

ROTHERFIELD PEPPARD PARISH COUNCIL: MEETING MINUTES

Council members attended

The Parish Council Meeting of Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council

on Monday 14th October 2024 at 7.00pm

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

MINUTES

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

1. Apologies – Cllr Seaton
2. Declarations of interest – None
3. Minutes – The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23/09/24 were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.
4. Open Forum – There were 4 MOP who spoke passionately about the continuing flooding problems in Church Lane, this is now affecting 3 households with flooding and all the residents on the road. One of the MOP's read out a 'Victim Statement' which described how there had been a significant impact on their life and how the situation breaks their heart. They mentioned financial concerns which included household insurance, the value of the house and the option of selling the property was diminished due to the state of the road and the look of sandbags in the area.
There was frustration about the planned work, delayed from 31st August to an unknown date later in the autumn.
Cllr Bartholomew joined the meeting and was asked for his comments, he stated he has raised and escalated the situation repeatedly to try and get a solution. The gullies were last emptied in February 2024 despite the Parish Council being promised this would be emptied monthly and then reactively as required.
He agreed that contacting the MP as MOP and the Parish Council would be worthwhile however it was likely the response would refer it back to OCC.
Cllr Bartholomew agreed he would take the matter to the Chief Executive and Senior director as promises keep getting broken. The Parish Council asked if there was a possibility of finding out what the works proposed entailed.
Clerk to keep the School advised as due to the water on the road, the School children were needing to go from the School to the Church needed to go by Minibus due to the health and safety risk.
5. Oxfordshire County Councillor's report – Cllr Bartholomew discussed his report and spoke about local issues
 - i. Fix My Street items:
Cllr Bartholomew understands that the 'roots' issue which was causing the drainage issues on Gravel Hill has been completed and within the next month the drains will be cleaned and emptied of grit.
 1. FMS 6611831 Colmore Lane Potholes – Investigating

There followed a discussion on the 3rd Reading Bridge, Reading BC are stating that both OCC and SODC are delivery partners but both are fighting proposals and the motion continues to be blocked by both OCC and SODC.

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6. Update from Cllr Freeman on Superuser issues for Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council
Update on Cllr Berger becoming a Superuser – No updates or dates were given
7. South Oxfordshire District Councillor's report – Cllr Norman discussed the SODC report and discuss local issues including:
 - a. Litter bins – Cllr Norman is escalating to Chris Watson as Mr Watson has stated that there will be no more litter bins.
RPPC are keen to have an additional litter bin at Church Lane and also to replace the Dog Bins for litter bins to reduce village spend on specialist emptying
Cllr Norman will chase on the enforcement stance of Greylands and whether they are taking Legal action.
Cllr Norman is to request and send a briefing to RPPC on the Local plan as Cllr Rowland suggested it would be helpful to provide guidance for the implications for each Parish.
Clerk to Contact Cllr Robb regarding the Sale of the Golf Course for further information.
8. Parish Council Matters –
 - a. Speeding deterrents at Gallowstree Road update – The signs were delivered to Cllr Freeman and he will install them and ask for Councillor help if required
 - b. Church Lane Flooding update – This was discussed under the Open Forum and County Council sections
 - c. Continual parking on grass outside of Carlings Orchard and reinstatement of the verges – Cllr Freeman updated the work had been done and Clerk was passed an invoice for £4500 which was unanimously agreed at the last meeting. Clerk to pay Mr G Stevens.
9. Rotherfield Peppard Village Update:
 - a. No recent accidents on Stoke Row/ Gallowstree Crossroads
 - b. Wishing Stone – Still awaiting an update
 - c. Unicorn Pub - Clerk is waiting to hear from SODC on ACV update

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10. Finance and Staffing –

- a. No update on audits 2020-21/ 2021-22/ 2022-23/ 2023-24
- b. Cllr Berger/Clerk updated Councillors on Financial matters for 2024/25. £43k was the opening balance in September and it is estimated October will close at £63k, post the Precept payment and Parish expenses deducted.
- c. Budget 2024/25 – It was agreed we would reduce the CIL budget from £7k to £2k as there is limited Planning applications. With the additional £4,500 for the matting outside Carlings Orchard it was agreed that the budget would close at £27k not £37k as previously agreed.
- d. Approval of signatures on UTB for Oct 24 are Cllr Berger and Cllr Rowland
- e. All expenditure for Oct 2024 was approved
 - i. Clerk Salary = Confidential.
 - ii. Village Cleaner (AP) salary = Confidential
 - iii. SODC Loan £327.31
 - iv. Clerk – Nest Pension – Confidential
 - v. Mr Stevens £4500 for the Matting outside Carlings Orchard

11. Matters for future meeting:

1. Wifi at the Pavillion update – Clerk awaiting delivery
2. Clerk to write to 1 Stevens Lane regarding overgrowing Vegetation onto the pavement

12. Next Meeting date – Monday November 25th 2024. Amended date due to Chair being away

Meeting finished at 8:30pm.