

## **BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held at the Scout Hut on Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm.

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### **The meeting of the Recreation Ground Charities and Allotment for the Labouring Poor Charity**

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#### **004/17 Recreation Ground**

004.01/17 Inspections: The playground has had its regular inspections, both weekly and monthly.

004.02/17 Repairs: Cllr Englefield reported that Playdale had undertaken the repairs to the adventure slide.

**005/17 Allotments** The invasion of moles on the allotments is the responsibility of the allotment holders.

**006/17 Public Forum** No public presence.

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### **The meeting of the Parish Council**

Present Cllr P Rollason, Cllr L Ransom, Cllr G Englefield, Cllr H Lacey, Cllr P Harrison (SODC), and Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC)

**016/17 Apologies for absence** Cllr R Roberts, Cllr S Summerland.

**017/17 Declarations of Interest** None

**018/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017** Cllr Ransom proposed the minutes be adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr Englefield. All agreed.

**019/17 Matters Arising** None, other than those already on the agenda.

**020/17 County Councillor's report** Cllr Bartholomew reported that a) £3.4million of temporary funding is to be spent over 2 years on developing the social care workforce, transforming capacity in the public and private capacity, improving services and systems and supporting a new daytime support system. b) the Oxfordshire Commissioning Group has launched its consultation on proposed changes to the Health Services in Oxfordshire. All County Councillors will have the opportunity to voice any local concerns c) carers with the most needs will continue to receive personal budgets. Money saved by reducing the number of recipients will be reinvested in preserving the Dementia Service in Oxfordshire d) it has been agreed with South Oxfordshire and the Vale district councils that the three councils will move forward with a joint proposal for a single unitary council across Oxfordshire e) the modelling report for the third Reading Bridge was due for completion at the end of January. He is chasing for an update f) he is awaiting confirmation that a bid for Government funding for raising the B478 between Playhatch roundabout and Sonning bridge has been submitted this month. A recent development is that an action group in Sonning Eye is fighting the proposal g) the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan in Shiplake has now commenced. BHPC may wish to consider whether there might ultimately be development displacement issues and if the PC should consider producing its own plan.

**021/17 District Councillor's report** The District Councillor reported that a) SODC, the Vale and the County Council have issued a press release stressing their desire to create a unitary council based on the county council. West Oxfordshire and Cherwell District Councils are opposed to the idea as is Oxford City Council and a number of the Oxfordshire MPs are opposed b) the budget goes to Full Council on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. The key points are that the council tax will be kept static c) SODC are planning to introduce a new fleet of waste collection vehicles which will further improve the collection service. Residents will only see a minor change to their collections, recycling or waste will be collected by one vehicle and food collected by a separate vehicle rather than the current vehicles collecting both. Email Ian.Matten@southandvale.gov.uk or call 01235 422113 d) IT works by Capita are currently underway and may affect the visibility of planning applications. Deadlines may be extended e) the old @southandvale.gov.uk email addresses for members of the old Facilities, Car Parks and Property teams no longer work so please use the **helpdesk** f) A new email newspaper is available called "South News" to keep residents informed on the work of SODC <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/news-and-events/keep-me-informed/south-news> They will receive updates every two months g) There have been a number of updates to Gladman's application in Eye and Dunsden Parish; it will probably go to Committee after March 1. Issues relate particularly to

transportation which has been highlighted by Reading Borough Council. It is at minimum a 175% increase in housing in Eye and Dunsden adding 245 houses to the current 140. It would also lead to boundary review and lead to higher volumes of traffic through our villages. This is an outline application and a future application may include a higher number of properties.

**022/17 Public Forum/Correspondence.**

**023/17 Financial Situation**

023.01/17 The financial position was circulated.

023.02/17 The February accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £2,120.21 were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Lacey and seconded by Cllr Englefield. **(Clerk to Action)**

023.03/17 Councillor expenses: Expenses for bulbs and plants to improve the village were authorised and paid. This will come from the residue of the BT fund.

**024/17 Planning Matters**

***New Applications***

***Applications Granted***

P17/S0073/HH Removal of existing garage from the rear garden. A single storey side extension to provide a new WC, utility and extended kitchen dining area. Plus a first floor rear extension over the existing ground floor to provide a master suite. Replacement of the existing dormers and addition of Velux windows to the existing front roof. Chesters Kiln Lane Binfield Heath RG9 4EH.

**025/17 Community Matters**

025.01/17 Village in Bloom: deferred

025.02/17 Telephone Kiosk: Mrs L Rafferty has offered to be responsible for a book exchange in the new telephone kiosk. The possibility of shelving of some sort will be investigated.

**(Cllrs & Clerk to Action)**

**026/17 Highways/Transport & General Maintenance** Dunsden Way was closed last week for the road to be repaired outside the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to inquire about the lack of notice. **(Clerk to Action)**

**027/17 Applications for grants or donations** The PC is waiting for the quotations for the scout hut roof repair and will then forward the grant.

**028/17 Footpaths** The path between the shop and the recreation ground is in need of clearance. This will be requested from Pricketts. **(Clerk to Action)**

**029/17 Future Developments** The possibility of a Unitary Council was discussed earlier in the meeting with the Councillors.

**030/17 Freedom of information** The clerk had forwarded the paperwork and asked the Councillors to look at the form for consideration next month. Other information will be placed on the website. The clerk will send Cllr Ransom the items to be uploaded. **(Clerk to Action)**

**031/17 Matters for future consideration** Neighbourhood Plans, Litter Pick, BT Residue.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

**Date of next meeting** Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2017