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ABRIDGED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF ROTHERWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM TUESDAY 27th MARCH 2018 IN THE ROTHERWICK VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT - Cllrs Hugh Radesk (Chairman), Lucy Bardwell, Will Craven, David Dibbin & Daniel Margetson

APOLOGIES - Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Burrige, Cllr Rob Leeson (District Councillor) & Cllr Jonathan Glen (County Councillor).

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES - **Proposal** - Cllr Bardwell proposed that the minutes 131/17 to 143/17 are accepted as a true record of the Council meeting held on the 27th February 2018. Cllr Margetson seconded the motion. **It was RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign the minutes.

Proposal - Cllr Bardwell proposed that the minutes 144/17 to 147/17 are accepted as a true record of the EGM held on the 6th March 2018. Cllr Craven seconded the motion. **It was RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign the minutes.

FINANCES - It was **AGREED** to approve the payments on account as presented within Appendix One, below.

Name	£ Total	Details
Cordio	389.98	Balmoral Teach Bench 6ft.
Rotherwick P Council	10,000.00	Transfer funds from Current A/C to Business Reserve A/C
Mrs S Richardson	65.47	Expenses printer cartridges, travel to Eastleigh
Rotherwick ViHall	12.00	Annual electricity costs associated with the defibrillator
JRB Enterprises Ltd	39.30	800 Dog Gloves (dispenser refill waste bags)
Buckland Farming & Contracting	180.00	Tree work at Lyde Green
Free Drains Servs Ltd.	216.00	CCTV Inspection of Foul Drain at the Pavilion

Payments not previously motioned:-

It was **AGREED** that the purchase of 800 standard dog gloves (Dispenser refill waste bags) authorised by the Clerk & Chairman as per RPC Standing Orders, Section 4.1 was, acceptable.

Payment was **APPROVED** to Buckland Farming & Contracting in the sum of £180.00 as Cllr Bardwell confirmed this related to outstanding, end of 2016,

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 18th April

Parish Council Annual Village Meeting

Monday 23rd April

Bags 2 School collection

Thursday 3rd May

Village Lunch at the Coach & Horses

Saturday 16th-23rd June

Winchfield Music Festival

ROTHERWICK CHURCH

SERVICES

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Sunday 10th June

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10:30 Family

Praise

17:00 Evensong

Sunday 13th May

08:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Family Praise

17:00 Evensong



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rotherwicknews@yahoo.co.uk by 1st of the month or drop off typed, handwritten or artistic items to Church Cottage, The Street.

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Event organisers should bear in mind delivery date is approximately 15th of the month.

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works at Lyde Green.

Payment was APPROVED to Free Drains Services Limited in the sum of £216.00 in respect of CCTV inspection of the foul drains at the Pavilion. The final charge was higher than anticipated due to an alternative contractor being sought and on-site conditions for equipment transfer.

All Councillors are reminded of their obligations to act within the Parish Council's adopted Codes of Conduct, Standing Orders & Financial Regulations.

PLANNING

18/00013/HOU Willowbank, The Street, Rotherwick, RG27 9BL - for change in proposed materials for orangery from UPVC to aluminium. The Parish Council's resolution to object to the planning application remains.

18/00483/HOU Corner Cottage, Hook Road, Rotherwick RG27 9BY - for replacement of garage door, will be painted the same colour of existing garage door. It was RESOLVED to offer no objection to this Planning Application.

18/00444 2 Dairy Farm Cottages, Ridge Lane, Rotherwick, RG27 9AX - for provision of a new external staircase to serve existing room over garage. It was RESOLVED to offer no objection to this Planning Application.

18/00576/HOU 1 Bunkers Hill Farm Cottage, Reading Road, Rotherwick, RG27 9DA - for demolition of existing wooden garage and erection of a car garage workshop. It was AGREED to investigate whether an appropriate policy exists on which to object, relating to development in the countryside, due to the increase in size of the proposed replacement building. Cllr Margetson to formulate a response and circulate to all councillors prior to submission by the Clerk.

PROPOSALS & RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL - Cllr Margetson proposed that, the quotation from Cedars Property Maintenance for £960 to repair the Duck House and fit with a new cedar shingle roof be accepted. Cllr Dibbin seconded the motion. It was Resolved that the order be placed.

It was AGREED that the Pavilion quotations for replacement of the veranda and main room flooring require further clarity.

It was RESOLVED to purchase 6 strainer posts at a cost of circa. £75.00 gross to replace any damaged Dragon's Teeth around the village.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the Freedom of Information Policy circulated with two slight expansions.

ADMINISTRATION

Annual Village Meeting - It was AGREED that Cllr Bardwell would purchase some food and drink, as in previous years. The Annual Village Meeting will start at 7.00 p.m. and the Parish Council Meeting will follow.

Parish Council Meeting dates to end of 2018 - It was AGREED to accept the

dates previously circulated. Clerk to book the RVH and upload the dates to the Parish Council website.

Team Up Shared Calendar - It was AGREED to postpone a final decision on the Shared Calendar until Cllr Bardwell & the Clerk had sought some IT guidance.

Task List - It was AGREED to postpone a final decision on the location of the Task Lists i.e. Excel spreadsheet (with individual tabs) or within the Shared Calendar as 156/17(iii) above.

Internal Auditors Report - It was AGREED that everyone had now received a copy of the Internal Auditor's Report.

Rotherwick News - Questions, via social media, have been raised regarding the debate of publishing hard copies or an online copy of the monthly magazine. The Council felt that, at the time of Grant Application, due diligence was undertaken, printing costs were significantly reduced and the decision to offer financial support for a further two years was taken. It was AGREED that no further action was required.

PAVILION & PLAYING FIELDS

Inspection - Saturday, 25th March 2018 all equipment was checked with no identified problems or concerns noted. When the weather allows the cleaning of the algae from the playground surface will be done.

ITW Cricket Club - (a) It was RESOLVED to offer a 3 year contract (2018, 2019 & 2020). An increase, in rental charges, due to the increase in maintenance costs and renovation works. The Contract runs from 1st of May to 31st August. (b) It was AGREED that we can accommodate the ITW Cricket Club's request to host a game at the end of April, weekend of the 28th - 29th. (c) It was AGREED to seek quotations for the toilets and kitchen areas. These areas are tired and require some attention.

It was AGREED that before any new Contract could be issued, Cllr Craven would liaise with the Club regarding the removal of rubbish and machinery around the container and pavilion building. Once this has been undertaken the Clerk will issue the Contract.

Ground Maintenance Tender 2018 - A tender has been received for this year's grass maintenance at the Playing Fields. As it was not 'like for like' to last year in relation to services and showed quite a substantial increase It was AGREED that the Clerk would investigate further. Two alternative quotations have also been sought for best practice.

VAT Registration - The Clerk had circulated, to all, a paper outlining the financial limitations for VAT reclaim against exempt earnings under our current VAT utilisation vehicle S126. It was AGREED not to seek professional VAT advice at the present time.



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Inspection - It was noted and recorded that the last inspection was carried out on the 27th March with no additional action requirements being identified. Andy Frost has confirmed that he will attend site to look at the Grasshopper Bench as previously discussed at the February meeting.

Quad Bike/Trail Bike Access - It was AGREED to erect a circa. 10 metre post & rail fence at the site where quad bike access is evidenced. The Parish Council are saddened to see damage being caused to the pathways, created by many volunteers, during the project as well as to the natural vegetation within our historic woodland, Hudson Copse.

Pedestrian Footpath - It was AGREED that the quotation obtained required further understanding. This will be sought and brought back to Council.

Woodland Grant - It was AGREED that, for the present time any applications would be deferred until more time could be afforded. The process is complicated and requires additional maps etc.

VILLAGE AMENITIES

Inspection - It was noted that the Defibrillator, is in good working order. It was AGREED that the condensation being experienced within the main cabinet was not a concern to the functioning of the equipment.

Dog Warden Visits - The Dog Warden has been seen once in the village. One more visit falls due before the 31st March year end.

NEXT MEETNG - Wednesday 18th April 2018, Rotherwick Village Hall, The Street, Rotherwick, RG27 9GB. Annual Village Meeting to commence at 7.00 p.m. followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 8.30 p.m.

The Parish Council meet in the Conference Room of Rotherwick Village Hall at 7.30pm and all residents and press are welcome. The Agenda is published on the Noticeboards around the village and on the website (www.rotherwick.org.uk) three days prior the next meeting date. The full list of meeting dates can be found on the Parish website.

A copy of the full minutes is available on the website, village noticeboards or by emailing clerk@rotherwick.org.uk

If you have topics of interest or concern you would like to raise with the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk, Susan Richardson, in the first instance, on 01252 842842 or clerk@rotherwick.org.uk

ROTHERWICK ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 2018

Rotherwick Parish Council would like to invite all residents for wine and nibbles on Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

This is an opportunity to meet and mingle with your local Council and residents alike, as well as finding out what has been going on in your community during the last 12 months together with future projects.

You will also have a chance to raise any concerns or issues you may have in a more casual setting without the constraints of formal Parish Council meeting.

Accordingly, we hope you are able to join us.

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An interesting example of the Gruner Veltliner grape which is deservedly appearing more often in our shops but is usually associated with Austria. After the interval the red wines were eagerly awaited and did not disappoint. Richard was very enthusiastic about the Barbera grape and its place among other better known Italian grapes. This example Coriole Vineyards Barbera 2014 McLaren Vale, 14.0% abv (£15.95) stood its ground. It was rounded and full with strong red fruit flavours. He highlighted the slightly "austere note" that is present on the nose of "Italian" wines. A more mellow wine, The Pawn Wine Co. "The Gambit" Sangiovese 2013, Adelaide Hills, 14.5% abv. (£17.30) followed. Its pinky/red colour showed some sign of ageing. It delivered a rich fruitiness with perfumes of violet and sour cherries and gentle earthy tones. The next wine, Trentham The Family Nero d'Avola 2015, Murray Darling 13.5% abv (£12.50) gave rich brambly flavours but with smoothness and balanced acidity /tannins. This wine would be a great accompaniment for rich meat dishes. The thin skin of the Nebbiolo grape produced a lighter coloured wine in the last wine, Trentham The Family Nebbiolo 2015, Murray Darling, 13.5% abv (£12.50). This was delicious and well balanced with black and red fruit notes on the nose and palate and subtle oak influence.

Thank you to Richard for bringing such delicious well chosen wines. It was a very intriguing evening to look at so many Italian grapes featuring on Australian wine labels. It was interesting to see how the growers are branching out, using different grapes and developing new wines with such good results. The use of a screen with photo images and notes really helped to outline the recent history of Australian wine and production. Most of all it was great to see photos of the vineyards where the wines were produced and the generations of families who were working on their production.

Whitewater Valley Wine Society normally meets on the second Wednesday of every month, at The Raven Hotel, 7.45 for an 8.00 pm start. Further details are available from the current Chairperson, Margaret Steer [margaret.steer1@gmail.com] or from the Secretary, Keith Cooper on 07976272822 or from our website www.whitewaterwine.org.uk. Our next meeting, on Wednesday 11th April 2018 will be a tasting of Winecosting between £10-£15, with Robert Boutflower from Tanners. Please contact the Secretary should you wish to attend.



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March was a disappointing month for Hook and Odiham RFC – in more ways than one for England supporters amongst the team! Our home game against Isle of Wight 2nd XV had to be cancelled on 3 March due to the Beast of the East, while our league fixture away to Tottonians 3rd XV on 24 March was cancelled as they were unable to field a side. Although this meant we played no league rugby in the month, we did play a friendly away to Alresford 2nd XV who currently sit mid-table in the league above and recorded a satisfying 7-79 victory.

At time of writing we start April third in the league, equal on points with second place Kingsclere and with one game in hand compared to league leaders Farnborough 2nds. We're looking forward to a busy month with three home fixtures which we hope to play in supporter friendly spring weather and with a good chance of topping the league.

7 April v Kingsclere

14 April v Locksheath Pumas 2nd XV

21 April v Fawley 2nd XV

To see how we got on or how else you can get involved with your local rugby team in 2018 please go to hookandodihamrfc.co.uk or email enquiries@hookandodihamrfc.co.uk.

With thanks for all your support.

WHITEWATER VALLEY WINE SOCIETY

March 2018 Tasting

'Alternative Australia'

Presented by Richard Bost of Amethyst Wines

To present this month's tasting, we welcomed back Richard Bost of Amethyst Wine, who has become one of our favourite speakers. Richard is a leading provider of Wine Education Services in the UK and he is qualified to the Wine & Spirit Education Trust Diploma level. He's absolutely passionate about wine and his knowledge of wine stretches back over 40 years. On previous visits, Richard has brought us splendid tastings of really interesting wines.

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URGENT NOTICE – PLASTIC OVERLOAD

As a doting grandmother I find it more and more worrying that my children and grandchildren are facing a world with a totally polluted ocean.

Marine life is endangered, often suffocating in plastic bags or being strangled by strips of plastic. All plastic does not degrade and disappear; it just breaks down into micro beads. This is then ingested by marine life and ends up in the food that we eat. Every bit of plastic ever produced is still on our planet and we are adding more and more to it every day.

Next time you are in a supermarket, take a look at the shelves and see how much is stored in plastic and think to yourself, where is all this going to end up? Also check out the pictures of plastic islands floating in the Pacific Ocean. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is twice the size of France [ecodaily.org]

The time has come to make a change, so here are a few tips:-

If you visit the organic shop in Hartley Wintney you will be able to refill your old containers with all manner of household products, including washing up liquid, laundry liquid and fabric conditioner, all purpose surface cleaner, hand soap, shampoo and hair conditioner.

There are many other ways to cut down on plastic at the organic shop such as compostable coffee cups and pods and beeswax based cling film that can be cleaned and is also compostable. Also bottle tops can be collected up and they will get them recycled.

If at present you buy washing machine pods in a plastic tub, perhaps you could consider changing back to powder. This could be decanted into your old plastic container once it is empty of pods and a top from an old conditioner bottle can be used as a measure.

Green compostable rubbish bags can be found in supermarkets or online.

If you take your old carrier bags for recycling at your supermarket, don't forget that all bags with the widely recycled logo can be tied into one bag and some local authorities will also take bubble wrap.

ROTHERWICK ITW

Cricket Club 2018 Fixtures

Sun 22nd Apr	Home	Hook & Odiham Rugby Club	Friendly
Wed 2nd May	Away	Sherfield-on-Loddon	M League
Sat 5th May	Home	Crown Taverners	Hants League
Wed 9th May	Away	Aldermaston Rugby	M League
Sat 12th May	Away	Holybourne	H League
Wed 16th May	Away	Old Basing	M League
Sat 19th May	Home	Old Basing 3rds	H League
Wed 23rd May	Home	Chineham Barbarians	M League
Sat 26th May	Away	St Cross Symondians 4ths	H League
Sat 2nd Jun	Home	Oakley 2nds	H League
Wed 6th Jun	Home	Development Group	M League
Sat 9th Jun	Away	Hook & Newnham Basics 4ths	H League
Wed 13th Jun	Home	Sherfield-on-Loddon	M League
Sat 16th Jun	Home	Sporting Wessex	H League
Wed 20th Jun	Home	Aldermaston Rugby	M League
Sat 23rd Jun	Home	Odiham & Greywell 2nds	H League
Sun 24th Jun	Home	Coach & Horses XI	Friendly
Wed 27th Jun	Home	Old Basing	M League
Sat 30th Jun	Away	Ropley 2nds	H League
Wed 4th Jul	Away	Chineham Barbarians	M League
Sat 7th Jul	Away	Petersfield 2nds	H League
Wed 11th Jul	Away	Development Group	M League
Sat 14th Jul	Home	St Mary's	H League
Sat 21st Jul	Away	Colden Common & Otterbourne	HL
Sat 28th Jul	Home	Overton 2nds	H League
Sat 4th Aug	Away	Kingsclere	H League
Sat 11th Aug	Home	Easton & Martyr Worthy 3rds	HL
Sat 18th Aug	Away	Sherfield-on-Loddon	H League
Sat 25th Aug	Away	Hartley Wintney 3rds	H League

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This month he introduced members to varietals which are new to Australia including Verdelho, Chenin Blanc, Gruner Veltliner, Barbera, Nebbiolo and many

other less familiar grape varieties which are grabbing the attention of critics, sommeliers and wine drinkers around the world.

All four white wines were universally well received by our members. They were sourced broadly from areas east and south of Adelaide.. The first wine Trentham Estate River Retreat Pinot Grigio 2016, Murray Darling, 12.0% abv (£9.30). made from night picked grapes had a cool, light freshness with grassy, lemony notes. A slight oiliness on the palate delivered peach and apricot fruitiness. The second wine .Bremerton Mollie & Merle Verdelho 2017, Langhorne Creek, 12.0% abv . (£14.50) was also light and fresh in the glass and on the nose but was more rich and long on the palate. White and citrus fruits were rich and strong. This wine had good keeping potential. The third wine Coriole Vineyards Chenin Blanc 2016, McLaren Vale, 12.5% abv (£11.99) was off dry but the honeyed notes and chalky minerality produced a fruity ,well rounded wine . This wine could develop further. The delicious Pike & Joyce "Separe" Gruner Veltliner 2015, Adelaide Hills, 12.5%, (£18.50) followed .It had a distinctive white fruit ,apple and pear perfume (with a hint of rhubarb) on the nose. It was long and fruity on the palate.

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Try to buy drinks in cans or glass bottles. One-use plastic bottles seem to be the worst offenders.

Many vegetables don't need to be in a plastic bag. If just buying a few just take them loose. [Why oh why does a cucumber have to be in a plastic wrap!]

If you like takeaway food but it comes in a plastic container, ask if they provide foil containers. Our favourite takeaway restaurant prefers to use plastic but they will reuse washed containers that I take back with me.

If you are a blood donor, you could take your own drink container with you instead of using one cup for water and another afterwards for squash. With two used per person think how many plastic cups are thrown away per session.

Finally, a few hurrahs for our local suppliers. Of course the Organic Shop in Hartley Wintney is doing a fantastic job and I'd also like to mention some others.

Hook pet shop is starting to sell garden birdseed in a paper sack and the fat balls for birds are in a cardboard box instead of plastic tubs.

Lyde Green Farm have a vending machine for full cream milk where you can reuse your milk containers. They also sell potatoes in paper sacks [great potatoes may I say] and you can reuse your own boxes if you buy your eggs there.

Last but not least, the Coach and Horses pub is now using paper straws. Well, every little helps as they say.

Hopefully we can all do our bit to ensure a future with a cleaner ocean for our children and grandchildren.

If you would like to read more about the steps we can take, please read *The Practical Step-by-Step Guide to Avoiding Plastic To Keep Your Planet Healthy* by Chantal Plamondon and Jay Sinha, published by Page Street Publishing.

Linda Clarke

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Annual Village Litter Pick

More than 40 noble people came out to do the Rotherwick Village litter pick on 17th March in the Snow with O^oCon the thermometer. They included members of Whitewater School's Eco Council and a couple from Dumfries and Galloway.



Great camaraderie saw all roads, playing fields and footpaths cleared of rubbish, notable finds included a car bumper, number plate, vacuum cleaner, camping equipment and a toy likely to have been brought from Anne Summers.

We deferred the litter picking in Post Horn Lane and Frog Lane until the following weekend due to conditions. Thank you to all who volunteered including the refreshment team.

Rotherwick Parish Council