

## BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at The Scout Hut from 7.45pm.

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Meeting of the Recreation Ground Charities & Allotment for the Labouring Poor Charity  
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### **013/18 Recreation Ground**

The playground will have its ROSPA inspection in July. Concern was expressed over the piece of equipment that has loose posts and has been taped out of use. The Chairman has contacted Playdale for repair work and will be asked to ensure that the equipment is securely taped/covered.

The profit from the raffle (~£250) at the Midsummer Music Concert is to be donated to the Playground for a small piece of equipment for the under-fives.

Cllr Englefield reminded the PC that another playground litter collection list will be required in August. The Clerk will prepare the list. Distribution is to be discussed.

### **014/18 Allotments**

There are no plots available as of today but one plot will be available in the near future as the tenant has moved. Rent requests have been sent out. **(Clerk to Action)**

### **014/18 Public Forum** No questions

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

Present Cllr L Ransom, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr G Englefield, Cllr H Lacey and Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC). One member of the public.

**067/18 Apologies for absence** Cllr P Rollason, Cllr K Maher and Paul Harrison (SODC)

**068/18 Declarations of Interest** None

**069/18 Minutes of the Annual meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018** There was discussion about the minutes and some amendments were made. Cllr Summerland proposed the amended minutes be adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr Lacey. All agreed.

**070/18 Matters Arising** None, other than those already on the agenda.

**071/18 County Councillor's report** Cllr Bartholomew reported that a) OCC & Cherwell DC are considering a proposal for shared service arrangements. The CC believes that a joint arrangement would ensure that residents continue to receive good services and would help secure investment in the infrastructure needed to support increases in jobs and homes b) OCC's children's services received a good rating from Ofsted. However, more is needed for those suffering from neglect so that they get help at the correct time. A 45% increase since 2015 presents a challenge at a time of budget pressures c) Gill Sanders is the new Chairman of OCC. Cllr Les Sibley is the Vice Chairman d) teams of very local people are being set up around older and vulnerable people in a project managed by a specialist Manchester Company called Wellbeing Teams e) changes to how people contribute to the cost of their adult care will see some people charged more so that resources can be targeted better at those who cannot afford to pay. Full details can be found here:

**<http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/changes-would-make-adult-social-care-charges-fair-more-consistent-and-more-transparent/>** f) Oxfordshire now has 96.5% superfast broadband coverage, which is well above national average g) Cllr Bartholomew is trying to mitigate the effects of the Thames Water road closure from Emmer Green h) completion of the broadband repairs to the cabinet opposite the Bottle & Glass is now delayed until August as more faults have been found.

**072/18 District Councillor's report** No report this month

**073/18 Public Forum/Correspondence** A general discussion took place about the possibility of producing a Neighbourhood Plan - the focus of the Annual Parish Meeting in May. It was felt that the meeting had been helpful to those present. It was clear that a lot of work was involved although the existence of the Community Led Plan was a good starting point. A lot of thought was needed before embarking on this venture and support from a larger number of residents would be required. It was suggested that a visit from Ricardo Rios to a PC meeting might be helpful.

### **074/18 Financial Situation**

074.01/18 The financial position was circulated. The Clerk's salary increase was discussed. Cllr Lacey proposed the increase, seconded by Cllr Summerland All agreed.

074.02/18 The June accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £966.72

were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Lacey and seconded by Cllr Summerland. **(Clerk to Action)**

074.03/18 Councillor expenses: None this month.

074.04/18 The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had scrutinised the accounts and had no issues. The Audit Commission Accounting Statements were presented to the Parish Council. These were read and approved by all Councillors present. The Chairman and Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements. Paperwork will now be prepared and placed on the parish website. The exemption certificate will be submitted to the external auditor.

**(Clerk to Action)**

Cllr Lacey asked whether the CIL money should be included in the accounts. This is held by SODC at present. The Clerk was asked to ascertain where the CIL money due should be recorded. **(Clerk to Action)**

### **075/18 Planning Matters**

Discussion took place regarding the fact that two Councillors were told at the last minute on Wednesday that the Planning Committee had such a long agenda that it was unlikely to discuss the application about which BHPC was registered to talk. This saved a long journey to Didcot that would have been a waste of time. A request will be made to SODC for planning applications from the extreme south of the county to be scheduled for earlier in the evening.

#### ***New Applications***

P18/S0383/FUL Amendment No. 1 – dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Erection of new dwelling (As amended by drawings 2018\_05\_14 to reduce size and re-site dwelling). (Land Adj) Elm Cottage Road between Dunsden Green and Arch Hill Binfield Heath RG9 4LE A working party had made a response to this application.

P18/S1656/FUL Erection of single dwelling, pool pavilion and creation of outdoor swimming pool. High Wall House (Land adj Walled Garden House) Binfield Heath RG9 4DP A response will be made to this application. **(Clerk to Action)**

P18/S1819/DIS Planning Application for the creation of a 60m x 20m all-weather riding arena for private use at land off Emmer Green Road, Home Farm Stables, Binfield Heath P17/S3893/FUL Conditions(s) 4 and 5. No comment is to be made.

#### ***Applications Granted***

P18/S1116/HH Extension of one garage bay to existing double garage, and addition of entrance gates facing highway. Oakleigh Dunsden Way Binfield Heath RG9 4LE

**076/18 Community Matters** Unfortunately the planned litter pick with Scouts had to be cancelled as there were not enough Councillors available on the date. The PC apologised. It is hoped to arrange another date later in the year.

### **077/18 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance**

077.01/18 Cllr Bartholomew reminded Councillors about his Highways grant. This was discussed and a possibility of resurfacing the Sonning Common Rd at its worst point was mooted. A photograph of the area and will be sent to Keith Stenning for a quotation.

077.02/18 Cllr Englefield reported that the drain at the top of Arch Hill near the entrance to the footpath is blocked. The Clerk was asked to report this on Fix My Street. **(Clerk to Action)**

**078/18 GDPR** Policy documents have been sent out to Councillors for their comments. Cllr Ransom is also thinking about the compliance regarding the website contacts. **(Cllr Ransom & the Clerk to action)**

**079/18 Neighbourhood Plan** See **Public Forum**

**080/18 Neighbourhood Watch** deferred

**081/18 Matters for Future consideration** Neighbourhood Plan; GDPR; BT residue

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

**Date of next meeting** Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018