

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held on Monday 23rd April 2018 at The Scout Hut from 7.45pm.

Meeting of the Recreation Ground Charities & Allotment for the Labouring Poor Charity

010/18 Recreation Ground

The playground will have its monthly inspection this week. It will continue to have an inspection every month.

011/18 Allotments

There are a number of plots available and these are advertised. Two new tenants have been found. Others will be sought. **(Clerk to Action)**

012/18 Public Forum No questions

The meeting of the Parish Council

Present Cllr P Rollason, Cllr L Ransom, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr G Englefield, Cllr H Lacey, Cllr K Maher, Cllr P Harrison (SODC) and Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC). Ernie Povey, Katie Martin, Roger Roberts, Robert Davis, Norman Lane and Barney Double.

050/18 Apologies for absence None

051/18 Declarations of Interest None

052/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th March 2018 Cllr

Summerland proposed the minutes be adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr Ransom. All agreed.

053/18 Matters Arising None, other than those already on the agenda.

054/18 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew reported that a) a deal has been signed with the govt to deliver £215 m for transport infrastructure and affordable housing. The first release of £30m will be used for major improvements but investment will help improve the overall standard of the road network b) Two govt bids for housing infrastructure for Didcot Garden Town and West Oxfordshire Garden Village have progressed to the co-development stage. If finally successful this would fund transport improvement around Didcot and to the A40 and support the development of new homes in those areas c) Oxfordshire County Councillors have a 15k budget to allocate to community or Highway projects in their parishes. BHPC has £1000 to match and cover £2000 of Highways works d) the OCC Adult Social Care Team is running a campaign to raise awareness of the Live Well Oxfordshire website. Details are at:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell e) Govt money has been allocated for pothole repairs.

Oxfordshire is to spend 3m on around 7 million potholes f) the quarrying at Caversham is fully in progress. Construction of the new junction with the A4155 should begin in May with one-way traffic and traffic lights. Back-filling is likely to commence next year g) all the cables to the broadband cabinet opposite the Bottle & Glass have been checked and the network is exceptionally dilapidated. The road closure will continue. Completion is estimated at the end of May but not guaranteed h) he has assisted the Bottle & Glass with administrative complications relating to their application for brown signs h) the pothole in Memorial Avenue was repaired within 24h. Cllr Bartholomew is liaising for further repairs to this road.

055/18 District Councillor's report Cllr Harrison sent a report that a) Jan Murphy is the new leader of the District Council with Felix Bloomfield as Deputy and planning responsibility b) new Service Managers have been appointed c) new regulations mean that all councils must intervene to offer meaningful assistance to the homeless. In South and Vale homelessness has fallen by 44% in contrast to 19% nationally d) the National Planning Policy Framework is being updated. Responses need to be in by 10th May e) Safe Places have been set up in Wallingford. Didcot and now Henley for people to go if they feel threatened, lost or worried f) the first draw on the SO lottery takes place 28th April. For every £1, 60p goes to good causes g) the Gallagher's appeal for 90 houses in Kennylands Road started 10th April h) SODC land supply now stands at 4.1. It will be updated but is not sure it can be the number required by the time the Gladman inquiry starts i) there has been no approach so

far to SODC regarding Reading Golf Course j) performance regarding Enforcement cases has improved significantly this month k) SODC is looking at its sport and leisure facilities and wishes to hear from those who use them now and, in the future, so that necessary provision can be made. Feedback can be made until May 7th at: <https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/Leisure2033/> Some facilities are already identified as lacking l) anyone who wants to sign up to the council's garden waste collection service, go to the website www.south.oxon.gov.uk/gardenwaste m) a man has been fined more than £1600 for illegal dumping.

There was discussion about the Local Plan and lack of a 5-year plan. Cllr Harrison explained that 2 potential development sites had caused the problem. There is a full Council meeting mid-May to discuss the Local Plan that developers claim as unsound. It will be another 2 years before the Local Plan is complete. Unmet needs in OCC were pushed into South Oxfordshire & other areas and it is possible to push some of these numbers back. The NPPF is out for consultation. Cllr Harrison was asked if it was worth producing a Neighbourhood Plan. The reply was positive. It is still recommended as protection as is the 5-year land supply, the National Trust and the AONB.

056/18 Public Forum/Correspondence

Mr Ernie Povey informed the PC of the date for a party on September 9th in the grounds of the Shiplake Memorial Hall. A donation was requested. He was asked to send an e-mail to the Clerk.

Ernie Povey is a trained person, a superuser, to help with the local issues on Fix my Street. A letter from Shiplake School asking for financial support had been received. After discussion Cllr Ransom proposed that a donation of £500 was made to the school as a considerable number of village children attend. Cllr Summerland seconded the proposal. All agreed. **(Clerk to Action)**

057/18 Financial Situation

057.01/18 The financial position was circulated.

057.02/18 The April accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £719.72 were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Summerland. **(Clerk to Action)**

057.03/18 Councillor expenses: None this month.

057.04/18 There is >£2000 of CIL money due to the PC and it was decided to leave the money with the Council for the present as it is for specific projects. It will be withdrawn when required. **(Clerk to Action)**

058/18 Planning Matters

New Applications

P18/S1116/HH Extension of one garage bay to existing double garage, and addition of entrance gates facing highway. Oakleigh Dunsden Way Binfield Heath RG9 4LE

The Parish Council decided that it had to recommend refusal of this application and will forward a response. **(Clerk to Action)**

Applications Granted

P18/SO271/FUL Removal of existing satellite dishes, to be replaced with new and additional satellite dishes within existing antenna compound (BBC Receiving Station) and on adjoining field to the north of the compound. BBC Monitoring Station at Crowsley Park Sonning Common Road Crowsley RG9 4JJ.

059/18 Community Matters

Litter pick: Katie Martin thought that a joint litter pick with Scouts and adult volunteers was good for the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts. A date was difficult but it was decided that early on May 19th would be a good opportunity. Hi-vis vests and litter pickers will be combined. The Beavers will concentrate on the recreation ground and with adults the Cubs and Scouts will cover some of the village roads. The Scouting Group are covered by their own insurance and all Councillors and volunteers are covered by the Parish Council Insurance.

060/18 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance Cllr Bartholomew discussed the potholes earlier.

061/18 Gladman Inquiry Cllr Maher updated the PC on the latest preparations for the Inquiry that begins on May 1st. The PC wishes EDPC very best wishes for success and if there is any particular support that is required then to make contact. A short piece of text will be drawn up in case the other adjoining parishes are asked for their opinion. **(Cllr Ransom to action)**

062/18 Orchard Land A simple tenancy agreement is to be drawn up.

063/18 APM It was decided that the APM on May 21st should aim to discuss the possibility of BHPC setting up a Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Cllr Lacey is to invite Ricardo Rios from SODC and someone from Shiplake PC who has had experience in drawing up its NP to perhaps attend the APM to give a short summary of their views. Cllr Ransom also suggested that someone from Kidmore End be asked if they could attend as they are in the process of setting up an NP. A poster will be prepared that the Clerk will distribute well before the meeting date. **(Cllr Ransom & the Clerk to action)**

064/18 Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Maher reported that with the spate of thefts recently it is recommended that sheds are kept securely locked. To have dogs chipped was also recommended.

065/18 GDPR Concern was expressed that some action must be taken before May 25th. A TPO must be appointed. The Clerk is looking into the action to be taken when the work for the internal auditor is complete. Cllr Ransom is also thinking about the website contacts. **(Cllr Ransom & the Clerk to action)**

066/18 Matters for Future consideration NP

The meeting closed at 10.30pm

Date of next meeting Monday May 21st 2018