

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held at the Scout Hut on Monday July 24th 2017 at 7.45pm.

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

019/17 Recreation Ground The playground has had its regular inspections, both weekly and monthly.

The large branch hanging from a tree in the recreation ground has been removed. All wood and debris was removed.

020/17 Allotments These were inspected and plots 15b and 16a are now rented.

021/17 Public Forum No public presence.

The meeting of the Parish Council

Present: Cllr P Rollason, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr Hugh Lacey, Cllr G Englefield, Cllr P Harrison (SODC) and Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC).

098/17 Apologies for absence Cllr L Ransom, Cllr Keith Maher.

099/17 Declarations of Interest None

100/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th June 2017 Cllr Lacey proposed the minutes be adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr Summerland. All agreed.

101/17 Matters Arising There were no matters arising other than items already on the agenda.

102/17 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew reported that a) OCC Fire & Rescue Service have reassured residents of Oxford's five high-rise towers that OCC has taken all the necessary fire safety measures to ensure they are safe in their homes. In the event of a fire at any high-rise tower in Oxford, resources are in place to ensure a rapid response b) OCC has confirmed that it will keep its seven Household Waste Recycling Centres in the county open in the medium term (with no change to opening hours or days they are open) c) OCC's new minerals and waste core strategy, which outlines the planning strategy and policies for the supply of minerals and management of waste in Oxfordshire until 2031, is set to be adopted following support from the Government's Planning Inspectorate d) Nearly 3,000 more of Oxfordshire's most remote households and businesses will get access to high-speed broadband due to a £4 million boost for the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme. OCC has also announced that communities not yet able to get superfast fibre broadband through any public or private sector roll-out can benefit from a new scheme. See <http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk/cms/content/co-funded-fibre-broadband-partnerships-cfp> e) start-up funding for a further ten community schemes to run open access services at children's centres has been approved by OCC. The proposals, which stand to receive a total of £258,458, are part of the transition from council-funded to community-led services at children's centre locations. Community services will complement the council's new service for 0-19 year-olds, which will meet the needs and aspirations of children at risk of abuse and neglect in Oxfordshire, and ensure that families who need extra help are identified at an early stage f) OCC's Trading Standards Service, working in partnership with Thames Valley Police, banks and other agencies, have saved over £250,000 for the victims of rogue traders in the last 12 months. The team targets rogue traders who prey on the vulnerable and elderly and claim to be legitimate companies g) there are over 200 voluntary and community daytime support services provided across Oxfordshire. OCC is now implementing a new, sustainable model of daytime support for vulnerable adults in Oxfordshire h) Chiltern Edge School is to remain open for the time being and has improvement measures in place i) A further meeting of the steering group is to be convened to review the Strategic Outline Business Case document that has now been completed for possible solutions to the Playhatch Road j) the start date for the repairs to the A4155 has gone back to late August and will involve closure for about two months k) he chased the Area Steward after the last meeting and can report extensive pothole filling has now taken place along Sonning Common Road, but Cllr Bartholomew is pressing for more long-lasting repairs to be undertaken in the medium-term l) white lining has now been completed at both ends of Common Lane.

103/17 District Councillor's report Cllr Harrison reported that a) waste collection vehicles have been breaking down over the last few weeks. Hence £6.5 million is being invested in a new fleet of vehicles which will arrive in the autumn b) over £1.6million in council tax arrears was recovered last year due to enforcement action taken by the District Councils. They also recovered and saved a further £167,000 after 62 people were caught claiming discounts on their council tax to which they weren't entitled c) the next round of applications for grants opens from 15th July to 6th September. These grants are available to support town/parish councils and not-for-profit organisations across the districts with projects that will improve, replace or create new community facilities d) as part of the economic development team's support for local businesses, two free workshops will take place this month e) councillors each have a £5,000 grant budget to award for projects or services that offer community benefits in their ward area f) David Hill has resigned and Mike Stone has taken over as acting Chief Executive.

104/17 Public Forum/Correspondence None

105/17 Financial Situation

105.01/17 The June accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £950.33 were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Lacey and seconded by Cllr Summerland.
(Clerk to Action)

105.02/17 Councillor Expenses: None

106/17 Planning Matters

New Applications

P17/S2455/FUL Construction of low level open brick barbecue area with pizza oven (retrospective) Bottle and Glass Inn Binfield Heath RG9 4JT This was discussed and the Parish Council decided to recommend that the application be recommended for approval. All agreed.

Applications Granted

P17/S1167/HH proposed construction of new habitable first floor to existing bungalow, associated layout and fenestration alterations, extension to existing garage and change to vehicular access to site. (As amended site plan and access arrangements received 16 May 2017) 11 Heathfield Close Binfield Heath RG9 4DS

P17/S1560/HH Demolition of conservatory and garage. The erection of conservatory, utility room and bike/garden store and porch. Jacaranda Cottage Binfield Heath Henley on Thames RG9 4JY The group of Councillors who visited Marraways reported on their visit and a response to the application was made.

107/17 Community Matters

107.01/17 Leisure Signs: A suggestion has been made to provide a brown sign to indicate the direction of the Bottle and Glass Public House. The Clerk explained the procedure for application and the relevant cost. Application papers will be passed on to the tenants.

107.02/17 A joint Neighbourhood Plan has been proposed. Binfield Heath Councillors attended the EDC meeting when Ricardo Rios from SODC talked about Neighbourhood Plans. The Chairman advised EDC that no decision about the implementation of a BHPC Neighbourhood Plan had been made; no decision can be expected before the September meeting. This will be discussed further. In the meantime the Chairman and Vice Chair will meet with local landowners.

107.03/17 Green Gym. The volunteer group are returning to work in the village on 19th August. The clerk was reminded to request that the edges of Green Pond could be cleared of saplings as part of the work. Neighbours will be advised about extra parking. **(Clerk to Action)**

108/17 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance The Clerk was asked to request that occupiers of a house on Arch Hill cut back the hedge that is encroaching halfway across the footpath.
(Clerk to Action)

109/17 Applications for donations Sue Ryder: The clerk will check previous donations.

110/17 Footpaths The clerk has ordered a Definitive Map showing the local footpaths.

111/17 Website: As Cllr Ransom was unable to attend the meeting, the website will be discussed further at the September meeting.

112/17 Matters for future consideration website, neighbourhood plan, leisure signage.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting Monday September 18th