

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held on Monday 23rd January 2017 at The Crown Inn (in the barn) from 7.45pm. **An unavoidable change of venue at short notice.

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

001/17 Recreation Ground

001.01/17 Inspections: The playground has had its regular inspections, both weekly and monthly.

001.02/17 Repairs: Cllr Englefield reported that Playdale had undertaken the repairs to the adventure slide.

002/17 Allotments Two allotment plots are available. All rents have now been paid.

003/17 Public Forum No public presence.

The meeting of the Parish Council

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

001/17 Apologies for absence Cllr R Roberts

002/17 Declarations of Interest None

003/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday November 26th 2016 Cllr Ransom proposed the minutes be adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr Englefield. All agreed.

004/17 Matters Arising None, other than those already on the agenda.

005/17 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew reported that a) OCC is joining forces with neighbouring councils to create a Regional Adoption Agency for the Thames Valley b) a new online toolkit has been launched by OCC to provide information and advice for those wishing to take action to safeguard their homes or businesses against the effects of flooding. The toolkit can be found at www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com c) the delayed transfer of care figures in December showed Oxfordshire was significantly lower than a year ago d) 150 volunteers are helping libraries to run a Home Library Service. Details can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibrary. The Library Service has launched a bi-monthly newsletter and residents can sign up at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/librariesnewsletter e) community led schemes will complement a new service for 0-19 yr olds across Oxfordshire ensuring children at risk of abuse and neglect are protected and families identified and supported at an early stage f) Oxfordshire's Commission on Health has published its recommendations to narrow the health and wellbeing gaps that divide the community g) the link between Oxford Parkway and the city centre is now open with a journey time of 8 minute h) in terms of local issues, OCC Highways has objected to the Mount Ida application on the basis of sustainability (no direct access to village) i) highways has also objected to the outline application for the retirement village on the basis of sustainability (no direct access to village) and inadequate vision splays. They have also referenced OCC's strategic position j) with the application for the houses at Emmer Green Cllr Bartholomew has offered to speak on behalf of the parishes if the application goes to planning committee. Residents are encouraged to respond k) The joint meeting between the Chairman and Planning leads of the nine parishes in his Division originally planned for Friday 13th January has been postponed in order to await the outcomes of John Howell MP's planning conference on 20th January and because of further delays on the Third Reading Bridge traffic modelling study now due at the end of January).

006/17 District Councillor's report The District Councillor reported that a) the plan for Didcot Garden Town, a major part of development in the District, offering jobs and homes, will be published in 2017, at which point the community will have another opportunity to comment. b) MP John Howell talked about Neighbourhood Plans (NP): The new rules mean that NP's should not be considered 'out-of-date' where the NP is less than 2 years old or has been part of the local development plan for 2 years or less; where it allocates sites for housing; and where the Local Planning Authority can demonstrate a 3 year supply of deliverable housing sites. John's full statement can be found at: <http://www.johnhowellmp.com/news/neighbourhood-plan-update/917>

This emphasises the importance of keeping them up to date c) SODC has 3.8 years housing land supply (target 5YHLS). There are current applications for 245 homes at Emmer Green and applications on smaller sites around Benson, Sonning Common, Shiplake, Cholsey and Crowmarsh. Reading Borough Council has raised objections to the Emmer Green application. SODC's recommendation is awaited. This is likely to go to committee in March d) Southern Oxfordshire New Business Competition 2017 (SONBC '17) is accepting applications from 1 January to 28 February. See www.sonbc.co.uk e) new funding from Sport England is available to councils, community groups and sports clubs. Aimed at projects which reduce inactivity, increase volunteering and improve facilities: Community Asset Fund; Inactivity Fund; Volunteer Funding. For more information please contact Cath Dale, Participation Officer on 07801 203 551/ cath.dale@southandvale.gov.uk. Also contact her about a sports club evening, Monday 23 January at 6.30pm at Tilsley Park, Abingdon. f) waste collections might be disrupted by adverse weather conditions. Biffa call centre is on 03000 610 610. For more information about waste collections during adverse weather contact 01235 422406 or email the Waste Team.

007/17 Public Forum/Correspondence Two residents had notified the Parish Council about the lack of restored footpaths after fields had been ploughed.

008/17 Financial Situation

008.01/17 The financial position was circulated.

008.02/17 The December and January accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £6009.12 were authorised. The amount includes the annual grounds maintenance cost and the building of the new website. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Lacey. **(Clerk to Action)**

008.03/17 Councillor expenses: None this month.

009/17 Planning Matters

New Applications

P16/S3683/HH Side and rear extensions to existing cottage with refurbishment works and alterations to the existing property. Demolition of the existing outbuildings with a proposed replacement garage with office above. Associated proposed landscaping. Cosy Cottage Thanksgiving Lane Binfield Heath RG9 4NG

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Applications Granted

P16/S3350/HH Erection of Victorian Glasshouse to rear of property. Arch Cottages 2 Arch Hill Binfield Heath RG9 4EA

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P16/S3733/HH A single storey timber building for use as a garden. Japonica Cottage Green Lane Binfield Heath RG9 4LW

010/17 Community Matters

010.01/17 Website: This has been set up and the payment from the BT residue authorised today.

010.02/17 Defibrillator: It has been decided to remove this from the agenda for the present.

011/17 Highways/Transport & General Maintenance

011.01/17 The Green Gym will undertake the clearing of the River Binn and continue with clearing around Green Pond on March 11th. Residents nearby will be informed about the extra vehicles parked in those areas. **(Clerk to Action)**

011.02/17 Great British Spring Clean The Clerk reported that this is scheduled early in March. BHPC will decide when to do their village Litter Pick.

012/17 Applications for grants or donations The application for a grant from the Scout Hut roof was discussed. The Parish Council has decided to award £1500 from the BT residue to the scout Hut when the contract for the new roof is agreed. Cllr Englefield can offer help with applications for further grants and Cllr Summerland has a roofer contact that might be able to provide a quotation.

013/17 Footpaths The Chiltern Society had sent a report on the local footpaths. This was tabled. Footpaths will be discussed again.

014/17 Future Developments The outline application by Gladman is the main concern at the moment as it will affect Binfield Heath in terms of traffic flow through the village. This was discussed earlier with the District Councillor.

015/17 Matters for future consideration Neighbourhood Plans

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Date of next meeting Monday February 27th 2017