £2,489.76 for 5 new houses at Badgemoor.

Granted but not received yet - SODC grant £500 for padstones in bus shelter/well housing at Rotherfield Greys village.

Bank Balance **£12,700.94**

077/18 Matters arising for information only

The updated **USB** stick was handed to Nick Digby and swapped for the previous one.

Gillian Ovey requested that five GAGs be put out for Christmas events at the church but also requested that it be done once a week for Food Box and the Giving Tree till Christmas.

Council agree. It was decided once only starting with on 1st December and 2nd December for the others. It was felt that too many of the same GAG might lead to deletion.

ROTHERFIELD GREYS FOOTPATHS – NOVEMBER 2018

I have walked nearly all of the paths in the last fortnight (those outstanding are in and around Lambridge Woods) and found them to be generally clear and well signposted.

You may wish to note the following:-

RG1 - The owner of The Rosary, Shepherds Green, has applied to OCC for permission to divert part of this path.

RG11 - Two beech trees have fallen across path in western section – both can easily be stepped over by walkers

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RG17 - Between RG 16 & RG30, two large ash trees have fallen across path. Walkers can walk around this freely as it is an open field

RG16 - Fallen tree near southern entrance to Pindars Wood. Can be stepped over with ease.

RG27 - Discussions are underway between Chiltern Society and the new landowner of Grange Farm regarding the need to reinstate this path and provide waymarks.

RG32 - Restricted by-way. This has now been resurfaced privately as far as The White Cottage (on RG33)

RG35 - A leaning wooden boundary fence at Rocky Lane Orchard is seriously obstructing this path at the northern end.

General matters

The arrows on some of the trees in woodland need to be refreshed – I will endeavour to tackle this during dry spells. In places brambles are encroaching onto paths – it is hoped that these can be tamed by the Chiltern Society doing brush cutting in the spring.

Jane Warren

Chiltern Society, Parish Path Representative.

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Budget 2019/20 consideration: As next year is an election year, does the council consider this a possible contested election? If so, budget for that would be £2,500 if not £100. It was decided to budget for a contested.

Meeting dates for 2019: 14th January, 11th March, 20th May, 15th July, 9th September and 11th November.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20 PM

Next meeting 14th January 2019