

# **DRAFT Rotherfield Greys Annual Parish Meeting**

## **7.30pm on Monday 11th May 2026**

### **PRESENT:**

Nick Digby (Chair, ND), John Hill (Cllr, JH), Nicola Whittle (Cllr, NW), Richard Ovey (Cllr, RO), Annette Young (clerk), Gill Franklin - Chiltern Society, Stefan Gawrysiak (OCC Cllr, SG), Jo Robb (SODC Cllr, JR), Members of the public – 6

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Susan Hems (Cllr, SH)

**2. MEMBER'S OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS** - None

**3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM 12TH MAY 2025**

The minutes were agreed to be an accurate and true record and were signed by the Chair.

The order was moved around to allow JR leave for another Parish Meeting.

**4. OXFORDSHIRE COUNCIL COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL AND GENERAL REPORT**

SG gave his first report as OCC representing Rotherfield Greys. SG gave details of work he has been involved in during the last year, including saving the Henley Fire Station, arranging a new site for the Breast Screening Mobile Unit and working to introduce traffic-calming measures in the village. Full report on the [website here](#).

**5. SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL AND GENERAL REPORT**

JR report highlighted Leadership Changes at the District Council, the Government's expected decision on the future Unitary Authorities. Also, the Joint Local Plan will be replaced by new national Planning legislation. JR also expressed the importance of Neighbourhood Plans and mentioned the recent refusal of a planning application to build 70 houses on Reading Golf Course. Kidmore End Neighbourhood Plan was instrumental in the decision-making process. JR recommends that Rotherfield Greys consider a NHP, which gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their area. Local issues covered in the Parish Council Minutes including a Planning Presentation by Suzanne Scott regarding Greys Meadow Studio. Full Annual Report [here](#).

**6. HENLEY MUNICIPAL CHARITIES ANNUAL REPORT**

JR is the Nominative Trustee and explained the work of the Charity. Rotherfield Greys is in the qualifying area and last year one house became available, which has now been filled. A trustee vacancy is available and for future information, please contact [clerk@rotherfieldgreysparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@rotherfieldgreysparishcouncil.gov.uk) Full report [here](#).

**7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26**

ND gave thanks to the current Parish Councillors Richard Ovey, John Hill, Nicola Whittle and Susan Hems who is unable to attend today. Also to our Parish Clerk, Annette Young and thanks to our elected representatives, Cllr Stefan Gawrysiak on Oxford County Council and on South Oxfordshire District Council, Councillors Jo Robb and James Norman. ND report also covers War Memorial and Roads. Full Chair report on website [here](#).

**8. CHILTERN SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT** - [See separate Report](#).

**9. VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT**

Rae Ward, Chair reported that another year has passed without any major problems or changes at the Hall. The hall continues to be well-used and mentioned the importance of the current Caretakers, Mary and Alex Angell. Anyone wishing to hire the Hall, should contact Mary direct on 01491-628552. [Full report here](#).

**10. ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT**

ND read a summary of activities during the past year. This included details of Pastoral visits, Bible Study Group and Andrea's Cafe. Updates are sent by the Benefice Office weekly. Full report and Annual Report [here](#).

**11. CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL REPORT**

Full report on website [here](#). Link to Fixture list [here](#).

**10. OPEN FORUM.** No further comments.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm