

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council held at The Sports Pavilion, Stoke Row Road, Rotherfield Peppard, on Monday 13th June 2016.

Present: Councillors Tony Rancombe (AR), Terry Ryan (TR), Valarie Ross (VR), Vivien Mitchell (VM), Tony Cotton (TC), Simon Crouch, Chair (SC), Veronica Treacher (VT), Fiona Berry (FB).

County Councillor David Bartholomew (DB).

Clerk: Karl Musson (KM).

Public: 3, part of meeting.

Press: None.

Open Forum:

Mr Metton (member of Public) asked after the Village Email. SC confirmed it would be re-instated shortly.

Mr Mills (member of Public) advised that having worked with SODC, TOE2 and other parties, the PWMH is now in a position to re-fit the changing rooms, roof and ceiling of the WMH, adding insulation while they do so and the opportunity will be taken to re-fit the lighting. Mr Mills further advised that the WMH will be closed during August 2016 and this work will happen then. Mr Mills clarified that revenue from the former bowls club had been 4 quarterly tranches of £350 plus £932 and that the WMH Trustees are seeking to make up this loss. Mr Mills advised that because the hire rate is already £20 this cannot be increased. SC advised that the matter will be discussed later in the agenda.

Mr Freeman asked what progress has been made with regard to speeding vehicles on the Gallowstree Road. SC advised that the matter will hopefully be discussed at this meeting and the next.

1 Apologies:

2 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

3 Minutes: The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Monday 9th May 2016 were approved as a true and correct record of the meetings. ***Proposed, SC. Seconded, TC. In Favour, Unanimous. Against, 0. Abstentions, 0. Carried.***

4 Matters relating to Oxfordshire County Council:

SC advised that RPPC had drafted a letter to be sent to the Heads of the Districts. FB reported that she had noted a bias in the meeting of 7th June regarding Unitary proposal. VT asked whether Grant Thornton LLP had been present at the Unitary proposal meeting on 7th June and DB confirmed that they were not. FB raised the consideration of the loss of strategic oversight and economies of scale resulting from devolving responsibilities and that policies cannot be as well-known by part-time Councillors as by full-time Councillors. VT raised the concern of power being devolved to fewer people as per the Districts' proposal for Unity Council. DB added that a single Unitary Council would lose local knowledge. FB added that technology and processes could improve as an alternative way to save money to the Unitary proposition. DB reported that he expects the Districts' report to be published in late June and that it will go to the Secretary of State in the autumn. TC raised the point that the focus of the Unitary debate is presently on County and District and not enough focus is being given to Town and Parish level. In response to the potential benefits of Parishes working more closely together, FB raised a concern about being dominated by Henley. TC shared this concern.

DB advised that there was no significant development regarding the third Reading Bridge. He advised that traffic modelling was being done in conjunction with the development of the Strategic Outline Business Case. AR raised the point that looking at traffic on a regional basis would be helpful. TC asked what position John Howell took and DB confirmed neutral. FB asked how a bridge would aid economic growth and DB replied that the case was that business would work better in Reading if there was less traffic.

AR asked when the cutting of verges would start. DM advised imminently.

DB asked if RPPC had any views on the prospect of a hitching post at The Unicorn. AR advised that he had spoken with the landlord to ascertain whether Carling's Orchard would be a prospective location.

Regarding the flooding at Wyfold Lane, AR advised that the Highways Act could not be employed because the flooding was not reported to have stretched across the whole road. AR advised that he will endeavour to find a photograph to the contrary.

SC recorded thanks for the work done on the Stoke Row Road drains.

SC advised that this matter had not been progressed. VT raised the matter of splays and suggested that 30mph was too high a speed limit for Gallowstree Common Road. SC noted and asked that the matter be put on the next agenda for more detailed discussion. FB advised that police speed checks only happen once there has been an accident. TC suggested writing to local police. SC said he will draft such a letter. Proposal to write a letter to the local police regarding speeding vehicles on the Gallowstree Common Road. **Proposed, SC. Seconded, TC. In Favour, Unanimous. Against, 0. Abstentions, 0. Carried.**

5. Matters Relating to South Oxfordshire District Council:

A. FB advised that the Sonning Common Neighbourhood Plan will go to referendum in October. FB suggested writing a letter to Sonning Common Parish Council to compliment them on their positive report from the Examiner.

B. KM confirmed that the grant from SODC had now been received and that apportionments would be made as soon as possible. Revels and All Saint's Church were congratulated on the success of their events.

6. Hedges:

SC updated that Mr Pitcher of Chilterns View has cut his hedge. AR and KM to liaise to draft and send letter regarding any outstanding hedged.

7. Unitary Councils

As discussed in Item 4. SC disappointed with the method of feedback gathering. SC also raised the point that RPPC is not best-placed to take on additional work on account of being comprised of only 8 Members. AR raised the point that a lot of time had already been taken up on discussing and revising a letter the Heads of the Districts. It was resolved that VR, AR and SC would work on a final draft and send as soon as possible.

8. Matters relating to NDCC:

TC advised that building work has damaged the verges on Kingwood Common. A letter has been drafted in response. TC reported that this letter has attracted another letter in response seeking permission to put a skip on Kingwood Common.

AR reported that building work impacting upon a hedge at Peppard Barn would be coming to an end soon and that the hedge would be reinstated. AR also advised that clearing has taken place in a glade in the woods and that material and a compactor have been pledged to fill pot holes in tracks outside the Red Lion.

9. Planning:

FB reported that meeting on Local Plan had strategic benefits and would go to consultation in June. FB further added that every parish would have to draw up a neighbourhood plan in due course and that the SODC website is charting the progress of parishes in this undertaking. FB also suggested that it would be beneficial to increase the size of the village email. VT would like slides of Richard Harding's presentation at the APM and KM will get these on the RPPC website as soon as possible.

10. Roles and Responsibilities:

SC circulated a document to all Councillors prior to this meeting outlining each Councillor's roles and responsibilities. It was proposed to accept this document. **Proposed, SC. Seconded, AR. In Favour, Unanimous. Against, 0. Abstentions, 0. Carried.**

11. Junior Playground:

SC referred to previously circulated letter resulting from the EGM on 2nd June 2016. AR clarified that when appointed a Councillor he undertook to provide services to the local community and in consequence he sees that RPPC should support things which are enjoyed by many rather than subsidising things which are enjoyed by smaller numbers. TR further advised that the group which had originally worked on the proposal for a junior play area had disbanded. VR asked why the Parish would not support the PWMH and pointed out that the PWMH raises its own money and that RPPC should support the PWMH more that it presently does. SC reiterated that the letter in question (Appendix 1) was drafted so as to take into consideration the view of all Councillors. SC further supported the idea of a questionnaire with a view to clarifying the level of desire in the Parish for the prospective Junior Playground. VR raised the point that comparison of use should be considered between the Sports Pavilion and PWMH. TC advised that expenditure is comparable between both halls. VT responded that the Sports Pavilion does not require the same level of resource to the village as the PWMH. AR and TC raised the point of the Cricket Club and their maintenance of the grounds, to which FB added the point of the opportunity offered to young people as a result of the Sports Pavilion. SC referred to RPPC's responsibility to look after the Sports Pavilion and VR raised the point that the regularity of cricket fixtures at weekends makes it impossible to benefit from other weekend hires. SC suggested that the figure of £900 per annum for the lease of playground area on the former bowling green at PWMH should assume a web survey prior to commitment. FB clarified that Rotherfield Peppard has 625 residences and there are approximately 120 addresses on the village email, but added that the community survey showed that 95% have internet access. VT suggested that the case should be put to the village and TC suggested that the village email should be expanded. SC proposed that the letter (Appendix 2) should be sent to PWMH. **Proposed, SC. Seconded, AR. In Favour, 6. Against, 1. Abstentions, 1. Carried.**

12. Cricket Club Contract:

VM suggested to accept as per the Trustee meeting previously. **Proposed, SC. Seconded, TC. In Favour, 7. Against, 0. Abstentions, 1.**

13. Payments:

The expenditure schedule detailed in Appendix 4 was accepted. **Proposed, SC. Seconded, TC. In Favour, Unanimous. Against, 0. Abstentions, 0.**

14. Matters for Future Meetings:

Notice at the Dog Pub and the change of use of the premises.

15. Correspondence:

Letter from David Quayle at Slade Legal advising of his retirement. FB asked whether it would be courteous to send a retirement card.

Thank you note from Rod d'Ayla thanking SC for his thank you note regarding his presentation at the APM

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9:37pm.

Signed.....

ROTHERFIELD PEPPARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Planning Committee Meeting,
held at The Sports Pavilion, Stoke Row Road, Rotherfield Peppard
on Monday 13th June 2016 21:00 pm.

Present:

Councillors: Fiona Berry (Chair) (FB) Veronica Treacher (VT)
Tony Cotton (TC) Simon Crouch (SC)

Clerk: Karl Musson (KM)

Members of Public: one part of meeting

Public Forum: None

1. Apologies: None
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests : None
3. Minutes: The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings of 11th April 2016, 9th May 2016 and 28th May 2016 were approved as a true and correct record of the meetings.
4. Planning Applications considered:

Planning Application
<p>P16/S1473/HH: 5 Esther Carling Lane Rotherfield Peppard RG9 5PW Single storey side extension.</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that RPPC should recommend 'APPROVAL' for this application. It was noted that an application for the same footprint P07/E0003 was approved.</p>
<p>P16/S1662/FUL: Crossways Wyfold Lane Peppard Common RG9 5LR Removal of condition 6 on P14/S2182/O - Code Level 4 (Single detached dwelling and associated garage with all matters reserved).</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that RPPC should express 'NO STRONG VIEWS' for this application.</p>
<p>P16/S1600/HH: Beaufoys Section of B481 From Peppard Common to Manor Farm Peppard Common Construction of new side and rear extensions, enlargement and conversion of existing roofspace together with construction of new dormer windows.</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that RPPC should recommend 'APPROVAL' for this application.</p>
<p>P16/S0215/HH (amended): Rose Cottage, Dog Lane, Peppard Common, RG9 5JY Garage conversion and new, detached, timber framed car port Amendment Arboricultural Method Statement received 19-05-2016.</p> <p>No consultation response required from RPPC for this application.</p>
<p>P16/S1783/HH: Minton House Peppard Common RG9 5JF Erection of single storey and first floor rear extensions.</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that RPPC should recommend 'APPROVAL' for this application. It was noted that this is an extension of time for approved Application P13/S2121/HH.</p>

5. Planning Decisions by SODC since last meeting

Location / Description	RPPC Decision	SODC Decision
P16/S1611/DIS Greenways Chiltern Road Peppard Common RG9 5LP Discharge of condition 3 (materials) on P15/S1468/FUL (Replacement of existing dwelling).	n/a	APPROVED

6. Enforcement: To consider enforcement issues in the Parish, to include:

Location / Description
The Dog, Dog Lane, Peppard Common, Henley-on-Thames RG9 5JU Letting of rooms without change of use. It was agreed unanimously that this should be reported to planning enforcement.

The meeting ended at 9:50 pm

Adopted as a true and accurate record:

Signature **Date**