

ROTHERFIELD PEPPARD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of The Full Council Meeting of the Parish Council
held at The Sports Pavilion, Stoke Row Road, Rotherfield Peppard
on Monday 10th August 2015 at 7:30 pm

Present:

Councillors: Simon Crouch (Chair) (SC) Veronica Treacher (VT)
Fiona Berry (FB) Tony Rancombe (AR)

Clerk: Linda Collison (LC)

Press: Connor McLoughlin (Henley Standard)

Members of Public: 3 (Planning Committee meeting- part only)

Open Forum:

None

1 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors Tony Cotton, Valerie Ross, Terry Ryan and Leeanne Flett; County Councillor David Bartholomew and District Councillor David Nimmo-Smith.

2 Member's declaration of Pecuniary Interests:

None.

3 Planning Committee members:

It was proposed by FB, seconded by VT and agreed unanimously that in the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council is appointed as ex-officio to the Planning Committee when the Chairman is unavailable.

It was proposed by FB, seconded by SC and agreed unanimously that AR is appointed as a substitute member of the Planning Committee, attending when there are insufficient members at a meeting to make quorum.

4 Minutes:

It was moved by FB, seconded by SC and resolved unanimously that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday July 13th 2015 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

5 Matters relating to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) :

• **County Councillors Report General:**

Report sent prior to the meeting - See Appendix 1

• **Yellow lines at the Gravel Hill /Blounts Court Rd junction and along Butlers Yard**

SC explained that the Butlers Yard Committee have withdrawn from this project to install yellow lines along the entrance to Butlers Yard and along a short stretch of Blounts Court Road, as it is becoming too expensive for them. Action: LC to notify OCC Highways.

It was unanimously agreed that the £500 contribution from Johnson Matthey should be returned. Action: LC to raise a cheque – see item 13.

• **Traffic/Speed on Blounts Court Road**

A resident in Blounts Court Road has written to us saying that she is very concerned about the speed of traffic and lack of footpaths along Blounts Court Road. Members agreed that the road is treacherous in places, especially where there is no footpath.. It was proposed by SC, seconded by FB and agreed unanimously to ask OCC Highways to run a traffic survey (cost £100 + VAT) , to provide information regarding actual volumes and speed which would help when discussing what action could be taken.

Action: LC to arrange the surveys - asking OCC Highways if they could meet with a Council member(s) on site or for possible locations for Council to select from.

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- **Mineral and Waste Local Plan Consultation.**

The plan is in two parts:

Part 1 – Core Strategy will set out the Council’s vision, objectives, spatial strategies and core policies for minerals and waste developments in Oxfordshire for the period to 2031. The proposed submission documents will be published on 19 August 2015. The period for making representations will run for 6 weeks, from 19 August to 30 September 2015. more information at:

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy>

Part 2 – Site Allocations, which will be prepared subsequently, will allocate specific sites for development like mineral working and waste management facilities.

- **The Household waste recycling centre strategy for Oxfordshire.**

As part of planned savings Oxfordshire County Council has reduced the overall household waste recycling centre (HWRC) budget by £350,000 from 2017/18. To meet this reduction the proposal is to reduce the number of HWRCs from seven to three, or to four and to change the opening hours of the remaining sites. Once agreed, these changes will be made over several years with plenty of notice given to local residents. There will be a consultation on these proposals running from 10 August to 5 October 2015. This consultation is open to all Oxfordshire householders to comment on.

More information at:

https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/waste-and-recycling?utm_source=FURL&utm_medium=Friendly&utm_campaign=waste-and-recycling

Action: VT agreed to draft the response for consideration at the next meeting.

- **Turning circle outside Unicorn Pub**

LC reported that it would cost £350.50 (+ VAT) to replace the posts at the turning circle and £192.96 (+ VAT) to replace the chains. Total £543.46.

AR raised concern that new posts would be knocked down again. VT proposed that the posts are removed and shrubs are planted instead. FB counter proposed, and it was agreed, that as this proposal is different to the decision made previously, that the matter is deferred to the next meeting when there are more members present and ask that when the Chairman talks with the Unicorn, he asks whether they would be prepared to part finance the posts or maintain shrubs planted. Action : Chairman.

- **Felling of 2 spruce/larch trees on Gravel Hill**

LC confirmed that the trees have been felled, waiting for replacements to be planted.

- **Third Reading Bridge**

At the last meeting the Council

“agreed to support a third bridge only if fully justified by detailed studies and if implemented in conjunction with acceptable measures to deal with the additional traffic.”

However, incorrect emphasis has been placed on the wording, which has subsequently been misinterpreted (Henley Standard quoted that the “Council backs third bridge”). Also, since the last meeting it has been clarified by County Councillor Bartholomew that OCC has no funds what so ever to pay for any studies or infrastructure.

It was proposed by FB, seconded by SC and unanimously agreed that although there is no change in the Council’s position, that the wording is clarified, to read as follows:

“RPPC do not support a third bridge unless it is justified by detailed studies and implemented in conjunction with acceptable measures to deal with the additional traffic.”

ACTION: LC to report RPPC’s position to DB, and to add a note to the previous minutes.

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- **Highways, Footpaths and signage**

- Footpath 27 – Following concerns raised at the previous meeting and from SC's inspection of the footpath, SC proposed, and it was agreed, that the vegetation growing up from the floor of the path is removed – paid for by the Council. It was also noted that one of the neighbouring properties had cut back their hedge. LC to ask Mr Willis to cut the vegetation as he did last year (same price).
- Following concerns raised regarding the over growing vegetation outside Square House, Gravel Hill on B481, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owners asking them to address the matter.
- A member of the public has raised concern that the metal fence along Broadlands falling into the B481. LC to write to the owners asking them to address the matter..
- A member of the public has raised concern regarding a new water leak on Stoke Row Road opposite Grouse and Claret – LC to contact Thames Water and ask for the leak to be fixed.
- A thank you to SODC for sweeping along Stoke Row Road opposite Pennyford House and clearing the detritus. This matter is now closed.

- **Town and Parish Councils Event 21st September 2015.**

Action : LC to circulate details and members to confirm if they want to attend.

6 Townlands Hospital:

VT confirmed that she had attended a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) meeting on 30th July 2015 called to discuss the Townlands Hospital consultation and how they were going to proceed. The meeting attendees included 15 members of the CCG. David Nimmo-Smith and Lorraine Hillier (Henley Mayor) presented the case for the Townlands Steering Group (TSG).

More information (web-cam recording). Action: VT to circulate url to members

- VT also attended the TSG meeting on Monday 3rd August 2015, who are having to campaign harder as they CCG have not delivered the outcome wanted. The CCG have explained that there is insufficient funds for the 14/18 beds as well as the Rapid Access Care unit (RACU), and therefore they are recommending the hospital includes the RACU rather than the beds. The TSG are concerned how the hospital will operate without these beds - especially with view to the fact that Peppard Ward closing later this year. VT added that Barry Wood has been co-opted onto the Steering Group.

The chairman of the TSG has

- sent a letter to the CCG said it is clear that the CCG are becoming aware of the weaknesses in their campaign requesting a plan to incorporate the TSG demands
- Requested under FOI more information from the CCG. The TSG has a lot of information showing that the model being used is based on floored material.
- Set up a fund to help finance a judicial view. Lorraine Hillier is going to lead this and there were suggestions that Parish Council may be asked for contributions.
- LC explained that before funds can be given to the group, a power needed to be identified under which the payment can be made. VT to ask the Steering Groups to confirm the power when/if they ask Parish Councils for donations.

On Tuesday 18th August 2015, 2pm – 8:30pm at the Maurice Tate Room, Townlands Hospital, there is a viewing of the design enhancements to the final stages of the development.

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7 Matters relating to South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC):

- **New Collections (textiles and small electrical items):**

Sonning Common Parish Council has raised concern that the new SODC initiative to collect textiles and Small Electrical Items will impact on charities. SODC have addressed this point in their advert in Outlook, stating *"please don't put out working electrical items that somebody else could make use of, or clothes that are still wearable, there are lots of local charities that could make good money by reselling these items."*

- **Open Space Audit**

It was agreed that LC/AR would respond on behalf of the Council – Deadline 18th September 2015.

- **Sonning Common Neighbourhood Development Plan**

FB reported that a response has been received to RPPC's comments. All comments can be viewed on the Sonning Common neighbourhood development website (<http://www.scpcc-ndp.co.uk/>) LC to add a link to this on the RPPC website

- **Neighbourhood planning conference**

SC proposed, AR seconded and it was unanimously agreed that FB should attend this conference.

- **Missed Bin collections**

LC explained that there is a discrepancy between the SPDC website and Biffa emails regarding the collection of missed bins. The SODC website states "Where a report is received before the end of the next working day, **the material will be collected the following working day** (including Saturdays)." An email from Biffa explained that "... Once this gets reported the crews then **have 2-3 working days** to return for this waste."

This inconsistency has been escalated by District Councillor David Nimmo-Smith to Tony Harbour (Cabinet member for waste, grounds maintenance, food safety)

- **Bins left out for too long**

VT reported that some residents in Shiplake Bottom are leaving their bins out for too long - sometimes from the Sunday before a Wednesday collection, and understands that there is a byelaw stating when bins can/cannot be left out. Action: LC to locate the byelaw and to draft a polite letter to be sent all residents in Shiplake Bottom, to be considered at the next meeting.

8 Proposed Play Area on Top Common:

Following the distribution of fliers to the area near to the proposed play area, some residents have written in with their concerns/comments, included in Appendix 2. Action; LC to forward the comments to SODC planning. The Open Spaces Society had also written giving advice on play areas on Common land.

LC advised that the SODC decision has been deferred for a week or two as they are waiting for input from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust.

Matter to be added to next month's agenda when Councillor Ryan should be present.

9 New village sign – request from last month correspondence

In July a resident had written to the Council suggesting new village signs at the entrance to the village.

FB reminded members that when the new School is built, new street furniture will be installed at the B481 Highmoor entrance to the village, suggesting that the two initiatives could be co-ordinated. Matter deferred to next meeting.

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10 Carlings Orchard

A neighbour of the orchard has written to the Council with concerns over dead trees in the orchard asking the Council to review the state of the tress and considers what can be done to restore the health of the trees. Also the orchard mowing and hedge trimming needs to be checked before payment is made in September/October.

AR offered to speak with the neighbour and review the Orchard while Councillor Flett was unable to do so. Members accepted his offer unanimously.

11 Administration, Finance and Staffing:

- The 2015-16 accounts (Appendix 3) were reviewed and accepted.
- RPPC Website – LC reported that the statistics for the new website were showing that on some days up-to 40 unique visitors looked at the website.
- Unity Trust Account signatures – LC reported that some members still needed to complete the mandate. Action LC/ALL
- Update Asset inspection and footpath forms.
 As a result of the Asset inspection, it was noted that the benches at Gallows Tree Common were not fit for purpose. It was agreed that they should be removed and replaced by one new bench. Action LC to obtain quotes for next meeting, possible the same as the ones purchased for Sonning Common Skate Park.
 It was also reported that two of the Salt Bins had lost their ‘shovels’.
- It was agreed that VT and AR should attend the OALC Planning Training on Tuesday November 3rd 2015, SC would attend if AR was unable to make it. Action LC to book.
- It was agreed that the donations requests from Peppard News & South Central Ambulance Service should be deferred to the next Finance and Staffing meeting

12 Trustee decisions

- It was proposed by FB, seconded by SC and agreed unanimously to:
 - Pay for the repair of the drain, cost covered by RPPC (maintenance). Cost up to £500.
 - Pay for the new sign and recoup the money from the Charity. Cost £217 + £17.50 + VAT.

13 Approval of Spend:

It was proposed by SC and resolved unanimously that the following are approved.

Approved by Council in previous meetings – approved to pay					
Ref	Account	Payee	Description	Power	Amount
16-385	Election costs	SODC	Election costs	LGA 1972 111	-£115.00

Retrospective payments approved					
	Account	Payee	Description		
16-394	It costs	1and1	Website quarterly pkg	LGA 1972 111	-£3.56

July Credits					
	Account	Payee	Description		
16-395	Trustee Purchases	Charity Bank Act	Charity Reimbursement	LGA(Misc)76 s19	£60.00
16-396	Trustee Purchases	Charity Bank Act	Charity Reimbursement	LGA(Misc)76 s19	£42.48

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New payments					
	Account	Payee	Description		
16-397	Misc - Project	Johnson Matthew	For Yellow Lines	Highways 1980 ss43	-£500.00
16-398	Voice Recorder	LC (reimburse)	Voice Recorder	LGA 1972 111	-£39.99
16-399	Staff Costs	T Parisi	August wages	LGA 1972 112	-£49.55
16-400	Staff Costs	M Bowles	August wages	LGA 1972 112	-£65.93
16-401	Staff Costs	L Collison	August wages	LGA 1972 112	-£780.93
16-402	Staff Costs	HMRC	August PAYE	LGA 1972 112	-£40.44
16-403	Staff Costs	OCC Pension	August Pension	LGA 1972 112	-£230.34
16-404	Staff Costs	Autela Payroll Svs	Payroll svs Aug	LGA 1972 112	-£13.30
16-405	Grant to SP&F	British Gas	Electricity August	LGA(Misc Act)1976 s19	tbc
16-406	Grant to SP&F	British Gas	Electricity August	LGA(Misc Act)1976 s19	tbc
16-407	Admin / IT	LC (reimburse)	Email Hosting	LGA 1972 111	-£23.88
16-408	Grant to SP&F	M Bowles	Pavilion Cleaning	LGA(Misc Act)1976 s19	-£10.29
16-409	Meetings/Hall Hire	Charity	Rent	LGA 1972 111	-£70.00
16-410	Misc	OCC Highways	Road Survey	Highways 1980 ss43	-£120.00
16-411	Trustee Purchases	tbc	Repair drain	LGA(Misc Act)1976 s19	-£500.00
16-412	Grant to SP&F	Greenbarnes Ltd	Hanging Sign	LGA(Misc Act)1976 s19	-£281.40
16-413	Training Cllr	OALC	Planning training x2	LGA 1972 111	-£84.00
16-414	Village upkeep	BD Willis	Cutting vegetation footpath 27	Highways act 1980 ss43 50	tbc
16-415	Village upkeep	tbc	New Bench	Open Spaces Act 1906	tbc

It was noted that the following items were approved in previous meeting but not to be paid this month.

Approved by Council in previous meetings BUT not yet actioned / to be paid					
Ref	Account	Payee	Description	Power	Amount
15-256-7	App'd 2014-15	New Cleaner	New cleaning	LGA(misc)76 s19	-£300.00
16-380	Staff Costs	HMRC	July PAYE	LGA 1972 112	-£23.70
16-382	Staff Costs	Autela Payroll Svs	Payroll services July	LGA 1972 112	-£13.30

14 On line approvers

It was agreed that SC and FB should approve the payments on Unity Trust.

15 The Village:

Action: Defer to next meeting.

16 Correspondence:

John Howell MP has written explaining that during the week 21st-28th September he would like to meet with Parish Councils, and has suggested 23rd for RPPC. It was agreed to re-arrange the date so that Chairman Cotton could attend. Parishioners to be asked if they have any issues they would like the Council to raise on their behalf. Action : LC

Action: LC to circulate all other correspondence separately.

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17 Matters for future meetings

September Full Council:

- Mineral and Waste Local Plan Consultation – Response to
- The Household waste recycling centre strategy for Oxfordshire – draft response (VT)
- Play Area update (TR)
- New Village Sign
- New bench

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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

18 Minutes:

None.

19 New Planning Applications

Application
<p>P15/S2146/HH : Jersey Farmhouse Colmore Lane Kingwood RG9 5LX Proposed two-storey side & rear extension (variation to Ref: P14/S3405/HH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council considers that this application should be APPROVED.
<p>P15/S2294/HH: Hazel Wood House Chiltern Road Peppard Common RG9 5LP Construction of detached garage with room over.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council considers that this application should be APPROVED. It was noted that the applicant has agreed to use obscured glass in the windows (as discussed with his neighbour) and that he will be notifying SODC of this fact
<p>P15/S2334/RM: Crossways Wyfold Lane Peppard Common RG9 5LR Reserved matters application following outline permission P14/S2182/O, for erection of a single dwelling and associated garage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council considers that this application should be APPROVED
<p>P15/S2247/HH: 3 Ashdown Way Kingwood RG9 5WD Installation of a domestic in ground swimming pool & associated paned surround</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council considers that this application should be APPROVED, subject to the shed providing sufficient noise reduction to comply with noise regulations.
<p>P15/S2339/HH: Cherry Croft Cottage Kingwood Common Kingwood RG9 5NB Demolition of the existing conservatory and the erection of a replacement ground floor side extension together with the erection of a ground floor front & rear extension and 10 No. velux windows within the existing roof structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council considers that this application should be APPROVED
<p>P15/S2416/HH Woodside Blounts Court Road Peppard Common RG9 5EU Single rear and side extension to provide open plan kitchen/ dining and utility room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council considers that this application should be APPROVED

20 SODC Planning decisions

Application	RPPC Decision	SODC Decision
<p>R3.0077/15 : Peppard C Of E Primary School, Church Lane Planning application by Oxfordshire County Council for planning permission for the removal of existing temporary classroom and replacement with a new temporary classroom; to include single classroom, toilets, cloak area, small group room and associated store room and external ramp and steps; for a temporary period of five years at Peppard C Of E Primary School, Church Lane, RG9 5JU</p>	APPROVAL	APPROVAL

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P15/S1775/FUL Manor Farm Peppard Common RG9 5LA Part change of use of existing building from general storage to storage of aggregates for use by Manor Mix, in connection with off-site cement mixing and delivery (sui generis) (Re-submission of P14/S3345/FUL)	WITHDRAWN	
P15/S1978/HH Peppard Barn Church Lane RG9 5JU Enlargement of existing single storey rear extension including raising the roof height with new rooflights on South facing roof slope & new windows on south and east elevations. New 1.2m high brick and flint walls to rear.	APPROVAL	APPROVAL
P15/S1746/FUL L&N Golf Mngt, Greys Green Golf Course. Retention of landscape works on land adjacent to Dog Lane, Rotherfield Peppard. The landscape works include the planting of trees, the erection of a landscaped bund.	NSV	APPROVAL

21 Enforcement Actions

Outstanding enforcement actions
Colmore, Colmore Ln Kingwood RG9 5NA Retrospective planning application for a curved trench denied – not yet filled back in. (P14/S0257/FUL)
Status/Action: On 7 th July LC had chased Kim Langford SODC planning on this matter. No reply. 19 th July District Councillor asked Ms Langford for an update. No reply.
Land nr Old Sewage Works off Wyfold Ln Tree felling and laying of hard core creating potential parking area for large vehicles without planning permission.
SODC considers that a breach of planning control has occurred and has requested that the land be restored to its former condition by 15 May 2015. No update

22 Dog Lane Lay-By.

It was agreed that at this time no further action was required, but that a ‘watching brief’ on the lay-by should be maintained.

Meeting ended at 9:45 pm

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Appendix (1): County Councillors Report

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE STRATEGY

A HWRC strategy will aim to create a sustainable network of sites across the county that are well located for areas of population. The network, together with district council kerbside collections, will aim to maximise the amount of waste reused and recycled in the county and minimise the amount of material sent for disposal. An agreed strategy will enable OCC to seek contributions from new development to maintain and improve the HWRC network. In order to achieve a financially sustainable network of sites, it is proposed that the strategy to be consulted on is based on the following key objectives:

- reduce number of sites;
- locate sites to limit as much as possible the drive times for residents;
- locate the sites as close as possible to the more populated centres.

A public consultation will be carried out for 8 weeks, from 10 August to 5 October 2015.

NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE OXFORDSHIRE

The National Citizen Service has a proven track record in Oxfordshire of providing an effective programme, meeting the needs of young people, and particularly vulnerable young people, at the important stage of transition from compulsory education. The programme uses a nationally agreed format with local interpretation. The framework is governed by the National Citizen Service Trust and allows for local delivery partners to utilise existing provisions, services and professional partnerships to best benefit young people and communities. Oxfordshire County Council National Citizen Service has been highlighted nationally for its ability to capitalise on internal services and professionals. It also supports vulnerable young people and delivers a high quality programme embedding programme delivery within its Early Intervention Service and utilising Oxfordshire County Council's outdoor education centres. At the July Cabinet the contract for the delivery of National Citizen Service was agreed for the period 2015-18 with the aim of assisting 5073 young people.

SUPPORTED TRANSPORT PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Council's budget for Supported Transport for 2015/16 is just over £30m and will be spent on a range of 'supported transport' services including:

- Home to school transport for children with special educational needs (SEN) and mainstream schooling
- Subsidised bus services
- Adult social care transport (older people, learning disabled, mental health)
- Children's social care transport
- Community transport support
- Concessionary fares
- Dial a ride

As part of the 2014/15 budget, the Council agreed to save around £3.6m by reviewing all of the above transport services, with a view to better integrating them. The Council proposes to deliver the remaining £2.56m by reducing subsidies to commercial bus operators, while prioritising services used by older people and people with disabilities. There is an on-going consultation that finishes on 14th September – please let us have your views.

REDUCING THE COST OF THE BACK OFFICE

Cabinet agreed to join the Hampshire partnership as an operational partner for the provision of back office support services through their Integrated Business Centre, with an expected saving of £805,000 pa. The existing Hampshire partnership is legally underpinned by an unincorporated public-to-public partnership. This enables each public body to jointly deliver and share the benefits of shared services between themselves. As a partnership rather than a commercial outsourcing, the expectation is that all partners (including OCC) will collaborate and work together for

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the good of the partnership. OCC will join the partnership through a joint working agreement, retaining influence on the partnership through an operational forum, which provides a basis for consultation and the exercise of influence in the management of the overall joint working arrangements.

GROWTH BOARD

At the recent meeting of the Growth Board, the Post-SHMA Strategic Work Programme was agreed. Public bodies have a 'Duty to Co-operate' on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries. A key issue in Oxfordshire is the potential unmet housing need arising from Oxford City. The Programme has been developed to help the Oxfordshire Councils fulfil the duty on this issue. This meeting was webcast and can be found on Cherwell District Council website:

<http://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=528>

POTENTIAL REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

I have been contacted by residents who have heard about the potential new strategy (see lead item in general county report above) and are very concerned that Oakley Wood might be affected. I share these concerns and will discuss the matter further at the September PC meeting.

BLOUNTS COURT ROAD SPEEDING TRAFFIC

I have been contacted by a resident with regard to this and have advised that she liaises with the PC in order that traffic management concerns are coordinated.

STOKE ROW ROAD/BLOUNTS COURT ROAD/PEPPARD HILL STAGGERED JUNCTION

Senior Traffic Technician Mark Francis has provided the Parish Council with a full quotation. Instructions regarding the payment process are awaited from the PC.

DOG LAYBY CONGESTION/PARKING

This matter remains on hold pending further input from the PC.

PEPPARD SCHOOL

Planning Permission has now been given for the removal of the existing temporary classroom and replacement with a new temporary classroom; to include single classroom, toilets, cloak area, small group room and associated store room and external ramp and steps; for a temporary period of five years.

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Appendix (2): Play Area Comments

From resident1

Following receipt of the Update 3.....

We previously expressed our deep concern over the siting of this Play Area.

Although we whole support any recreation efforts for the young this scheme is wholly inappropriate

We repeat that with virtually 100% of those likely to use it will have to cross the busy B481, supposedly a 30mph limit but not adhered to.

Cost/usage ration must be questioned, how many children under say 12 are there in the area and how many of them would make use of it? Especially these days with so many other attractions.

The site proposed is in a secluded position, hidden from the most inhabited side of our village, wide open to "intruders"

who could approach the area from Colmore Lane or the surrounding woods undetected from the village side

Open to vandals as the site cannot be attended all the time.

Do hope the Council will give this matter serious attention to detail.

From resident2

I have absolutely no objection to a proposed play area on Top Common per se. What I am concerned about is the fact that any children wishing to access it from our side, ie Church Lane and lanes off same, Springwood Lane, the school children after or before school etc., must cross the B481, which is a total death trap and the children would all need an adult to accompany them over this road - and back again.

I wonder how seriously the RoSPA study took the road into account. Will there be a bridge, an enforced speed limit, speed bumps ... or what???? Did RoSPA actually monitor that road for a decent length of time?

I just don't want to find us all mopping up pieces and trying to cope with ghastly accidents. It might be your grandchildren or mine, let alone the children who live here. What about putting it on our side of the Common, after all we have the school sports field there already.

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Appendix (3): YTD Accounts

	Actuals			Budget
	Apr - Jul Actual	Aug	Apr- Aug (ytd)	Year Apr-Mar
Income				
Precept	13,750.00	0.00	13,750.00	27,500.00
Other Income	761.30	0.00	761.30	264.00
Total Income	14,511.30	0.00	14,511.30	27,764.00
Expense				
Staff Costs	3,494.48	1,180.49	4,674.97	11,013.56
Councillor and Clerk	139.45	70.00	209.45	700.00
Finance, Admin and IT	666.68	127.21	793.89	1,742.00
Insurance	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Subscriptions	208.00	0.00	208.00	665.00
Village Upkeep	41.86	625.00	666.86	525.00
Carlings Orchard	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,790.00
Grant to SP&F Charity	967.93	547.05	1,514.98	2,400.00
Total Donations & Grants	1,959.17	0.00	1,959.17	4,750.00
Projects	211.50	0.00	211.50	2,240.00
Miscellaneous	-40.00	600.00	560.00	0.00
Trustee Purchases	102.48	-102.48	0.00	0.00
S137	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
VAT paid	420.42	89.39	509.81	0.00
Total Expense	8,471.97	1,760.49	11,608.63	26,225.56

Note : Includes items approved in the meeting – some estimates (electricity, bench)