

**ROTHERFIELD PEPPARD PARISH COUNCIL: MEETING MINUTES**  
Council members attended

## **The Full Meeting of Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council**

**on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm**

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

Attendees: Cllrs Berger. Seaton, Rowland, Freeman, Hall, Bartholomew (PT) and Clerk (JA)

1. Apologies – Cllr Hillier
2. Declarations of interest – None
3. Minutes – The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14/2/22 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 and then discussed local issues. There has been an increase on OCC Council tax, 5% was approved which is more than the Conservatives had proposed. There is a meeting on 15/3/22 to ratify the Vegan meal choice, despite farmers protests and many Councillors opposing this. RPPC believes that Veganism should be a choice and not enforced. There was also a discussion on the development on Reading Golf Course as the development will have a significant effect on the rural roads including the roads within Rotherfield Peppard. Cllr Rowland was surprised that OCC are not supporting the Calling in. Cllr Rowland to support the call in with a letter to Michael Gove.
  - a. FMS - 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 was chasing for a date
  - 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. Cllr Bartholomew investigating from last meeting. Clerk to write to the House owner and add it to FMS when the repairs to the broken pavement have taken place
6. Cllr Freeman advised there were no outstanding Superuser issues for Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council
7. South Oxfordshire District Councillor's report – Cllr Robb discussed her report and discussed local issues including:
  - a. Outstanding Planning Enforcements – These were updated by Email and Cllr Rowland to respond as there are still outstanding queries.
  - b. Results of a bin survey are still unavailable but RPPC have been moved to a priority status. It was approved that 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

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crossroads can move to a "Pillar box" style to prevent animals scattering around litter from an open bin.

8. Parish Council Matters –
  - a. Electric Car Charging Points at the Pavilion. Cllr Berger will discuss further with Andy Watts and update at the next Full Council Meeting
  - b. Parish Councils updated policy for London Bridge – Clerk to update
  - c. Awaiting a date for the Speeding deterrents at Gallowstree road to be installed. OCC have confirmed receipt of funds from RPPC. Once there is an installation date Clerk to push for SID (Speed Indication Device) to be installed
  
9. Annual Meeting of the Parish – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Discussion of Agenda. Clerk to ask if the team at Digital Infrastructure programme would talk. Agenda to be as before in terms of timings and format (Charity then Council).
  
10. Rotherfield Peppard Village Update:
  - a. Update on accidents on Stoke Row/ Gallowstree Crossroads – No accidents however vehicles are still not stopping and going straight over the junction despite better signage.
  - b. Confirmation of speed survey locations on B481. Clerk to confirm this has been sent
  - c. Cllr Berger advised the progress of Sedgehill Spring Plaque, he has liaised with Robert Bell and the wording has been agreed. The quote of £94 was approved and Cllr Freeman will instruct the making of the plaque.
  - d. Village Litter Pick – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 – Clerk confirmed equipment ordered and it would go to Cllr Freeman's address. No Councillor lead was approved. Clerk to provide Maps to all Councillors. Clerk to send information for noticeboards to advertise the event to the villagers. Cllr Berger to discuss refreshments with The Unicorn, it was agreed the Council would pay for the refreshments.
  - e. There was a discussion about the Wishing Stone being uprighted with a team of villagers on 2/4/22. This was deemed impossible to do by hand and both Cllr Hall and Seaton agreed to firstly clear the area to see if there was scope to move in small machinery.
  - f. Mirror on Stoke Row Road – Clerk to ask Mr Rancombe if he is aware and happy for the mirror opposite Smartwood, as RPPC does not want a precedent set.
  - g. Grass Cutting Contract update. Awaiting 2 further quotes from Dave Cottrell and also Ian Kendrick
  - h. Discussion on funding for Ukraine via OCC/SODC – This was discussed under Finance and Staffing.

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11. Planning Update – Planning matters addressed in Planning meeting earlier in the evening updated to Full Council
  
12. Finance and Staffing –
  - a. Cllr Berger/Clerk updated the Councillors on Financial matters
  - b. Clerk confirmed Giftaid monies agreed at £3063.33 would be moved to Charity CAF bank as the sinking fund as agreed in November 2019
  - c. All Charity payments made in March were retrospectively agreed. Proposal sent via Email and amounts agreed included in Minutes
  - d. All expenditure was approved for March 2022
    - i. Clerk Salary = Confidential, including retrospective NALC advised pay increase for SCP24 and backdated to 1/4/21
    - ii. Village Cleaner (MW) salary = Confidential
    - iii. Village Cleaner (AP) salary = Confidential
    - iv. Nest – Clerk Pension = Confidential
    - v. Clerk Q1 2021-22 Office Expenses £110.22
    - vi. Clerk Q2 2021-22 Office Expenses £101.34
    - vii. Clerk Q3 2021-22 Office Expenses £109.70
    - viii. Clerk Q4 2021-22 Office Expenses £95.69
    - ix. OALC Annual Subscription £353.90
    - x. PSRCC – move to April as it is for 2022/23
  - e. Cllr Seaton confirmed he was now a signee on UTB
  - f. Cllrs Seaton and Berger will approve March payments on UTB
  - g. Councillors allowances were approved for 2021/22
  
13. Matters for future meeting - None
  
14. Correspondence – None

Meeting finished at 9:20pm.

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