

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held on Monday 22nd January 2018 at The Scout Hut from 7.45pm.

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

001/18 Recreation Ground

001.01/18 Inspections: The playground has had its regular inspections, both weekly and monthly.

001.02/18 Litter: A student undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh's award is to clear litter on the Recreation Ground for 3 months. A new Litter Collection list is needed. **(Clerk to Action)**

002/18 Allotments Two allotment plots are available. All rents have now been paid. The moles are still prevalent.

003/18 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 K Maher, Cllr P Harrison (SODC), and Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC)

001/18 Apologies for absence The Clerk (due to illness)

002/18 Declarations of Interest None

003/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday November 27th 2017 Cllr Summerland proposed the minutes be adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr Lacey. All agreed.

004/18 Matters Arising None, other than those already on the agenda.

005/18 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew reported that a) OCC is planning to set a new budget having made difficult choices in previous years to manage squeezed budgets with a greater need for services. The council has in recent years been involving communities in local services. The net result is that the council's finances are in a resilient position looking ahead to the 2018/19 financial year and planning up to 2022. At the time of writing, plans are based on a Council Tax rise of 4.99% (1.99% referendum limit plus 3% social care precept). However, in December, Central Government announced councils could add an additional 1%, should they so choose. This is currently under consideration. The Budget consultation can be found here:

https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/Budget_1819/consultationHome b) Trading Standards are warning licensees and pubgoers to look out for criminals selling cheap tobacco and counterfeit cigarettes. £2.5 billion was lost in tax last year. Anyone with information can report this to Trading Standards anonymously on 03009996999 or online at <http://www.stop-illegal-tobacco.co.uk> c) 1 million tonnes of rubbish has been transformed into energy at Ardley Plant that converts waste into electricity d) OCC has produced a snow clearance guide e) the Chair of Highmoor PC convened a meeting on 18th January at Highmoor village hall in order that affected parishes could review the current situation regarding the third bridge idea. The Bridge is included in the Draft Reading Local Plan as a major transport project. The Plan understates the estimated cost and makes no provision for any mitigation methods in South Oxfordshire whatsoever, let alone a relief road. It also includes some Park and Ride sites. There will be further meetings f) a small number of Eye & Dunsden residents have been requesting a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph in the vicinity of The Flowing Spring. I have advised them that the first step is to gain support of Eye & Dunsden Parish Council. As a speed limit change here would impact upon the adjoining parishes of Shiplake and Binfield Heath, I am seeking the opinion of these parish councils. Shiplake Parish Council has indicated it would oppose a reduction to 30mph, but might consider supporting a reduction to 40mph g) The PC has previously expressed concerns about the condition of the Sonning Common/Blounts Court Road, in particular the crumbling edges, potholes and flooding. The road is to be assessed for future repair as part of the OCC 'Highway Maintenance Forward Programme', but can make no promises that funds will be available for the necessary work. Patching is being carried out on potholes locally – better but more costly than filling. h) Flooding outside B&G to be reported on Fix my Street **(Clerk to Action)** i) the road outside Perseverance Cottage

needs access to salt in icy weather. Report to Harpsden PC (**Clerk to Action**) j) complaints about litter on verges to be communicated to cabinet.

006/18 District Councillor's report The District Councillor reported that a) The District Councillor reported that a)) Mark Stone has been appointed Chief Executive of both South Oxfordshire and the Vale District Councils b) [Henley Leisure Centre](#) now has refurbished changing facilities c) there are simple ways to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of cybercrime. For some useful information and advice visit the [Thames Valley Police online safety page](#). If you fall victim to a cybercrime or experience an attempted scam, you can report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk. d) despite figures suggested by the Henley Standard, SODC are confident that it will not be in special measures. Thames Farm, Shiplake Along with Shiplake Parish Council, is seeking a judicial review in respect of an inspector's decision to allow an appeal for 95 houses to be built on the edge of the village. Although both councils have been refused permission to proceed with the applications, they have the right to renew their application and to present their case at a hearing and this is the intention e) SODC is processing comments from the publicity period, to submit alongside the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate next month f) SODC has submitted its response to the latest government consultation 'Planning for the right homes in the right places: consultation proposals' regarding changes on

- how housing needs are calculated
- how neighbourhood planning groups can have a better idea on housing needs
- how local authorities can work across boundaries
- making assessments easier and more transparent
- increasing planning fees where authorities are delivering new homes

The Council is generally supportive of the changes: <https://southandvale.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=33bec1cf8b5523ad47c7183a0&id=d6d7c8d1e3&e=eda6ce4f57> Details of the government's consultation can be found on their website g) advice on keeping safe online is coming to the clerk for dissemination h) The decision on Thames Farm is not due yet.

007/18 Public Forum/Correspondence

007.01/18 Robert Davis explained that he wished for a second access onto Shiplake Row. More parking space is desired; hence the application for the additional entrance.

007.02/18 A complaint has been received re the rubbish in Fosters Lane. (**Clerk to action**)

008/18 Financial Situation

008.01/18 The financial position was circulated.

008.02/18 The December and January accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £1156.05 were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Rollason12 and seconded by Cllr Lacey. (**Clerk to Action**)

008.03/18 Councillor expenses: None this month.

009/18 Planning Matters

New Applications

P17/S4308/HH Proposed erection of a carport. Orchard House Dunsden Way Binfield Heath RG9 4LR

P17/S4326/HH Partial removal of ground floor wall and erection of single storey side/rear extension 2 Spring terrace Gravel Road Binfield Heath RG9 4LU

P17/S4346/HH Partial removal of ground floor wall and erection of single storey side/rear extension 1 Spring terrace Gravel Road Binfield Heath RG9 4LU

P17/S4354/HH Formation of a new vehicular access onto the site from Shiplake Row. Polperro Shiplake Row Binfield Heath RG9 4DR

Applications Granted

P17/S3893/FUL Planning Application for the creation of a 60mx20m all-weather riding arena for private use at land off Emmer Green Road, Home Farm Stables, near Binfield Heath. Land south- west of Home Farm Stables Emmer Green Road near Binfield Heath RG9 4JS

010/18 Neighbourhood Plan Pros and cons were discussed. Robert Davis, Norman Lane, Roger Roberts and possibly Cllr Lacey are meeting Adrian Duffield to elicit more facts about how Neighbourhood Plans work, the real advantages and the possible downsides.

011/18 Community Matters

011.01/18 APM: There was agreement to make Neighbourhood plans the subject for the APM if the above meeting produces encouragement and enough guidance. Shiplake PC to be invited to speak of their experience so far. It was also suggested that Adrian Duffield be invited to the APM.

(Clerk to Action)

01.102/18 Defibrillator:

012/18 Highways/Transport & General Maintenance

012.01/18 Cllr Rollason and Cllr Ransom attended the meeting at Highmoor called to update local parishes as to the progress with the third bridge. John Howell addressed the meeting but the message was that there was actually no ready finance to build the bridge. Cllr Ransom produced a report for EDPC who she represented at the meeting.

013/18 Gladman Application Cllr Lacey has the letter sent. The PC is happy to support but needs to double check with E&D what form of support is needed for the appeal. BHPC is happy to support on grounds of principle and of precedent. **(Clerk to action)**

014/18 Website Cllr Ransom is still anxious to have a simpler system. She has a meeting scheduled with the designer, hopefully in the spring. She will also speak to David Woodward about how EDPC's website is put together.

015/18 Neighbourhood Watch Cllr Maher has been in touch with Roger Roberts to understand the previous process.

016/18 Matters for future consideration Neighbourhood Plans

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

Date of next meeting Monday February 26th 2018