

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held on January 28th 2019 7.45 pm at the Scout Hut

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

001/19 Recreation Ground Cllr Maher undertook the inspection. It was noted that the recreation ground was used over Christmas. The rota for clearing the litter in the playground is in place and the PC is grateful for the volunteers.

002/19 Allotments The Clerk confirmed that all allotments are tenanted.

003/19 Public Forum No public presence

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). 3 members of the public.

001/19 Apologies for absence Cllr G Englefield

002/19 Declarations of Interest None

003/19 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th November 2018 Cllr Summerland proposed the minutes were accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Ransom. All agreed.

004/19 Matters Arising

146/18 Cllr Lacey asked if the letter to John Howell from the AONB had been sent. Cllr Ransom replied that it was in draft and all the parish reps involved had to agree it.

005/19 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew reported that **a)** the 2019/20 budget proposals include investment for Adult Social Care, for an increasing ageing population, to support the number of children qualifying for school transport and to support children in care **b)** Council Tax will be raised by 2.99 per cent in 2019/20 and 1.99 per cent in the years thereafter **c)** a new Older People's Strategy for Oxfordshire sets out how OCC and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group will deliver a positive future for the county's older population. Read the strategy and have your say online visit <https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/OPLLLB/consultationHome> or request a paper copy by calling 01865 334638. The closing date is Feb 1, 2019 **d)** 29 organisations were recommended to receive grants from the CC's Sustainability Fund. Among those services were Day Break Oxford, Age UK, October Club and Aspire **e)** plans to create new provision for Oxfordshire children with special educational needs (SEND) have been agreed by councillors, with investment set to create 300 new places **f)** an extra £10million was spent by OCC this year on resurfacing, patching, Dragon-patching and surface dressing roads, with £7.4 in additional govt. funding **g)** OCC has welcomed the government's new Waste and Resources Strategy for England that include a Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers, extended redistribution of surplus food from businesses & a national recycling target of 65% by 2035 (now 45%). Oxfordshire is the best performing county council waste disposal authority **h)** the county has 7 Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs) that provide recycling facilities for a wide range of items, recycling around 60% of the waste accepted **i)** the Town and Parish Liaison event was very successful. Unfortunately, a personal emergency prevented BHPG attending **j)** the Councillor Priority Fund partially funded the worst section of the Sonning Common Rd & the road has been recommended for surface dressing in the next financial year **k)** lining refreshment & sign cleaning at the Coppid crossroads is now complete **l)** construction of the junction on the A4155 to the internal road from Caversham Quarry has stalled and now backfilling will not commence until February. This may involve approximately 50 HGVs per day: half will come through Henley/B481 and half through Reading. Test drilling for a potential new site adjacent to Shiplake College is currently taking place **m)** Berkshire has commissioned further work to support the 'business case' for the third bridge. Reading asked SODC to 'safeguard' the proposed site of the bridge in the SODC local plan, but this has been refused. OCC supports the refusal.

Cllr Ransom asked about the proposed Shiplake Row closure and whether bus companies have been informed as problems have arisen on previous occasions when the information had not been passed on. Cllr Bartholomew will ensure that Arriva and school bus companies have the relevant information.

006/19 District Councillor's report Councillor Harrison reported that **a)** the Local Plan 2034 is out for comments. SODC is hosting a series of drop-in events to explain the process. Comments must be made using the form found online before 5pm on 18th February 2019 (<http://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/LocalPlan2034/?m=3490931ofn4ap>) **b)** the Local Plan shows that no new strategic sites exist in our Ward. 70 houses per hectare are recommended for

sites next to Reading. This very high figure should be rejected. The densities suggested by CPRE but not adopted by SODC are higher still. Also, the smaller villages are not now expected to take a 5% increase in housing **c)** Gladman have appealed to the High Court so the inspectorate will be requesting information from SODC **d)** the decision of the planning Committee to approve the Wyevale Garden Centre application has now been delayed by an Article 31 notice applied by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government **e)** the 2019 budget will be set at a full council meeting in February. Govt says that the new homes bonus will only be extended for 2019/2020 budget year so this might be subsequently dropped or changed **f)** SODC have approved a grant of £17,925 for the replacement of Sonning Common's Village hall's flat roof and insulation.

007/19 Public Forum/Correspondence

007.01/19 Two users of the land at the end of Gravel Road enquired about the Orchard Land. Cllr Lacey explained that the PC had been asked to take over this piece of land and had asked Savills to draw up a licence, a draft of which had been received. However, the PC were concerned that several of the terms of this were inappropriate and as most of the PC's proposed amendments had not been accepted this may not be a viable proposition. The land has been used as small gardens and the chapel car park since 1945 and payment for its use has been made annually by the plot holders.

007.02/19 A complaint has been received by the PC regarding the excessive amount of parking in the road and on the verges outside Dragon Cottage. It can cause problems with the regular buses passing through the village. The Clerk was asked to write to the occupier. **(Clerk to action)**

008/19 Financial Situation

008.01/19 The financial position was circulated. The Clerk confirmed that payment could now be made directly and so cheques would be used less frequently. Payment confirmation and statements will be made available to Councillors to check payments and balances on a monthly basis. **(Clerk to action)**

008.02/19 The January accounts were presented. Invoices to the value of £5205.12 were authorised for payment. Proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Lacey. **(Clerk to action)**

008.03/19 Councillor expenses: None this month.

009/19 Planning Matters

New Applications

P19/S0038/O Two new dwelling houses with private garages. Mount Ida Reading Road Lower Shiplake RG9 3PH. As this is outside the parish, no response will be made.

P18/S4298/FUL Erection of single dwelling, pool pavilion, creation of outdoor swimming pool and rear garden tennis court. High Wall House (Land Adjacent Walled Garden House) Shiplake Row Binfield Heath RG9 4DP. This application was recommended for approval.

P18/S4211/HH Erection of a single storey, single oak garage with side store. The Croft Gravel Road Binfield Heath Henley on Thames RG9 4LY. This application was recommended for approval.

P18/S3599/HH Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. 15 Heathfield Avenue Binfield Heath Oxfordshire RG9 4ED. This application was recommended for refusal.

Applications Granted

P18/S3729/LB The proposed works are to erect an oak framed pergola/fence to the front of the property and a pergola and decking to the rear of the property. Well House Crowsley RG9 4JL

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010/19 Community Matters

010.01/19 Keeps Lane: The Clerk reported that when asked for an update, the Rights of Way Officer was under the impression that Keeps Lane would be cleared of obstructions such as fallen tree trunks to facilitate access.

010.02/19 Telephone Kiosk The Clerk will obtain quotes for repainting when the painter returns to the country. **(Clerk to action)**

010.03/19 Village Litter Pick The Clerk reported that she had requested bags from Biffa and had received a document requiring information, declarations and a signature before litter pick items could be sent out. This document was passed to the Councillor leading the group. The village has undertaken this event annually for many years and has risk assessment in place and its own equipment. A response to Biffa declining the offer will be made. **(Clerk to action)**

011/19 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance

Highways Grant: Cllr Bartholomew was thanked for his contribution to the work carried out so far to the Sonning Common Rd. The PC contribution will be made to OCC. **(Clerk to action)**

012/19 Councillor/Clerk email addresses The PC is having difficulty setting these up.

013/19 Neighbourhood Plan This was discussed briefly again but the Private Members Bill going through parliament could have an impact on future discussion. Item was therefore deferred.

014/19 Neighbourhood Watch Fraud and burglary are the main issues at present.

015/19 AONB Cllr Ransom has drafted a letter to John Howell and it will be discussed at the next meeting of the parishes. Cllr Ransom pointed out that the process is very long especially as the government emphasis is on house building not land protection.

016/18 Shiplake Memorial Hall Cllr Lacey, the PC's representative as a trustee of the Shiplake Memorial Hall, reported that the Hall committee had resolved that the present Trust should be incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a CIO) for ease of administration and protection of trustees, subject to the approval of the Charity Commission. Cllr Lacey was nominated by the PC to be a trustee of the new CIO when incorporated. All agreed.

017/18 Matters for Future consideration Neighbourhood Plan, CIL, Orchard Land, APM date, archiving village history.

The meeting closed at 9.47pm

Date of next meeting: Monday February 25th 2019