

Chair's Annual Report 2025-26

Thanks to the current Parish Councillors who are all present, Richard Ovey, John Hill, Rob Hadfield, Susan Hems and our Parish Clerk, Annette Young. Also due thanks are our elected representatives, Cllr Stefan Gawrysiak on Oxford County Council and on South Oxfordshire District Council, Councillors Jo Robb.

Planning Applications

27 received during the year 2024/25

9 building control applications

Highlands Park

The further expansion of Highlands Park continues to be a concern. It is clearly generating increased levels of traffic that passing through our village.

Remembrance Sunday

The 107th Remembrance was marked with wreath laying at the War Memorial. Some minor changes to the planting round the memorial was commissioned and funded by the Parish Council

The Village Fete

The fete returned successfully in 2025 but will take a break in 2026. It may become a biennial event. A village gathering is being organised in its place by the "Fete" Committee.

Finance

Our finances remain on a sound footing, with a healthy balance in excess of £25,000.

Charities

The parish council continues to support local and community charities. We made a variety of charity donations totalling over £2000.

Traffic Calming

The volume and speed of the traffic on all roads through the village is an ongoing concern to many residents. The two 20MPH zones in the village have perhaps helped a little. We had a meeting with OCC roads officers with Stefan that we hope will result in a scheme to slow traffic on the road that includes the corner past the church and The Maltster's Arms. There is also the 20 MPH zone on the back lane that passes Shepherd's Green.

Village Litter Pick

The annual village litter pick took place again in March. Thanks are due to Graham and Jo Duncan for organising it and providing tea and cakes afterwards.

Defibrillators

Millie's Dreams continue to maintain the two defibrillators in the village, at the Village Hall and The Maltster's Arms. The PC charge is treated as a donation.

Parish Neighbourhood Plan

An initial meeting took place to take steps towards creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Rotherfield Greys. I hope a sub-committee will be formed and we can make good progress towards creating and adopting our Plan over the coming year that will lay out what areas of the Parish the community values and give the Parish a stronger hand in the planning process.

Nick Digby
Chair – RGPC