

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 7.45 pm at the Scout Hut

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

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**010/19 Recreation Ground** Cllr Maher undertook the inspection. The Playground bin emptying rota needs updating. **(Clerk to action)** The Clerk had received a quotation for replacing the posts for the bridge from the car park. The hand rail had become wobbly. The quotation was discussed. Cllr Lacey proposed that the quote be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Summerland. With one abstention the proposal was agreed. **(Clerk to action)**

**011/19 Allotments** All are let at the moment.

**012/19 Public Forum** No questions

**The meeting of the Parish Council**

**Present** Cllr P Rollason, Cllr L Ransom, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr H Lacey, Cllr K Maher, Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC) and Cllr Harrison (SODC). 1 member of the public

**054/19 Apologies for absence** Cllr G Englefield

**055/19 Declarations of Interest** None

**056/19 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019** Cllr Summerland proposed the minutes, with the inclusion of one addition, were accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Ransom. All agreed. The Clerk will send out the corrected minutes. **(Clerk to action)**

**057/19 Matters Arising** All items on the agenda.

**058/19 County Councillor's report** Cllr Bartholomew reported that **a)** OCC has secured funding for major transport links in Didcot Garden Town to start mid 2021 & March 2024. Schemes include A4130 widening, a Science Bridge over the Milton Rd, a new river crossing & a Clifton Hampden bypass **b)** OCC backed the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 emphasising in its response the need for sustainable modes of travel improving public health & the environment, the need for charging points for vehicles & the need to ensure cycling & walking levels & traffic reduction is radically improved **c)** 'Living Longer, Living Better: Oxfordshire's Older People's Strategy', produced in 2018 has been approved. The four themes that emerged from consultation were health, being part of a community, housing and access to information & care **d)** a review of Oxfordshire home care concluded that OCC should not provide its own in-house service but should create a new partnership model with the independent market and should also develop alternative models of home care **e)** Oxfordshire is hosting the OVO Energy Women's Tour professional cycling race on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>. Route to be revealed later **f)** OCC with City and Cherwell undertook an on-street operation to detect fraud and prevent abuse of the Blue Badge System. Over 30 badges were seized **g)** the 30mph speed limit on the A4155 between Tower House and Mill Lane may be raised to 40mph. A decision is to be made on 25<sup>th</sup> April **h)** Cllr Bartholomew has £1000m for 2019/20 to match-fund Highways Projects. Highways works costing £2000 can have half the cost met.

**059/19 District Councillor's report** Cllr Harrison reported that **a)** the chief executive's pay is not a 'fat cat' salary as it is split between 2 councils **b)** Oxfordshire Councils are funding for 3 yrs the OVO Energy Women's Cycling Tour starting in Henley and travelling through South Oxfordshire **c)** the SO Local Plan is now with the Planning Inspectorate **d)** the 600<sup>th</sup> broadband cabinet connection, giving access to fibre broadband, was celebrated at a Better Broadband Event **e)** the S & V Business Awards took place on March 15<sup>th</sup> **f)** SODC has a 10yr repairing lease with Milton Park allowing a break out after 3yrs fitting in with the rebuilding at Crowmarsh.

**060/19 Public Forum/Correspondence**

060.01/19 A resident had asked about the latest status of the AONB extension. There is no update at present.

060.02/19 Sarah Fulton-Urry was welcomed by the Chairman as she is to join the PC as a Parish Councillor in May after the retirement of Cllr George Englefield. There was a brief discussion.

**061/19 Financial Situation**

061.01/19 The financial position was circulated. The Clerk confirmed that all last month's payments had been made and presented a copy of the bank statement for verification.

061.02/19 The April accounts were presented. Invoices to the value of £768.29 were authorised for payment by BACS. Proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Rollason. **(Clerk to action)**

061.03/19 Councillor expenses: None this month.

061.04/19 NALC Pay Scales: The PC approved the small increase in Clerk Salary from April

### **062/19 Planning Matters**

#### ***New Applications***

P19/S0990/LDE Continued use of existing workshop/storage building as a self-contained residential dwelling house. The Log Cabin Land to West of Kiln House Kiln Lane near Binfield Heath RG9 4ES A working party considered this application and recommended refusal.

P19/S0781/HH Timber balcony with timber and glass handrail. Flower Cottage Common Lane Binfield Heath RG9 4JZ A working party had no objection to this application but submitted a comment.

P19/S0038/O Amendment No.2 Outline planning application for two new dwelling houses with private garages with matters of access and layout for consideration (additional arboricultural information provided 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and layout of dwellings and garages revised as shown on amended site plan received 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019). Mount Ida Reading Road Lower Shiplake RG9 3PH. As this application is out of the parish no comment is to be made.

#### ***Applications Granted***

P18/S3599/HH Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (As amended by drawing 148 2a to reduce height and depth of the extension to demonstrate visual subservience to the dwelling) (Further amended by plan 2019-03- 13 to reduce height of the two-storey extension and introduction of a rear facing dormer). 15 Heathfield Avenue Binfield Heath Oxfordshire RG9 4ED

P19/S0463/HH Single storey side extension and new porch. Demolition of an existing single garage. Box Cottage Common Lane Binfield Heath RG9 4JY.

P19/S0490/HH Construction of a front and rear dormer window, roof window at the front and a side obscured glazed window. Byways Kiln Lane Binfield Heath Henley on Thames RG9 4EH.

### **063/19 Community Matters**

063.01/19 The advertisement board was approved subject to display within regulations.

063.02/19 The dog bin will be discussed further due to the steady cost for emptying.

063.03/19 Flower Show Field Nothing to report.

### **064/19 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance** Nothing this month

**065/19 Audit** The Clerk asked the Parish Council whether the PC should request a full audit or request exemption for a second year. The Clerk will look into this as the finances are straightforward this year.

**066/19 Grants and Donations** None this month

**067/19 APM** This will take place immediately before the May Annual Parish Council meeting and will begin slightly earlier at 7.30pm.

**068/19 Neighbourhood Watch** Cllr Maher suggested that the Thames Valley alerts were added to the PC website. This will be considered.

**069/19 Matters for Future consideration** Neighbourhood Plan

**Date of next meeting: Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 \*\***

\*\* 2 weeks earlier than usual due to Bank Holiday and Councillor availability