

## **BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held at the Scout Hut on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 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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**016/17 Recreation Ground** The playground has had its regular inspections, both weekly and monthly.

There is a large branch hanging from a tree in the recreation ground and the clerk was asked to ask Jonathan Welfare if he could remove it as soon as possible.

**017/17 Allotments** These were inspected and it was noted that plot 15a and 16b are still vacant. The Clerk may have a tenant for one of these. He will be asked to meet Cllr Summerland at the allotments next week.

**018/17 Public Forum** No public presence.

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

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

**084/17 Apologies for absence** None

**085/17 Declarations of Interest** None

**086/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017** Cllr Lacey proposed the minutes be adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr Summerland. All agreed.

#### **087/17 Matters Arising**

081.02/17 Green Pond. The clerk was asked to request that the edges of the pond could be cleared of saplings when the Green Gym comes again.

**088/17 County Councillor's report** Cllr Bartholomew reported that a) a new cabinet post has been created – 'Local Communities' – focussing on closer working between OCC and Parish Councils b) the leader has stated this intention to make 'Social Care' and 'Highways Infrastructure' priorities for the new administration c) purdah meant that the various Councils did not take a standpoint on Unitary Government so the issue cannot be addressed until the new government has decided on its priorities d) a new website to help victims of crime has been launched by the Police and Crimes Commissioner. The focal point of the website is a directory which allows victims to find relevant support in their area e) the section of road near the Flowing Spring needs to be repaired with steel piles. The road will be closed for 2 months. Diversions and signage will be in place to discourage HGV's f) he continues to support efforts to find a sponsor to keep Chiltern Edge School open g) the repair to the Sonning Common Road has been requested h) it is hoped that the white lining will be drawn at the correct end of Common Lane i) the Draft Reading Local Plan includes the Third Thames Bridge with no mention of a relief road and prior to any traffic modelling report or prepared business case.

**089/17 District Councillor's report** Cllr Harrison reported that a) because of the purdah there is no news on devolution and unitary government. The problem of a Unitary Council demanding a significantly increased council tax is an issue b) a number of Neighbourhood Plans are at the pre-submission stage or close to it. When approved by local referendum they will become part of the district development plan c) comments submitted to the Local Plan Second Preferred Options consultation are being processed. These will be available for public viewing in July 2017 d) the latest assessment has identified that we have a 4.1 year land supply, still below the demonstrated 5 year land supply needed, mainly due to the lack of delivery in Didcot e) Biffa has launched a bin washing service – residents can pay a monthly fee to have their bins washed on a regular basis: more information at [www.biffawheelieclean.co.uk](http://www.biffawheelieclean.co.uk) f) The South and Vale Community Safety Partnership have funded several projects designed to help prevent child exploitation in our area. One of these is 'Chelsea's choice' - an innovative and powerful theatre production highlighting the serious and emotional issues of child sexual exploitation that shows how young people are groomed by adults. Recently the production company delivered the performance to nine secondary schools in our districts g) Parish Councillors are invited to attend our GO Active Gold "Active Thinking Panel" on Monday 12 July, 2pm-3.30pm at 135 Milton Park offices. The panel will look at influencing what physical activities take place in their communities for people age 60 and over. GO Active Gold takes place in 70 villages across South and Vale h) South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District

Council have published the Didcot Garden Town proposed delivery plan and consultation. The plan proposes significant new public open spaces, leisure facilities, schools, health centres and an upgrade to the station with improved access to the railway museum. Infrastructure, such as roads, cycle paths and utilities are planned alongside a mix of affordable and private rented homes i) Residents aged 60 and over in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse will again have the chance to compete in their very own indoor games. To sign up for the Vintage Village Games, or for more information, please call 01235 422219 or email [participation@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:participation@southandvale.gov.uk). j) as part of the five council partnership, Capita will soon be launching a new automated switchboard for South and Vale residents and customers. When somebody calls our customers services line, they'll be prompted to say the name of the officer or the service they want, and they will be automatically forwarded to the correct number. If they don't know or remain silent, they will be forwarded to an operator to talk to.

**090/17 Public Forum/Correspondence** None

**091/17 Financial Situation**

091.01/17 The June accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £627.78 were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Englefield. **(Clerk to Action)**

091.02/17 Councillor Expenses: None

**092/17 Planning Matters**

***New Applications***

P17/S1921/FUL Variation of Condition 4 to change the wording of the condition to “the first floor windows in the north east side elevation of Unit 1 and the south west side elevation of unit 2 shall be obscure glass and sash windows top opening only” and Removal of Condition 5 (obscure glazed rooflights to garage) of planning permission P14/S3959/FUL (Demolition of existing house and erection of two new dwellings and creation of additional vehicular access) Marraways Dunsden Way Binfield Heath RG9 4LE This application was discussed but an extension will be requested so that Councillors can visit the site.

***Applications Granted***

P17/S1037/HH Convert existing garage and workshop to part workshop with work/living space plus outshut for domestic ancillary. Change rooflights for dormers. BY Pond Cottage Binfield Heath RG9 4JT

P17/S1145/HH Ground floor rear orangery-style extension Blossom Cottage Binfield Heath RG9 4LE

P17/S1248/HH External alterations and conversion of garage into ancillary residential accommodation reconfiguring driveway parking and manoeuvring area and provision of additional soft landscaping. Mulberry Cottage Harpsden Road Binfield Heath Oxfordshire RG9 4JT

**092/17 Community Matters**

092.01/17 Date of Litter pick: Litter cannot be picked up now until the hedgerows and ditches are cleared. A suggestion was made to try to find two residents to take over the responsibility of organising the litter pick.

092.02/17 A joint Neighbourhood Plan has been proposed. Binfield Heath Councillors will try to attend the next EDPC meeting when someone from SODC will talk about Neighbourhood Plans.

**093/17 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance** The Clerk was asked to request that Pricketts cut back the privet hedge that is on the LHS as you approach the Village Stores as it is encroaching the footpath.

**094/17 Consultations** None this month

**095/17 Footpaths** The clerk will order a Definitive Map showing the local footpaths. In the meantime the Clerk has supplied the Councillors with a simple plan of the numbered footpaths for reference. **(Clerk to Action)**

**096/17 Website:** Adding additional information to the website poses problems for the amateur. It is to be hoped that the process could be made simpler.

**097/17 Matters for future consideration**

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

**Date of next meeting** Monday July 24th