

ROTHERFIELD PEPPARD PARISH COUNCIL: MEETING MINUTES

Council members attended

The Full Meeting of Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council

on Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.30pm

at the Sports Pavilion, Stoke Row Road, Peppard Common.

Attendees: Cllr Berger, Cllr Rowland, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Hall, Cllr Bartholomew (PT) and Clerk (JA)

1. Apologies – Cllr Seaton, Cllr Hillier and Cllr Robb
2. Declarations of interest – None
3. Minutes – The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14/3/22 were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.
4. Open Forum – None
5. Oxfordshire County Councillor's report – Cllr Bartholomew discussed his report including the article in the Daily Telegraph 7/4/22 and the Vegan Banquets and discussed local issues including Fix My Street items.

There has been further embarrassment for OCC with the vegan buffet and large airmiles associated with the kiwis and mangoes. Cllr Bartholomew is keen to get the ruling on veganism overturned but the debate on Transgender took too long. Cllr Berger once again asked OCC to concentrate on the local matters rather than national matters. Cllr Bartholomew suggested Cllr Berger write to the Chair of the Council to put this directly to her. Clerk to send Cllr Berger's draft letter to other local parishes to get more support. There was also the discussion of trialling a skip within the village to discourage flytipping and dumping. Parish Council would need to pay for the disposable of the waste but felt it was worth a discussion.

Clerk confirmed the Private parking SOHA had been removed from the village so no further action.

Speed surveys on the B481 – awaiting date from Jon Beale.

FMS:

- a. Ref no's 2486229/ 2295389/ 2486207 B481 – Surface water from blocked drains. FMS Closed but still awaiting a date for the gully cleansing programme. Cllr Bartholomew still does not have a date but asked us to follow up with photos of localised flooding to escalate.
- b. Ref no. 2295377 – FMS Closed. Clerk will reinstate once (a) is completed as it is a result of the road drains not being cleared.
- c. Ref no. 2923868 – Plant is coming up through the tarmac. FMS Closed, the issue has been passed onto the relevant team for future programmed works. Clerk confirmed the homeowners had cut back vegetation. Cllr Bartholomew asked for the Clerk to send him the ref no. Update from Cllr Freeman on Superuser issues for Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council
No Superuser issues within the village at present.

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6. South Oxfordshire District Councillor's report – Both Cllr Hillier and Cllr Robb were absent so there was no SODC information excluding the report from Cllr Hillier.

Still to discuss:

- a. Outstanding Planning Enforcements
- b. Results of a bin survey and whether the Parish Council would gain economically if they changed all Dog Bins to litter bins, increase the Bin count to include one on Church Lane and whether the Litter Bin at the Gallowstree/Stoke Row crossroads can move to a "Pillar box" style to prevent animals scattering around litter from an open bin.

7. Parish Council Matters –

Cllr Berger updated the Councillors that the Litterpick had gone well and also that the Plaque was being prepared for Sedgehill Spring

- a. Electric Car Charging Points at the Pavilion. No update from Cllr Berger as he is yet to hear back from the new PSRCC Chair (Andy Watts) as to responsibility and ownership of the proposed electric points
- b. Agree Parish Councils updated policy for London Bridge – Clerk advised training was still to be confirmed and the RPPC document would be out after this training.
- c. Awaiting a date for the Speeding deterrents at Gallowstree road to be installed. OCC have confirmed receipt of funds from RPPC
- d. Land opposite The Unicorn is being used for parking and the bollards have been knocked down and grass churned up. Clerk spoke and showed a document she would like to send to Land registry to gain information about who owns the land. It was agreed she could proceed. Cllr Berger will advise the Clerk if there is a cabinet number on the BT Box to try another way of establishing who owns the land.

8. Annual Meeting of the Parish – Saturday 14th May:

Agreement of the Agenda. Cllr Rowland asked the Clerk to prepare the figures for the Planning slides.

9. Rotherfield Peppard Village Update:

- a. No recent accidents on Stoke Row/ Gallowstree Crossroads
- b. This was raised with Cllr Bartholomew and we are awaiting a date for the speed survey locations on B481
- c. Cllr Berger advised the Sedgehill Spring Plaque was being prepared
- d. Village Litter Pick – 2nd April 2022 – Thank you to all that helped on the annual litter pick. Sonning Common's is organised by Emma Lawrence and the date for next year is 5th March 2023. It was discussed whether RPPC should join to gather momentum and additional support but it was ruled that we preferred RPPCs on the slightly later date, which meant there was more chance of good weather.

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Clerk to advertise the next on Henley Standard and to add the date onto the calendar of meetings.

- e. Wishing Stone update on being uprighted, as this was a larger job than initially planned for 2/4/22. The area was cleared by Cllr Seaton and Cllr Hall, however it was discussed whether it could be uprighted, or whether it could be moved and uprighted and secured. Discussions will continue in a future meeting. Cllr Berger to ask VCH if they have any further information and the Clerk to ask Mr Rancombe for any information.
- f. Update on Mirror on Stoke Row Road. RPPC do not want the mirrors and it was proposed the Clerk speaks to the Commoners.
- g. Grass Cutting Contract update: The new contractor is Ian Kendrick and the proposal was met with full agreement. The Clerk to confirm with Ian and to gain a start date.
- h. Clerk to buy a sign saying no parking for Carlings Orchard gate

10. Planning Update – Planning matters addressed in Planning meeting earlier in the evening were updated to Full Council

11. Finance and Staffing –

- a. Financial matters addressed in Finance & Staffing meeting earlier in the evening were updated to Full Council
- b. Clerk will now prepare 2021/22 accounts both Charity and Council to start internal and external audit work.
- c. Cllr Berger/Clerk updated Councillors on Financial matters for 2022/23 and confirmation that Precept has been paid for the first half.
- d. Signatories for monthly expenditure were confirmed as Cllr Berger and Cllr Hall, excluding Cllr Berger and Cllr Halls expenses which would be signed off by Cllr Seaton.
- e. All expenditure was approved for April 2022
 - i. Clerk Salary = Confidential
 - ii. Village Cleaner (MW) salary = Confidential
 - iii. Village Cleaner (AP) salary = Confidential
 - iv. Nest – Clerk Pension = Confidential
 - v. Retrospective reimbursement for Sedgehill Spring Plaque to Cllr Freeman £84.95
 - vi. Reimbursement for Gloves for Litter pick (no longer supplied by SODC) to Clerk (JA) £28.30
 - vii. Reimbursement for Printer ink Clerk (JA) £29.96
 - viii. Reimbursement for Litter pick refreshments to Cllr Berger £35.50
 - ix. Pay approved from 14/3/22 PSRCC invoice for 2022/23
 - x. Councillor allowances for elected members/ expenses for non-elected Cllr Berger £200/ Cllr Rowland £160/ Cllr Freeman £160/ Cllr Hall £160

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12. Matters for future meeting – Wishing Stone.
Stevens Lane visibility – Clerk to recall who cut the
vegetation back to help the visibility.

13. Correspondence received from a resident regarding permission for a Jubilee party on
Carlings Orchard. The Clerk to find out more detail and report back.

Meeting finished at 9:35pm.