

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held on Monday 26th March 2018 at The Scout Hut from 7.45pm.

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

007/18 Recreation Ground

The playground has had its regular inspections. Councillor Englefield would like to relinquish the responsibility for the Recreation Ground. Mr John Timms has offered to take the Inspections over. The Parish Council is grateful for this offer. It will try to find a simple straightforward system of feedback to the Trustees.

008/18 Allotments

There are a number of plots available and these are advertised. One new tenant has been found. Others will be sought. **(Clerk to Action)**

009/18 Public Forum No questions

The meeting of the Parish Council

Present Cllr P Rollason, Cllr L Ransom, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr H Lacey and Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC) Mr Ernie Povey. PCSO Will Pomeroy.

033/18 Apologies for absence, Cllr G Englefield, Cllr K Maher, Cllr P Harrison (SODC)

034/18 Declarations of Interest None

035/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th February 2018 Cllr

Summerland proposed the minutes be adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr Lacey. All agreed.

036/18 Matters Arising None, other than those already on the agenda.

037/18 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew reported that that a) the OCC budget was agreed by all six councils b) The Growth Deal has now been agreed by the six councils c) £1m in extra funding from the government will be spent on road patching later this year. Defects that make roads hazardous will be dealt with within 24 hours as usual. If a defect has paint markings around it then it has already been scheduled for repair and needs no new report d) Oxfordshire's libraries are thriving e) the Care Quality Commission review reported that across all areas of health and social care, an above-average proportion of services achieve a 'good' or 'outstanding' CQC rating in Oxfordshire, compared to the national average. CVQ's recommendations for actions were agreed by the organisations involved f) to reduce recycling of plastic the OCC recycling team recommends:

- Remember your reusable bags when shopping.
- Invest in a reusable water bottle (stainless steel bottles are more sustainable than plastic)
- For takeaway coffee, use a reusable mug.
- Look for products with less packaging, or no packaging, such as fruit or vegetables.
- Buy concentrated products and refill packs instead of fully packaged products, such as fabric conditioner, washing powders and some beauty products.
- Recycle the packaging where possible. While 90% of packaging is recycled in the kitchens, only 50% is being recycled in the bathroom. Shampoo, conditioner, make up, hand wash and cleaning product bottles can all be recycled (pump trigger must be removed).
- Buy larger or economy sizes of goods such as breakfast cereal, tomato ketchup, toilet rolls and soap powder. This saves money and creates less packaging in the long run. Respond to the consultation here: www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk

g) All the cable to the broadband cabinet opposite the Bottle & Glass are being checked. The required road closure running through Harpsden, near Henley golf club, started last week. Openreach now need to prove the route from there to the Bottle and Glass. The outcome of the route proving is not yet known – they rod and rope all the way to check for any blockages or collapsed ducting. Providing a firm timeline for completion is difficult, but the plan estimates end April, subject to the route proving not revealing unexpected complications h) the remedial work on the new section of carriageway near the Flowing Spring will take place during the first week of August while schools are on holiday i) he attended a meeting of CAGE last week and continue to give them my support.

Cllr Bartholomew was asked if anything could be done about the major pothole in Memorial Avenue. Cllr Bartholomew will ensure that the repair is undertaken urgently.

The Chairman asked about the 5 year land supply and whether the Didcot housing was connected. Cllr Bartholomew responded that it was mainly about infrastructure to support the housing.

Cllr Summerland asked about the suggested the Oxford/Cambridge Expressway. There are apparently three direction options, north, middle and south, the latter cutting through South Oxfordshire. A decision will be made in the summer.

038/18 District Councillor's report Cllr Harrison sent a report that a) SODC have lost their request to take the decision of the Planning Inspector to approve the Thames Farm application to the Court of Appeal b) a number of strategic managers positions have been filled c) SODC has been awarded £2.5m for a project to provide a driverless shuttle bus from Didcot to Milton Park d) a PopUp Business School was available from 19–23 March to give help to those starting up e) SODC has successfully prosecuted someone for housing fraud f) £811,000 is available as capital grants in the district from March g) a Civil Society Strategy has been launched to improve communication with communities h) the SODC Facebook page has been successful with posts providing useful information i) nominations for Best Voluntary & Community Group Awards can be made until 10th April (see the OCVA website) j) Trashosaurus & Munching Molly were 2 of the names given by local school children as names for the new waste trucks k) street parties celebrating the Royal Wedding may need to apply for a licence l) despite rumours as yet there have been no applications relating to development of the Reading Golf Course.

039/18 Public Forum/Correspondence

Mr Ernie Povey informed the PC of the date for a party in the grounds of the Shiplake Memorial Hall: 15th July. He also asked the PC for permission to keep the area below the Scout Hut tidy and mown when the daffodils are over. The PC was pleased to accept this offer. Mr Povey is also suggesting that cameras are installed to monitor the Scout Hut as various items have been taken from around the site.

040/18 Financial Situation

040.01/18 The financial position was circulated.

040.02/18 The March accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £1,830.90 were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Summerland. **(Clerk to Action)**

040.03/18 Councillor expenses: None this month.

041/18 Planning Matters

New Applications

P18/SO271/FUL Removal of existing satellite dishes, to be replaced with new and additional satellite dishes within existing antenna compound (BBC Receiving Station) and on adjoining field to the north of the compound. BBC Monitoring Station at Crowsley Park Sonning Common Road Crowsley RG9 4JJ. The Parish Council decided that it had no objections to this application.

Applications Granted

P17/S4308/HH Proposed erection of a carport. Repositioned further back from road and hedge retained as shown on revised plan received on February 12th 2018 Orchard House Dunsden Way Binfield Heath RG9 4LR

Cllr Lacey met the planning officer relating to the land adjoining Elm Cottage to view the planning proposal to which the Parish Council had objected.

042/18 Community Matters

042.01/18 Litter pick: The Clerk has been unable to contact Kaeti Martin to investigate the possibility of doing a joint litter pick with Scouts and adult volunteers. She will continue to try. **(Clerk to action)**

042.02/18 PCSO Will Pomeroy updated the Councillors on local police matters. There had been a number of sheds that had been broken into and searched recently. Lead and metal items are items frequently stolen for scrap metal. Will Pomeroy said that that anything suspicious should be reported on 101 the non-emergency number.

043/18 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance Cllr Bartholomew discussed the potholes earlier.

044/18 Grants and Donations

044.01/18 Beacons of the Past – Hillforts in the Chilterns Landscape. This application was discussed but no decision was made this month.

044.02/18 The Clerk explained that the grant won from OALC does not quite cover the cost of the laptop, scanner and software. An extra approximate £100 is needed with EDPC paying an equivalent amount. The PC agreed to donate the extra. All agreed. EDPC and BHPC will then have all information stored on one laptop. Collection of the laptop is to be arranged. **(Clerk to action)**

045/18 Orchard Land The Parish Council has been invited by Savills to take on the management of the Orchard Land in Gravel Road. This was discussed. Cllr Summerland proposed that the offer was accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Ransom. All agreed. The Clerk was asked to write to Savills to accept the invitation and to request a simple tenancy agreement be drawn up. **(Clerk to action)**

046/18 Website No operational changes since last report. Cllr Ransom had updated the minutes and financial details for the last 2 years that had been sent by the Clerk.

047/18 Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Maher had previously said there was nothing to report.

048/18 APM It was decided that the APM should aim to discuss the possibility of BHPC setting up a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Lacey is to invite Ricardo Rios from SODC and someone from Shiplake PC who has had experience in drawing up its Neighbourhood Plan to perhaps attend the APM.

049/18 Matters for Future consideration APM

The meeting closed at 9.52pm

Date of next meeting Monday April 23rd 2018