

ROTHERFIELD PEPPARD PARISH COUNCIL: MEETING MINUTES

Council members attended

The Parish Council Meeting of Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council

on **Monday 25th November 2024** at 7.30pm

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

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

1. Apologies – Cllr Seaton
2. Declarations of interest – None
3. Minutes – The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14/10/24 were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.
4. Open Forum – Mr Philip Collings joined the meeting with a view to become a Councillor for Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council. He has spend 13yrs as a Clerk for Sonning Common and resigned recently. He will forward his CV for possible co-option in January.

The change of agenda due to non-arrival of District and County Councillors was agreed.

5. Update from Cllr Freeman on Superuser issues for Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council
Update on Cllr Berger becoming a Superuser. There is a simplified solution for Superusers and Cllr Freeman received an update. Cllr Freeman can directly report on email and then needs to mark only 4 corners of the pothole. Cllr Freeman is going to report Colmore lane due to a lack of action from FMS.
6. Parish Council Matters –
 - a. The Proposal of dates to change SID location was approved. Clerk to enquiry regarding Councillors moving SID and whether they are covered.
 - b. The Proposal to accept meeting dates 2025 was approved
 - c. The date of next meeting was confirmed as 13th January 2026
 - d. Wifi at the Pavilion is operational and Clerk has circulated the passwords with all Councillors
 - e. Cllr Freeman and Cllr Berger will display the School posters, on the noticeboards, received from OCC
 - f. Cllr Hall will represent RPCC at the upcoming 3rd Bridge meeting, Clerk to advise he will be 10mins late to the meeting.
7. Rotherfield Peppard Village Update:
 - a. Update on accidents on Stoke Row/ Gallowstree Crossroads - This was left to discuss with Cllr Bartholomew
 - b. Wishing Stone Update – This has now been moved and documented in Peppard News.

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8. South Oxfordshire District Councillor's report – Cllr Norman discussed the SODC report and discussed local issues. On the report there was a mention of Woodland Management as SODC area Cllr Norman looks after is 25% woodland, he was keen as there needs to be more management. There was a debate about deer management, as they have no natural predators, and Cllr Norman advised the NDCC have a deer management program and if they were becoming a pest we should contact them directly.
9. Oxfordshire County Councillor's report – Cllr Bartholomew discussed his report and spoke about local issues. There was a discussion on the resident satisfaction survey recently conducted and 32% of respondents suggested they received value for money on OCC spending. 68% of respondents were unsatisfied with the road conditions. Cllr Bartholomew advised NI increases agreed by the government recently were exempt for Councils. It is for Public sector workers only.
 - i. Church Lane Flooding improvement work – Work is currently happening on this area and Cllr Bartholomew will advise once done.
 - ii. Stoke Row/ Gallowstree Road Crossroads accidents and Junction improvement proposal. It was agreed lots had been done at this junction however more needed to be done after another accident. The issue is there is a lack of injury collisions and therefore the Officer attended, revisited the site, realigned the signs and requested line markers to be refreshed. There were suggestions of flashing lights to warn motorists of the junction, or speedhumps to slow the vehicles on Sallys Pitch and Gallowstree rd. Nothing will be done until the 20mph is in place within the village.
 - iii. There is a County division boundary change and there will be a new County Councillor who will be looking after the Parish
 - iv. Fix My Street items:
 1. 6611831 Potholes Colmore Lane – Investigating. Cllr Bartholomew agreed to push for action on this matter.

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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.
- c. The F&S meeting was discussed and approved by the Full Council and was formed of the following:
- d. Update on Budget 2024/25, there has been a decline in CILs for the Parish, with a shortfall of almost £5000. Other variances across the board were smaller but added up to amounting to a negative variance of £6500.
- e. Approval of Budget 2025/26 from Finance and Staffing meeting. This was discussed and agreed. Clerk to add onto the website
- f. Approval of Precept for 2025/26. This was approved for £50,000 and Clerk to submit request
- g. Approval of Clerk SCP increase, Salary increase and backpay. Payroll form to be signed and sent to Autela. Completed and signed
- h. Approval of signatures on UTB for Nov 24 were Cllr Rowland and Cllr Berger
- i. All expenditure for Nov 24 and Dec 24 were approved
 - i. Clerk Salary, including increase and backpay = Confidential.
 - ii. Clerk Salary Dec
 - iii. Village Cleaner (AP) salary = Confidential
 - iv. Village Cleaner Salary Dec
 - v. SODC Loan £327.31
 - vi. SODC loan £327.31 Dec
 - vii. Clerk – Nest Pension – Confidential
 - viii. Clerk – Nest Pension Dec
 - ix. Dog bin emptying £1030.48
 - x. I Kendrick 26726 £132
 - xi. I Kendrick Verges 26744 £180
 - xii. Autela Q3 £137.80

11. Matters for future meeting: None

12. Next Meeting date – Monday January 13th 2025