

ROTHERFIELD PEPPARD PARISH COUNCIL: MEETING MINUTES

Council members attended The Full Meeting of Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council held at The Sports Pavilion, Stoke Row Road, Rotherfield Peppard on Monday 12th June 7:30pm.

Attendees	Cllr Crouch (SC), Cllr Rancombe (TR), Cllr Treacher (VT), Cllr Wood (JW), Cllr Ross (VR), Cllr Berger (JB), Cllr Rowland (SR), Cllr Nimmo Smith (DNS), Cllr Bartholomew (DB). Press Connor McLoughlin, and Clerk Joanne Askin (JA)
Item	
Open Forum	No members of the public. However Cllr Crouch took the opportunity to welcome Cllr Rowland onto the council for the councillors unable to attend the last meeting.
1.	Apologies: Cllr Berry
2.	Declarations: None.
3.	Minutes: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 8 th May were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting. <i>Proposed SC, Secoded JB, In Favour Unanimous</i>
4.	<p>Matters relating to Oxfordshire County Council:</p> <p>County Councillor Bartholomew updated on the new structure post the election in particular Mr Mark Gray who takes up a new position and will work with local communities.</p> <p>There is a current consensus view that there is a common desire to fix the problems at Chiltern Edge school and find an academy willing to sponsor. There is a new headteacher and people are impressed with the immediate change she has made in a short period of time. There is a Sonning Common parish meeting open to OCC, Support groups, Parents and other concerned individuals. Clerk to ask Sonning Common deputy clerk for an invite.</p> <p>Cllr Ross asked Cllr Bartholomew if some of the problems were caused by transporting children from a large distance i.e. Reading, however Cllr Bartholomew suggested it had been management problems and the priority was to try and get an academy sponsor.</p> <p>Cllr Berger asked if the new head was efficient, could the school not remain open and be re-assessed, however Cllr Bartholomew stated that once the legislation is in special measures, there are only 2 options available to either close the school or find an academy sponsor.</p> <p>B481 Gravel Road overgrown vegetation is due to be cut back 17/18th June and 24/25th June.</p> <p>Cllr Bartholomew updated that a resident had been in contact with regard to safety issues on the Peppard School new footpath. Education, highways and the school deemed that they were satisfied with the safety concerns.</p> <p>Cllr Bartholomew is to forward the link on grass cutting so schedules can be finalised with the village grass cutting schedule.</p> <p>The A4155 will be closed for 2 months, the proposal is this will be after the Regatta and in school holiday time. Cllr Bartholomew is to drive the proposed diversion with highways, there is an obligation that a diversion route must be on the same type of road which means Henley, Crowmarsh, A4074 and into Caversham. There will be unofficial diversion routes that local people will use and Cllr Bartholomew is looking at putting in temporary width and weight restrictions on some roads to discourage large vehicles from using the smaller roads.</p> <p>The highways team will drive the official diversion for the first 3 days of the closure and identify hotspots.</p> <p>Cllr Crouch asked Cllr Bartholomew about Broadband, as DB is now involved in I.T. Cllr Crouch advised that he has asked for meeting with BT, Open Reach and BBFO as 25% of the village are still without fast broadband.</p> <p>Cllr Rancombe asked about the reports in the paper about the 3rd Bridge. Cllr Bartholomew said that Berkshire wanted to build the bridge without consideration to the relief road. DB has been chasing the county officer who is responding to the draft plan but the county must wait for the modelling report before any further action. Cllr Bartholomew is organising a meeting with his 9 parishes to discuss. Date tbc.</p>
5.	Fix my street update

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	<p>The area steward for “fix my street” is on leave but Cllr Bartholomew is going to escalate the problems the parish is having and he will respond. Cllr Rancombe stated how dangerous Peppard Hill was, as well as having reports from worried parishioners. References outstanding are:</p> <p>Ref. 778668 – Non Secure Manhole cover on Peppard Hill Ref. 794923/794922 – Overgrown vegetation Stoke row road – Wyfold lane exit Ref. 778130 – Overgrown vegetation Stoke row road – Dove Lane exit Ref. No ref no. – Mud and debris on road/ footpath - Peppard Hill Ref. 768921 – Overgrown trees on Gravel hill affecting traffic flow Ref. 792897 - Flooding along B481 near bolts cross Ref. No ref no. – Rubbish left post the village clean up, Eleanor Bunn (waste team) has been unable to find this on her visit but it is still there.</p>
6.	<p><u>Matter relating to South Oxfordshire District Council:</u> Cllr Rancombe thanked Cllr Nimmo Smith for the swift response to the flytipping incident. Cllr Nimmo Smith informed the councillors of problems with waste collections and there is a new contract with Biffa which includes more reliable vehicles which is causing the current delays to collections. The Brexit negotiation has meant that Unitary has dropped down the agenda and an update in 2019 is now looking unlikely. The newest application for Gladman planning has been refused but this is not the main application. Cllr Nimmo Smith will come to the next meeting with an update.</p>
7.	<p><u>Pavilion repair expenditure</u> The Clerk updated the councillors on Pavilion repair expenditure over the last 12 months which stands at c. £2740</p>
8.	<p><u>Update on May 24th Speedwatch</u> Cllr Crouch updated on the most recent speedwatch. The operation did go ahead for 30mins and they caught 20 motorists doing 35mph in a 30mph zone, and 5 motorists who exceeded 40mph. Therefore 25 motorists will get a letter. The equipment failed to work after the initial 30mins.</p>
9.	<p><u>Update on Broadband</u> Cllr Crouch updated on broadband and stated he was pushing for confirmation on dates as there has still not been any planning applications for the new cabinets and therefore this would indicate that the faster broadband would not be in place before Feb’18. Cllr Crouch has asked for a meeting with BT, BBFO and Open Reach. Cllr Berger asked to be included in this meeting.</p>
10.	<p><u>10. General Planning update</u> There was no update on planning from as Cllr Berry as she was not in the meeting however Cllr Crouch did update the Cllrs that the developer had submitted retrospective planning for the fence around Vine lodge and Broadlands. Clerk informed all that a letter had gone out advising parishioners on the village distribution list. Cllrs Rowland, Treacher and Ross all commented on the danger of the junction now and the reduced visibility. Cllr Rancombe suggested it had encroached onto highways land. Mulberry house which had permission granted to knock down the original house and build 2 houses, had increased to planning permission for 5 dwellings. This will be reviewed at the Planning meeting (19th June 2017)</p>
11.	<p><u>Asset list</u> Clerk to reissue the asset list/ Footpath list and maps to all councillors and agree a deadline for checking and reporting back on the assets</p>
12.	<p><u>EGM Update</u> There was much discussion about the draft minutes that had been created and the clerk is to update the draft minutes with the proposed amendments. Cllr Crouch offered to speak to Press in more detail. The minutes were accepted in principle with the amends. Sections 1-4 can be made public and 5 will remain private currently. <i>Proposed SC, Seconded JW, In Favour Unanimous</i></p>

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	It was agreed from the EGM that there was a need to investigate regulatory commissions before making any decisions on the future of the pavilion with further public consultation. Plans are being investigated and further information will be provided.
13.	<u>Noticeboards</u> The Cllrs received an update from Cllr Wood on the costs of a replacement noticeboard opposite the school. The estimate was £350-400 and Cllr Wood was trying to get the quote on email. Cllr Wood would still like sponsorship for the noticeboard. Cllr Ross suggested AB Walker as Mr J Walker lives in Top Common. Cllr Rancombe updated that the noticeboard in Carlings Orchard had been removed as it was in disrepair and no longer used.
14.	<u>Expenditure:</u> (a) Expenditure was approved for June 2017. (b) On-line signatories for June 2017 were Cllr Crouch and Cllr Ross
15.	<u>Matters for future meetings:</u> It was agreed the Pavilion would have a regular slot to provide updates.
16.	<u>Correspondence:</u> RPPC have received a letter from Cllr Nimmo Smith ref Community Grant. Clerk to send out on village email to see if there are any viable ideas from the village, otherwise it should be considered for the noticeboards and/or Golf Course Dog Bins. We received a letter about Merchant Navy day in September. Cllrs were all in support in principle however Cllr Ross was to investigate whether the Memorial Hall had a flag pole and potentially whether that would be an more appropriate place.

Meeting finished at 9:30pm.

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