

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held at the Scout Hut on Monday March 27th 2017 at 7.45pm.

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

007/17 Recreation Ground

007.01/17 Inspections: The playground has had its regular inspections, both weekly and monthly.

007.02/17 Repairs: Cllr Englefield reported that the catch on the bottom gate had worked loose and it was hoped that one of the volunteers would be able to readjust it.

008/17 Allotments Nothing to report

009/17 Public Forum No public presence.

The meeting of the Parish Council

Present Cllr P Rollason, Cllr L Ransom, Cllr G Englefield, Cllr S Summerland and Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC)

032/17 Apologies for absence Cllr Hugh Lacey and Cllr P Harrison (SODC)

033/17 Declarations of Interest None

034/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th February 2017 Cllr Ransom proposed the minutes be adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr Englefield. All agreed.

035/17 Matters Arising None, other than those already on the agenda.

036/17 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew reported that a) extra budget funding received is to be spent on items cut in recent years such as grass verge cutting, children's social care, Council's Flood Defence Levy, a pilot Communities Fund with saved for 2018 b) start-up funding for 12 more community schemes to run open access services at children's centres has been approved by OCC. The proposals, which will receive a total of £305,883, are among the latest to be considered as part of the transition from council-funded to community-led services c) OCC has worked to make Fix My Street work more effectively from this month. It will improve the quality and consistency of public reports, as well as OCC internal processes for closing down reports, making it easier to reliably see what's going on in a given area d) OCC Fire and Rescue Service, with Thames Valley Fire and Rescue are undertaking a co-responding trial. (Co-Responders are fire fighters trained by SCAS to provide a 'first response' to specific medical emergencies where there is an immediate threat to life prior to an emergency ambulance arriving on scene.) Crews have attended approximately 1500 medical emergency calls per year. Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service are also working in partnership with SCAS towards all fire engines within communities being available for cardiac arrests, speeding up defibrillator and casualty support e) it is thought that around 30% of the county's food waste is put in waste bins rather than the food caddy – Oxfordshire's councils have launched a campaign with Agrivert, that processes the county's food waste, to encourage residents to recycle more of the food they would otherwise throw away f) At the end of January, OCC launched 'A Fresh Start for Oxfordshire'. Since then, after meetings with South Oxfordshire and Vale District Councils, and further public consultation it has now been agreed that the three councils will move forward with a new joint proposal for a single unitary council called 'A New Council for a Better Oxfordshire'. The principal change is that the proposed five area boards would be replaced by 15 to 20 area boards, based on the county's main market towns and their surrounding villages. Oxford (the city itself) would have a strengthened model of governance including an autonomous local council and area boards covering different parts. Full details: <https://www.better-oxfordshire.org> g) the draft Traffic Modelling Report related to the Third Reading Bridge is now under review h) the work on Caversham Quarry is due to start. A public information day will be held.

037/17 District Councillor's report No report this month

038/17 Public Forum/Correspondence. No public presence or correspondence

039/17 Financial Situation

039.01/17 The financial position was circulated. Reserves were discussed and the Clerk will send an update including the BT residue to the Councillors. VAT will be added where relevant. **(Clerk to Action)**

039.02/17 The March accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £879.15 were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Englefield. **(Clerk to Action)**

039.03/17 Councillor expenses: None

040/17 Planning Matters

New Applications

P17/S0781/FUL New 4 bedroom detached house with double garage plus double garage for existing property Highfield house. Highfield House Emmer Green Road Binfield House RG9 4NA The application was discussed and will be recommended for approval.

Applications Granted

P17/S0073/HH Removal of existing garage from the rear garden. A single storey side extension to provide a new WC, utility and extended kitchen dining area. Plus a first floor rear extension over the existing ground floor to provide a master suite. Replacement of the existing dormers and addition of Velux windows to the existing front roof. Chesters Kiln Lane Binfield Heath RG9 4EH.

041/17 Community Matters

041.01/17 Date of Litter pick: April 22nd 10am at Binfield Heath Stores.

041.02/17 Opening of Bottle and Glass: the work has been completed and the landlords are inviting locals and groups to see the renovations prior to the official opening.

042/17 Highways/transport and General Maintenance

The road drain at the top of Arch Hill is completely blocked and will be reported.

(Clerk to Action)

043/17 Consultations

043.01/17 Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part 2: This was not relevant so not discussed.

043.02/17 Updated unitary proposals from County Council with South and Vale: Cllr Bartholomew had updated the Parish Council in his report above.

044/17 Footpaths Nothing to report

045/17 Gladman Outline Application: Didcot meeting: It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend this meeting when the date of the Planning Committee meeting is announced. The lack of Neighbourhood Plans for small PC's was discussed. The Parish Council is interested in exploring the idea of a joint neighbourhood plan with other Parish Councils.

046/17 Councillor Resignation Councillor Roberts' resignation has been received and the Chairman has thanked him for all his hard work particularly with the Community Led Plan. An advertisement for a new councillor will be displayed for 14 days. **(Clerk to Action)**

047/17 Annual Parish Meeting This will take place in May with the Annual meeting of the Parish Council.

048/17 Matters for future consideration Neighbourhood Plans, BT Residue.

The meeting closed at 9.23pm

Date of next meeting Monday April 24th 2017
(Annual Parish Meeting Monday May 22nd 2017)