

ROTHERFIELD PEPPARD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held at The Sports Pavilion, Stoke Row Road, Rotherfield
Peppard on Monday 9 October 2006 at 7.30pm

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PRESENT:

Tim Meikle (Chair)	(TM)	Geoffrey Pitcher	(GP)
Cherry Postlethwaite	(CP)	Valerie Phelps	(VP)
Ilse Eve	(IE)	Nick Launders	(NL)
Vivienne Kemp	(VK)	Gillian Morrish	(GM)
Jamie Corrie	(JC)		

(Part of the meeting)

SODC: Paul Harrison (PH)

OCC: Carol Viney (CV)

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Barbara Marston (BM)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC/PARISHIONERS IN ATTENDANCE FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING: None

C.C. = Commons Conservators

ACTION

1. **APOLOGIES:**
Nigel Wooding: away on business
2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:** None declared.
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (11 09 06):** RESOLVED THAT they be adopted as a true and accurate record. Duly signed and dated by TM.
4. **SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**
 - (a) **District Councillor's Report:** PH reported that both Steven Lake and Roger Davis had left the council. SODC had been unsuccessful in the courts to get compensation from SITA (the previous domestic waste collection contractor). The cabinet meeting tonight to consider appeal against decision. If no appeal is lodged/successful, the case will be very costly to SODC. Currently Planning Committee and Cabinet meetings are video recorded and access to the recordings is available via the web. It is proposed that filming of Licencing, Scrutiny and potentially other committees will also take place in the future. Channel Four is filming a Planning Committee Meeting regarding a specific planning application.
 - (b) **Town & Council Forum 05 10 06:** NL reported that he had attended the **YOUTH SERVICES** and **PARISH PLANS** workshops. The Youth Services workshop tended to be advisory. Youth services in Oxfordshire had been given an "excellent" score by Ofsted who said they were severely under-funded. CV said that Sonning Common had a part-time Youth Officer. The Parish Plans workshop was under-subscribed but NL felt that the drawing up of a Parish Plan for Peppard would be advantageous. It was RESOLVED THAT NL attend a

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further workshop on 14 10 06 and that the production of a Parish Plan should be pursued. PH said that Parish Plans were referred to in conjunction with County Council and District Council Plans in Planning issues. NL said the new Council chamber was most impressive and a big effort had been made by SODC in conducting the forum. It was mentioned that Girl Guides had been started up in Peppard.

5. OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:
(a) County Councillor's Report:

Oxfordshire County Councils emergency planners have been awarded the Charter Mark for customer service this week. Charter Mark is the government's national standard for excellence in customer service. Most of the emergency planners' work is with internal and external professional partners in the county council, district councils, the emergency services, voluntary agencies and the Lieutenancy Office. Emergency planning is a multi-agency effort and without the support and assistance of a full range of organisations like the Ministry of Defence and voluntary agencies such as the WRVS (Women's Royal Voluntary Service), the WI (Women's Institute) and the RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals); their successful management of major incidents would be very difficult

Family Learning Week in Oxfordshire has grown this year from one week to three – giving families across the county more opportunities to discover something new together. Between October 7 and 29 there will be events, drop-ins and courses in schools, libraries, museums and galleries, as well as family, garden and sports centres. Puppet-making, recycled art, story time, Egyptian fun and science with chocolate are just a few of the events on offer from Oxfordshire County Council and its partners. Media representatives are invited to attend any of the events to take photos – please visit the website for details: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/familylearningweeks. It's all part of a national campaign run every year by the Campaign for Learning. For a full programme of events check out the county council's website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/familylearningweeks and the national website: www.family.learningweek.com. Or ring the national information line 0800 100 900.

Common sense road changes in Watlington to help the town's firefighters. Changes to road layouts in Gorwell, Watlington have been agreed so that firefighters can reach incidents more quickly. Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service and Watlington Parish Council had asked transport managers for the existing one-way arrangement on Gorwell in Watlington to be removed between the junctions of Brook Street and Old School Place. Watlington Fire Station is operated by part-time firefighters. They are volunteers from the community who have other occupations. They respond to incidents when they are required.

People asked for views on one-way traffic suggestion for Mill Lane, Wallingford. People in Wallingford are being asked for their views on an Oxfordshire Highways proposal to make Mill Lane in the town one-way traffic only. If the proposal goes ahead one-way traffic would apply from Mill Lane's junction with St Mary's Street to its junction with Goldsmith's Lane. The plan is aimed at increasing road safety and preventing the buildings on each side of Mill Lane being damaged by traffic levels. Buildings on the south side of the road are listed and the road is in a conservation area. The deadline for comments to be received by the County Council is October 31. Responses should be sent to Brian Short, Area Engineer, Oxfordshire County Council, Milton Road, Drayton, OX14 4EZ

New short-term parking for Henley town centre. Additional short-term parking space has been created for motorists on the north side of Market Place in Henley. Oxfordshire County Council's

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cabinet member for transport, Cllr David Robertson, today approved a plan to remove Police parking bays. They will be replaced by a 'Waiting limited to 20 minutes, no return within 40 minutes from 8am to 6pm' parking arrangement for the general public. The Police station that the bays had originally served has now moved to Greys Road. Cllr David Robertson, Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for transport, said it seemed to be a common sense move. Additional short stay parking will encourage additional visitors and promote the town's economy

Five children and a further four adults lost their lives in Oxfordshire last year in accidents where non-seat belt wearing was a contributory factor. The shocking figure has been revealed as part of an Oxfordshire County Council analysis of last year's accident statistics. As widely reported in the media recently, 40 people were killed, 299 seriously injured and 2,500 slightly injured in accidents during 2005. The figures represent a slight increase in fatalities with decreases in injury accidents. Oxfordshire compares well with national trends. All of the facts and figures are included in the county council's annual Casualty Report and Road Safety Plan. A user-friendly 'Traffic Accidents' leaflet has been produced detailing who gets injured and why.

6. MISCELLANEOUS:

(a) SEERA: Consultation by 13/10: Partial Review of the Draft S.E. Plan: Provision for Gypsy & Traveller Caravan Sites (GP): GP reported that he had responded to the consultation and was very scathing about the process and number of consultees involved in the accommodation of approx. 750 caravans out of approx. 2,800 caravans in the south east that had still not been accommodated on authorized sites.

(b) Planning Committee Minutes to be received and signed: Postponed until November 06 meeting.

(c) A new Legal Duty: Protecting wildlife for the future: The Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act came into force 01 10 06. Amongst other things, this new piece of legislation introduced a duty which requires "public authorities" to have regard to the conservation of biodiversity. It was RESOLVED THAT the duty should be taken seriously particularly with regard to Planning and to be incorporated into a Parish Plan if one was produced (4b above). TM to circularise the members with the relevant document.

TM

(d) Insurance Inspections Reminder: Logs received from JC (who had recently repaired Church Lane notice board), CP and TM. Action points: holes in C.O. and possibly dead Acer, rubbish around pitch. Bench far side of pitch by litter bin to be attended to. Smoke detector in Pavilion kitchen not working. Pavilion outside lights not working.

Action: CP/IE Carlings Orchard (check Acer in Spring as leaves may have be damaged only by excessive summer heat according to SODC Forestry), BM pitch rubbish, GP/JC bench, GP/TM/JC outside lights, GP/TM/JC/VK smoke detector.

(e) Laying of wreath – Remembrance Sunday 12 11 06: RESOLVED THAT TM lay wreath at Peppard church and that RPPC pay for wreath (£13). RESOLVED THAT TM/NL arrange laying of wreath at the Sports Pavilion in memory of the Second World War dead in Summer 2007.

7. FINANCE:

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(b) Accounts to 30 09 06: Postponed until November 06 meeting. BM reported that Bye-election in June 06 had cost £719.70.

(c) Subs/donations: None.

8. PAVILION:

(a) Kitchen Refurbishment: VK to update with 3 quotes at Nov 06 meeting. VK to liaise with NW over project.

9. POLICE:

(a) Representative's Report: Crime statistics:

	Burglary dwelling	Burglary nondwelling	Autocrime	Criminal Damage	Theft	Other	Total
2005/06 July-Sept	0	2	0	1	7	6	16
2006/07 July – Sept	0	1	1	0	4	1	7

(b) Briefing on collaboration opportunities with T.V. Police 21/9 (GM): GM unable to attend due to recovering from operation.

10. COMMONS:

(a) Representative's Report: In Nigel Wooding's absence, TM reported that Thames Water had been working such a long time at Kingwood Common laying a new main because the original route they had intended to use had been discarded because of practical problems and because it was more costly than the revised route. The unsatisfactory location of the repositioned post box had been taken up with Thames Water. The Annual Friends' Meeting will take place at Highmoor Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 18 Oct 2006. "Chrissie's Owls" will be coming along to talk about owls, with some owls on display.

11. VERGES, FOOTPATHS AND OPEN SPACES:

(a) Representative's Report: Nothing to report.

12. CARLINGS ORCHARD:

(a) Representative's Report: Nothing reported. It was RESOLVED THAT following ex councillor Edward Brooker's offer to supply and plant broadleaf trees in Carlings Orchard, that two be planted, with siting and species to be agreed upon by IE and CP.

13. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Parish Plan and NERC Act on Nov 06 Agenda.

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes thereof:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS Tick if in attendance

Nigel Wooding (Chairman)	x
Geoffrey Pitcher (Chaired the Meeting)	√
Cherry Postlethwaite	√
Jamie Corrie	√
Ilse Eve	√
Vivienne Kemp	√

APOLOGIES

<u>Name of member</u>	<u>Reason for non-attendance</u>
Nigel Wooding	Away on business

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Names of members of the public present

Application Interest

NONE PRESENT	

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DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS
(member must leave the room whilst the application to which a prejudicial interest relates is being discussed by the other members)

COMMITTEE MEMBER	APPLIC. REF.	INTEREST(s) DECLARED	PERSON -AL	PREJUD -ICIAL	MEMBER LEFT ROOM
		NONE DECLARED	√	√	√

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	RPPC RESOLUTION
P06/E0947 11 GRANGE AVE	ERECTION OF BOUNDARY FENCE, ENTRANCE GATES AND RE-LOCATION OF OIL STORAGE TANK	NO STRONG VIEWS

MEETING ENDED AT 9.37 PM