

Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council Policy regarding Unauthorised signs

The Rotherfield Parish Council is concerned to maintain the attractiveness of the village and to ensure that unauthorised signs along the highway do not detract from this. They are also concerned about the safety of the vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians and other users of our highways.

Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council will ask the owners of all unauthorised signs to remove the signs. If this request is ignored for a period of 7 days, the Parish Council will ask Oxfordshire County Council to use their power to remove them. Where no contact details are provided on the illegal signage, and the sign has been in place for more than 7 days, the Parish Council will remove the sign and place a note on the website stating where the sign can be collected from. Unclaimed signs will be destroyed if not collected for a period of 7 days, following the details being placed on the web.

Note : Oxfordshire County Council has powers to remove unauthorised signs and structures from the highway and charge the owner for this and storage¹. These powers have been delegated to Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council.²

Obtaining authorisation:

Please refer to the document “Steps to determine whether a sign/notice board has the correct permission.”

For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk.

¹ Highways Act 1980 states inter alia that the Highway Authority, Oxfordshire County Council, may remove any picture, letter, sign or other mark which has, without consent or authorisation or an enactment, been painted or inscribed or fixed on the highway or on any tree, structure or works on or in the highway. Ref sections 130, 132, 143

² Being confirmed with OCC – 19th October 2015.