

**Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held at the Scout Hut on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 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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**028/17 Recreation Ground** The playground has had its regular inspections, both weekly and monthly. The tasks identified previously will be carried out in the spring.

**029/17 Allotments** These were inspected and apart from moles, there were no immediate problems. Rents are almost completely in. The clerk will chase those who have still not paid. **(Clerk to Action)**

**030/17 Public Forum** No issues.

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The meeting of the Parish Council

**Present:** Cllr P Rollason, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr Keith Maher, Cllr Hugh Lacey, Cllr L Ransom Cllr G Englefield and Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC) Norman Lane & Barney Double.

**146/17 Apologies for absence** Cllr P Harrison (SODC)

**147/17 Declarations of Interest** None

**148/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017** There was one amendment made confirming the Parish Council's full support of the CLP. Cllr Rollason proposed the minutes be adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr Lacey. All agreed. **(Clerk to Action)**

**149/17 Matters Arising** There were no matters arising other than items already on the agenda.

**150/17 County Councillor's report** Cllr Bartholomew reported that a) world leading science and technology companies at Science Vale have won a share of the 51million govt. prize b) applications for children due to start primary school in Sept 2018 can now be made online via the website and will receive an e-mail on allocation day c) OCC is launching events to tackle illegal tobacco sellers and to educate the public. This crime is linked to other organised crimes and encourages young children to buy tobacco at pocket money prices d) OCC are recruiting 'digital helpers' to support people with little or no experience of computers in libraries across the county. To find out more go to [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/digitalhelper](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/digitalhelper) e) Oxford's new Westgate is now open. Visitors are encouraged to use the park and rides f) SODC welcomed the smaller house building numbers but OCC supports the higher numbers due to concerns that lower numbers would inhibit economic growth and reduce govt. funding g) Chiltern Edge is now an improving school and it is hoped that closure will not now be an option h) the chair of Highmoor PC is convening a meeting in the New Year in order that affected parishes can review the current situation.

**151/17 District Councillor's report** Cllr Harrison sent s report stating that a) as the judicial reviews have been turned down, both Shiplake and SODC have requested an oral presentation that would determine whether the Thames Farm cases can progress to a judicial review. Otherwise the inspector's decision stands b) Thames Barn was due to go to committee on 20<sup>th</sup> November c) Hasely Brook bi-election was won by Caroline Newton d) £150,000 has been allocated for the swimming pool changing rooms at Henley Leisure Centre to be refurbished e) designs have been submitted for the Oxford to Cambridge expressway. The National Infrastructure Commission will make the final decision on the route f) two new orders are being proposed to tackle anti-social behaviour in Thame and Henley g) a man has failed twice to comply with an enforcement notice as he has turned a village pub into residential property without planning permission h) a full council meeting is to take place to discuss the new low emissions strategy and to update council on the progress of the new council offices at Crowmarsh i) plastic bags can be used instead of buying special bags for food waste j) applications for Councillor grants are due as they have to be processed by Dec 19<sup>th</sup> k) free parking in Henley will be on Tuesday afternoons from 5<sup>th</sup> December until Christmas.

**152/17 Public Forum/Correspondence** There were no questions.

**153/17 Financial Situation**

153.01/17 The financial situation was circulated.

153.02/17 The November accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £824.81 were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Rollason and seconded by Cllr Ransom. **(Clerk to Action)**

153.03 Councillor Expenses: None

153.04 Budget and precept for 2018-19. The Clerk had sent out notes relating to the budget. These were briefly explained and the Clerk recommended that in the light of the estimated figures the precept should be kept the same as last year. This was discussed as was the possibility of contributing to the fight against the Gladman development appeal. The chair proposed that the precept be kept at £12,000. This was seconded by Cllr Ransom. All agreed. **(Clerk to Action)**

#### **154/17 Planning Matters**

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

P17/S3893/FUL Planning Application for the creation of a 60mx20m all-weather riding arena for private use at land off Emmer Green Road, Home Farm Stables, near Binfield Heath. Land south-west of Home Farm Stables Emmer Green Road near Binfield Heath RG9 4JS. This was discussed and the decision was made to recommend approval. All agreed. **(Clerk to Action)**

P17/S2535/HH The amendment to the brick and flint boundary wall at 2 the Homestead was briefly discussed and approval is to be recommended. All agreed. **(Clerk to Action)**

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

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 roof lights to garage) of planning permission p14/s3959/full (demolition of existing house and erection of two new dwellings and creation of additional vehicular access) Marraways Dunsden Way Binfield Heath RG9 4LE

**155/17 Local plan** The South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011-2033 has been studied by the working party. Much time and work was involved. The responses had to be positive and submitted in very precise terms and under different headings. Cllr Ransom summarised the main points: a) despite the statement that CLPS were supported, they are not mentioned again in the entire document and community engagement and referral to the CLP is essential to the local plan’s soundness b) the idea that smaller villages without neighbourhood plans should be compelled to have a minimum increase of 10% does not take into account natural infill and organic growth which will vary from village to village and be far greater in some than others. Removing compulsion will encourage engagement. c) the arbitrary figure of 3,750 houses to help meet Oxford City’s housing need is unsound as the true figure is unknown and this distorts housing requirements across SODC. More accurate figures are needed. d) Older properties should be protected from demolition in planning applications unless beyond repair, to help preserve the character of our towns and villages.

**156/17 Community Matters** Heathfield Avenue has been resurfaced entirely funded by the residents.

**157/17 Highways/Transport and Maintenance** There was little to report this month. The number of brown leisure signs to be erected for the Bottle and Glass was briefly discussed.

**158/17 Applications for donations** The usual donation to the Royal British Legion was agreed. It was decided not to donate to the Chilterns Conservation Board at this time. **(Clerk to Action)**

**159/17 Footpaths** The Definitive Map showing the local footpaths were being passed round. It was realised that the maps supplied did not include the modifications that BHPC had fought a few years ago. The Clerk will query this. **(Clerk to Action)**

**160/17 Website:** This is an ongoing process awaiting improvements to make working with the website more straightforward.

**161/17 Neighbourhood Watch** Cllr Maher reported that PCSO Pomeroy was to visit the Monday Club in the near future.

**162/17 Matters for future consideration** Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

**Date of next meeting**

Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018