

ROTHERFIELD PEPPARD PARISH COUNCIL: MEETING MINUTES

Council members attended

The Full Council Meeting of Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council

on **Monday 11th September 2023** at 7.00pm

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

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

1. Apologies – Cllr Seaton
2. Declarations of interest – None
3. Minutes – The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7/8/23 were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.
4. Open Forum – Two Members of the Public spoke about the flooding on Church Lane. Although there have been no major incidents in recent months, they have asked an engineer for costs to help alleviate the longer-term flooding of their gardens/property. The MOPs will send Clerk the quote to discuss with OCC. Due to the nature of the flooding, and the difficulty to reach the Church/School it is seen as infrastructure and some monies could be awarded from the CIL monies that the Parish Council have. Clerk to chase a reactive clean of the drains, also MOP to send Clerk a photo of an object left in their garden by the last OCC engineers to request removal.
5. Oxfordshire County Councillor's report – Cllr Bartholomew discussed his report and spoke about local issues:
 - i. Pot-Holes – No update
 - ii. Flooding on Church Lane. Sandbags were delivered to the residents in July. There has been a ground survey done and there are so many utilities which will make it more difficult to gain a long-term solution. RPPC advised Cllr Bartholomew that the residents will be sending a quote for an interim solution.
 - iii. Angel Steps will cost £50k which is a cost OCC are not prepared to maintain as it is not used by a large amount of pedestrians. Cllr Seaton and Cllr Freeman will look at what the issues are and whether and how they need to be fixed.
 - iv. The fencing erected by Wyfold Grange, the owner has been written to by OCC. There was a 11/8/23 deadline and the work will be completed either by the homeowner, or by OCC with the homeowner receiving an invoice.

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- v. Fix My Street items:
 - a. 22939927 CLOSED Issue passed to relevant team for consideration for future programmed works. We were previously waiting for gully cleansing and a repair to be completed
– Old Ref no's 22939927/ 2486229/ 2295389/ 2486207 B481 – Surface water from blocked drains. Awaiting a date for the gully cleansing programme. Cllr Bartholomew was chasing for a date.
Originally posted September 2019. The last reactive drain cleanse was carried out in 2021, and the Officer is chasing for an update on the longer term solution,
 - b. 22939928 CLOSED We will continue to monitor during routine inspections if it gets worse open a new report.
Old 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. Is there a date of works being completed
 - d. Ref no. 22935802 - Loose Drain outside 17&19 Stoke Row Road. CLOSED
Appears Cover made safe.
 - e. Ref no 22939923 – Loose Drain cover outside Smartwood. CLOSED Couldn't find defect so no further action
 - f. Ref no 4867459 Sign broken between village and Bolts Cross on B481
- 6. Cllr Freeman updated the Councillors on Superuser issues within the Village. Cllr Freeman now has paint again and has marked up a couple of potholes. There is a large pothole on Colliers Lane which Clerk needs to report on FMS. Cllr Berger is also sending photos of Potholes on Colmore lane for Clerk to report.

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7. South Oxfordshire District Councillor's report – Cllrs Robb discussed the SODC report and discussed the local issues including:
 - a. Outstanding Planning Enforcements updates. No updates
 - b. SODC have been advised they have 4.2yrs land supply which is lower than the 5yrs land supply than SODC wanted. Unfortunately, there is less ability to defend against speculative developers however the District Council does have a local planning policy. Cllr Robb will send through further information once it is received.
 - c. There is money available £750k through the Grant Rural Prosperity. There was a deadline of end of August but it has been extended to the end of October.
 - d. Cllr Robb also advised that the drainage on Church Lane might be able to be covered by Capital projects. RPPC to update
 - e. Fly-tipping has been removed from FIX MY STREET and can now be logged under BIFFA on the SODC website.
 - f. Clerk asked Cllr Robb about the public house structures build for Covid measures are now becoming a permanent structure without Planning permission. Cllr Robb will investigate.
 - g. Litter bins – Clerk needs an update on the dog bins and extra bins requested for village post the bin survey. This has been on the agenda for 2 years and would like district councillors to add pressure to get action on this. Update needed
 - h. There was also a request by RPPC for ex Cllr Hillier to organise a meeting between RPPC Councillors and Planning/ Planning enforcement, is there a date yet? No update
 - i. Update on Greylands – Independent Surveyor has visited. Site visit 18/9/23. Planning meeting 20/9/23
 - j. Cllr Rowland advised Cllr Robb that she was disappointed that Kirby's Shed barn in Blount's Court Road had been finished for approx. 20months and we are still waiting to see the retrospective planning application. It is clear the owner is awaiting the approval/ objection from the hybrid retrospective application before submitting the other. It was hoped that the cumulative effect will be considered.

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8. Parish Council Matters –
 - a. Update on Speeding deterrents at Gallowstree Road – Clerk will chase however Company have issued a Invoice to pay and all home/land owners are happy as is Jon Beale from OCC.
 - b. Carlings Orchard update – Work is due to take place from the Green Gym this weekend. They are due to Layer the Hedge, replace the gate and other remedial work. Clerk to write to No1 Dove Lane as the vegetation is over-bearing
 - c. Church Lane Flooding update – Discussed under Public Forum
 - d. Any update from correspondence sent to Gigabit – No update however it looks as though SSE have made good the areas in front of Carlings Orchard and the piece of grass between the B481 and Blounts Court Road.
 - e. Unknown land update from Blandy and Blandy – RPPC will continue to look after the grounds until there a further update from the solicitors. The areas in question are the roundabout by the Unicorn Pub, the piece of land opposite and inbetween the Unicorn Pub and Stoke Row Road, Outside Carlings Orchard and the ground between B481 and Blounts court road.
 - f. Continual parking on grass outside of Carlings Orchard and reinstatement of the verges – No update from Cllr Freeman
 - g. Update on severity of Colmore Lane flooding outside of Badbury Rings and any actions going forward carried from last meeting - is there a solution for the increased flooding with the Pond opposite Colmore House and pipe being full of mud and not allowing soak away. Clerk advised by phone from Parishioner. Deferred to October meeting.
9. Rotherfield Peppard Village Update:
 - a. Update on accidents on Stoke Row/ Gallowstree Crossroads – There have been 2 more accidents since January. At the end of this calendar year the junction is being viewed and reprofiled by OCC.
 - b. Wishing Stone Update – Cllr Freeman has discussed this with a local farmer and will provide a further update at the next meeting. It is proposed to move the stone out and lay it flat at the top of the sledging slope Hill in the meadow next to the cricket pitch. It was felt that its current location, even out of the ditch was not a practical place. Clerk to confirm with Mr T Rancombe, that the NDCC are OK with this plan..
 - c. Cllr Seaton asked Clerk for an update on WIFI at the Pavilion. Clerk to chase
10. Planning Update –
 - a. Planning matters addressed in Planning meeting 11/9/23 updated to Full Council and all points/actions accepted

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11. Finance and Staffing –

- a. Cllr Berger/Clerk to updated Councillors on Financial matters for 2023/24, including the Precept receipt and £1000 Councillor Priority grant awarded for the speeding deterrents within the village.
- b. Approval of signatures on UTB for Sept 2023 is Cllr Rowland and Cllr Berger first part of the month and then whilst Cllr Rowland is on holiday Cllr Hall will step in as required.
- c. To approve all expenditure for July and August 2023
 - i. Clerk Salary (Sept) = Confidential retrospectively
 - ii. Village Cleaner (AP) Sept salary = Confidential retrospectively
 - iii. SODC Loan £327.31 Sept retrospectively
 - iv. Clerk – Nest Pension – Confidential Sept Retrospectively
 - v. Invoices Mr Kendrick Grass cutting contractor retrospectively = £132
 - vi. RES £249.84
 - vii. Invoice needs to be raised to PSRCC for RES for £48.24
 - viii. Tommy purchased by Clerk and reimbursed £201.00. It was deemed that Tommy should go at the Unicorn Roundabout but needed to be anchored into the ground somehow. Clerk will bring to the next meeting.

12. Matters for future meeting: Advertising A Boards after a resident complaint

13. Correspondence: None

Meeting finished at 8:50pm.