

ROTHERFIELD PEPPARD PARISH COUNCIL: MEETING MINUTES

Council members attended The Full Meeting of Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council on Monday
9th November 2020 at 7.00pm, via Zoom.

Attendees:	Cllr Berger, Cllr Rowland, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Wood, Cllr Bartholomew (pt), Cllr Robb (pt), Cllr Flindall, and Clerk (JA)
1.	Apologies: Cllr Pengilly, Cllr Hall, Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Hillier
2.	Declarations of interest: None
3.	Minutes: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5/10/2020 were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.
4.	Co-Option of Councillor: Mr W Flindall appreciated the opportunity and spoke to the Councillors about wanting to become a Councillor, his CV had previously been circulated to all Councillors. Mr Flindall has lived in Rotherfield Peppard for 10 years. As per the Council procedures Mr Flindall left the meeting and the Councillors discussed. It was unanimously agreed that he would make a good Councillor and Cllr Flindall was invited back. Clerk will email and meet to sign the necessary paperwork.
5.	Open forum: No Members of the public present
6.	Matters relating to Oxfordshire County Council: County Councillor Bartholomew discussed his report and discussed local issues. Cllr Bartholomew is concerned by Henley's plans to limit/ban HGVs through the town centre, as this will potentially have a knock-on effect for all local villages. It was agreed by all Councillors that Cllr Gawrysiak needed to speak to RPPC. Cllr Rowland asked Cllr Bartholomew about the speed limit on Stoke Row Road, that she feels needs signage as there is a Bridleway which crosses the road and it is a lethal corner due to the bend and the vegetation. Cllr Bartholomew offered that the first option would be to cut back the vegetation however this would not have the desired effect and maybe Horse or Bridleway crossing signage could be installed. Cllr Bartholomew agreed that this would need to be agreed as a Parish Council and then the road could be assessed for signage but the Parish Council would need to pay. Cllr Rowland to present findings to the Council in December to potentially move to the next step.
7.	7. Fix My Street 1] No updates on FMS: See Appendix 1
8.	8. Matter relating to South Oxfordshire District Council: (15mins) A report was received from District Councillor Robb and then local issues were discussed. Cllr Robb had previously shared the SODC to the Planning White paper, she was particularly concerned about the loss of local democracy. Cllr Rowland had previously raised the issue of lateness of communications regarding planning and Cllr Robb advised that the 28day consultation would not begin until the application goes live on the website and parishes will be notified at that point. There was a discussion of Slaters Barn, Cllr Flindall stated a declaration of interest and was unable to enter into the discussion. Cllr Robb had been asked to revoke her "calling-in" and despite the applicant being misleading in the Planning process which has caused distress and disruption for neighbours, unfortunately it is within planning guidance that the application has been made and therefore there is no planning reason to refuse. Cllr Rowland would like the Planning conditions to state that any Planning permitted development rights be removed to minimise the impact on the proposed application now and in the future. It was agreed reluctantly that Cllr Robb could revoke the "Call-in". Approved 3:0 with 1 abstention and 1 unable to vote. Cllr Robb has "called in" the development at Shiplake Bottom as there are too many houses in this site. Cllr Rowland agreed that safety was an issue, along with the mass and bulk of housing and RPPC would be recommending REFUSAL the following day. Cllr Robb advised that the enforcements at Mulberry House are moving along but have been dealt another delay due to the Lockdown 2.0. Cllr Robb also advised that Cllr Gawrysiak would be happy to meet with the Parish Council and the proposed ban including a 5mile radius which would include Peppard. This is proposed to be done through Automatic Number Plate recognition (ANPR). Clerk to organise Cllr Gawrysiak to the next Parish meeting.
9.	Village Update

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	<p>i. There have been no new accidents reported on Stoke Row Road/Gallowstree Road this month.</p> <p>ii. Clerk will chase Landmark to regularly cut the Scrub land at Shiplake Bottom as opposed to re-turfing it or concreting it.</p> <p>iii. The Village Assets Subcommittee showed photos of the work that has been carried out on the Phone box which houses the Defibrillator. The cost owing to Mr Hallett is £620 which will be signed off under the expenditure.</p> <p>iv. Peppard News Spring Edition – Unfortunately the deadline for the winter edition passed and therefore there needs to be information from the Council for the Spring Edition. Proposals are: Defib update, Spring update and meeting calendar. Clerk advised they may wish to speak to Cllr Flindall as a meet the Councillors feature. Clerk will advise Peppard news.</p> <p>v. Covid19 – No updates but a reminder that there are no speedwatch plans due to social distancing protocol.</p> <p>vi. Flooding Church Lane – No updates</p> <p>vii. Dog bin Church Lane - Clerk to chase</p> <p>viii. Litter in the village – correspondence from Mr Woods was read out however it was deemed that the 2 village cleaners do a good job. Clerk reminded all Councillors to either add flytipping onto FMS or share a photo and she would add it onto the FMS system.</p> <p>ix. Sedgemoor Spring Plaque – Cllr Berger is intending to go to Reading Library, when able, to review wording.</p> <p>It was noted that Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Freeman represented RPPC at the remembrance service on Sunday. Clerk to speak to Mr N Launders about reimbursing for the wreath.</p>
10.	<p><u>Planning Update</u></p> <p>i. Cllr Rowland to update Councillors on Planning matters. The matters were discussed under SODC. Clerk to set up a meeting with Sonning Common to discuss the implications of their proposed Sons13 change of use</p> <p>ii. Proposal to accept OCC Planning request R3.0109/20 – Accepted. Clerk to respond.</p>
11.	<p><u>Finance and Staffing</u></p> <p>i. Councillor Berger to update Councillors on financial matters. Balance was £62,492 at the end of October, with £2989 spent and the balance is £62,105. It was asked if there would be a small relief on rent with PSRCC however it was deemed that RPPC will continue to support them whilst not having physical meetings. The cost of the website could be reduced in future, as Cllr Flindall has experience and has offered to look at this in the future. Clerk reminded the Councillors that the precept would need agreeing in the next meeting.</p> <p>ii. The expenditure for Nov 2020 was approved, including retrospective payments.</p> <p>iii. On-line signatories for Nov 2020 were Cllr Rowland and Cllr Berger</p> <p>See Appendix 2</p>
12.	<u>Matters for future meetings:</u> Bridleway across Stoke Row Road
13.	<u>Correspondence:</u> Mr M Woods re: Village Cleaning

Meeting finished 21:00

Appendix 1

Ref no	Location	Description	Update
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2295389	B481 Gravel Hill	Drains full of silt and debris. Need cleaning before winter	15/9/2020 – investigating. Updated Rain water flooding at bottom of junction
2295377	Gravel Hill	Impassable pavements due to silt and vegetation	23/9/2020 OCC recommended contacting Biffa 03000610610. Biffa ref. 371911 confirmed it will be done by 6/10/2020
2316433	Gallowstree and Stoke Row Road Junction	Road surface breaking apart	Added 29/9/2020. Work will be carried out by 28/10/2020

Appendix 2

Expenditure		
Clerk JA	Salary (Oct)	Confidential
Village Cleaner MW	Salary (Oct)	Confidential
Village Cleaner AP	Salary (Oct)	Confidential
Nest	Clerk Pension	Confidential
	Total amount (above 4)	£1162.17
SODC	Dog bins	£215.28
The Royal Legion	Wreath	£100
Mr Hallett	Refurbishment of Phone box	£620
Landmark	Carlings Orchard	£274.28
SODC	Loan monthly repayment	£327.31

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