

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held on March 25th 2019 7.45 pm at the Scout Hut

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

007/19 Recreation Ground Cllr Maher undertook the inspection. The handrail on the bridge leading to the car park is broken. This needs a repair. **(Clerk to action)**

008/19 Allotments The tenants would like the water turned back on. The Clerk will ask Trevor March if he is able to do this. **(Clerk to action)**

009/19 Public Forum No public comment

The meeting of the Parish Council

Present Cllr P Rollason, Cllr L Ransom, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr H Lacey, Cllr K Maher, Cllr G Englefield, Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC) and Cllr Harrison (SODC). Cllr David Woodward from EDPC. 2 members of the public.

036/19 Apologies for absence

037/19 Declarations of Interest None

038/19 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th February 2019 Cllr Ransom proposed the minutes were accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Summerland. All agreed.

039/19 Matters Arising

027.02/19 Telephone Kiosk Heritage Trading Co. did not know why the telephone kiosk looks orange after such a short time but the company has agreed to look at the kiosk.

040/19 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew reported that **a)** young people & families in Oxfordshire will now benefit from improved community run youth services. Youth groups will be able to bid into a £1m fund over 2 years **b)** a £1 billion investment over the next 10 years should include highway improvements, new school buildings and energy efficient street-lighting. However, funding pressure on services remains as demand for social care for vulnerable children and adults continues to grow **c)** investment in digital technology is being reviewed to make the council work more effectively and efficiently improving customer service making it easier to access services online. Savings have been identified **d)** additional money is to be spent on resurfacing roads, drainage, bridge repairs and footways **e)** Healthwatch Oxfordshire publishes findings of a daytime support review: daytime support was valued for social connection and friendships, activity, independence, reducing isolation and loneliness and supporting carers **f)** delays in hospital patients awaiting care have dropped by 19% locally compared to 11% nationally **g)** he will be attending another Reading Area Transport Forum on 20th March and the third bridge is an agenda item. He hopes to get an update **h)** construction of the junction on the A4155 to the internal road is completed and backfilling will commence soon. This could involve approximately 50 HGVs per day visiting the site possibly half coming through Henley/B481 and half through Reading. Test drilling for a potential new site adjacent to Shiplake College is currently taking place (in response to the OCC call for potential future sites) **i)** the Habitat Management Group met on Wednesday 13th March at Sonning Quarry **j)** the 30mph speed limit along the A4155 through Shiplake was discussed as a change to 40mph along a section is under consultation. Cllr Bartholomew asked the PC to respond to the consultation here:

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/ShiplakeA415540mph/consultationHome>

041/19 District Councillor's report Cllr Harrison reported that **a)** he had approved 2 Councillor Grants last year **b)** the govt is providing funding for a Didcot Science Bridge on the A4130, improvements to the A4130 from the Milton interchange, a new river crossing at Culham and a Clifton Hampden bypass. It is also investing in laser technology at Harwell and funding research into fusion energy at Culham Science Centre **c)** celebration of the 600th Superfast broadband cabinet in Chinnor took place on the 15th **d)** he had opened the first South & Vale Business Awards **e)** Cllr Harrison had also attended the Oxfordshire Special Needs School Quiz where Bishopswood school were competing **f)** from Monday 29th April a PopUp Business School is coming to Berinsfield where the five day workshop is free to anyone with a business idea. For details, visit popupbusinessschool.co.uk/berinsfield **g)** The Great House in Sonning has lost its appeal to use the car park and has to vacate the site by May 4th & reinstate by September 4th **h)** the OVO Energy Women's Premier Cycle race is being planned from Henley to Blenheim. The route that has to be approved by SODC is not yet finalised.

042/19 Public Forum/Correspondence

042.01/19 The issue of the buses trying to access Binfield Heath when the road was closed was discussed again. It was acknowledged that Arriva had been informed but that the message had not reached the drivers and that the warning notices were not in the correct places. Cllr Bartholomew will look at the issue.

042.02/19 Ms Helen Hanley explained the reasons behind the application to extend her cottage at 15 Heathfield Avenue. The application and the amendments were discussed and Cllr Ransom explained the procedure. Mrs Hanley left the meeting.

042.03/19 David Woodward passed EDCP nomination papers to the Clerk. He talked about a possible joint Neighbourhood Plan with Binfield Heath Parish Council. It was suggested that a joint meeting with a speaker and some willing volunteers could be held. This was briefly discussed as something to be discussed after the PC elections. David Woodward left the meeting.

043/19 Financial Situation

043.01/19 The financial position was circulated. The Clerk confirmed that all last month's payments had been made and presented a copy of the bank statement for verification.

043.02/19 The March accounts were presented. Invoices to the value of £1,445.63 were authorised for payment by BACS and one cheque was signed. Proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Rollason. **(Clerk to action)**

043.03/19 Councillor expenses: None this month.

044/19 Planning Matters

New Applications

P18/S3599/HH Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (As amended by drawing 148 2a to reduce height and depth of the extension to demonstrate visual subservience to the dwelling) (Further amended by plan 2019-03- 13 to reduce height of the two-storey extension and introduction of a rear facing dormer). 15 Heathfield Avenue Binfield Heath Oxfordshire RG9 4ED. Cllr Summerland left the meeting during the discussion of this application.

Applications Granted None

045/19 Community Matters

045.01/19 Emergency Plan The idea of this was discussed but it was felt that as the village does not have a community facility it is not necessary to produce this policy. The Village Stores are in the centre of the village and would be a good meeting point for the village.

045.02/19 Flower Show Field Whether the field could be listed as a village amenity was briefly discussed. Some research will be carried out. The containers stored on the field are unsightly and need replacement. It was suggested that a working party could try to solve this issue.

046/19 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance

046.01/19 Loose manhole cover in Heathfield Avenue. This has been reported.

046.02/19 Footpath between Heathfield Avenue and the post box. This has been reported.

046.03/19 There is a raised manhole cover opposite Teapot Cottage. Although it is on the verge, car tyres often catch the edge of it. **(Clerk to action)**

047/19 Councillor/Clerk email addresses Cllr Maher set one of the computers up. He has offered to set up others.

048/19 Neighbourhood Watch There is not much to report this month.

049/19 Risk Assessment Review The Clerk had updated the figures and added the GDPR section to the policy and a sentence relating to Health and Safety on village litter pick days is to be added. This was approved by the Parish Council and the changes will be made. **(Clerk to action)**

050/19 Insurance renewal It was agreed that the renewal quotation for a longer term of 3yrs be accepted. **(Clerk to action)**

051/19 Grants and Donations The £200 cheque agreed last month will be handed to the Monday Club. **(Cllr Summerland to action)**

052/19 Election nominations The Councillors checked their nominations and passed them to the Clerk for delivery to Milton Park tomorrow. **(Clerk to action)**

053/19 Matters for Future consideration Neighbourhood Plan, APM date, election
The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting: Monday April 15th 2019