

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held on Monday 26th November 2018 at Dunsden Parish Hall from 7.45pm.

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

025/18 Recreation Ground Cllr Maher undertook the inspection. Other than minor repairs there were no issues.

026/18 Allotments The Clerk reported that all allotments are tenanted.

027/18 Public Forum No questions

The meeting of the Parish Council

Present Cllr P Rollason, Cllr L Ransom, Cllr G Englefield, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr H Lacey, Cllr K Maher, Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC) and Cllr Harrison (SODC). Mr Denis Gilbert (Chiltern Society)

131/18 Apologies for absence None

132/18 Declarations of Interest None

133/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th October 2018 After one small addition Cllr Ransom proposed the minutes were accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Summerland. All agreed.

134/18 Matters Arising

134.01/18 Gravel Lane Bus Stop: After a number of discussions with Arriva and with OCC, the Clerk was informed that all bus drivers should be familiar with the routes they are driving and should stop whether there is a bus sign or not. This has been reported to the resident concerned.

135/18 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew reported a) OCC put an extra £10m into road repairs both larger projects and small-scale work. The number of completed defect repairs between January and September this year is 35,127 b) OCC is committed to keeping the network of major roads free from ice. Live updates regarding salting/gritting can be found here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/salting-and-snow-clearance> Details about how community groups can request salt bins can be found here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/salt-and-grit-bins> c) plans to completely overhaul the CC have been agreed meaning a major investment in digital technology to improve customer service and reduce running costs d) Rogue traders and aggressive doorstep sellers were targeted during October by OCC Trading Standards aiming to protect residents and businesses. Those who suspect someone of being a rogue trader, or find themselves accosted by uninvited doorstep sellers should contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506 e) The Govt Gigabit Broadband Scheme launched at the end of March 2018 and will run until March 2021 or until all funding has been allocated. Vouchers, provide a one-off contribution to subsidise the installation cost of gigabit-capable infrastructure f) Carers and workers in social care settings can present their ID badge to a pharmacist or GP surgery to obtain a free flu jab g) in future CC wants to talk to people to help shape plans and hear local voices so there will be a town and parish liaison event on Thurs 17th Jan 2019 at Sonning Common Village Hall from 2pm - 5pm. Round table discussions will follow a short presentation. Please register at townparishevents@oxfordshire.gov.uk h) Cllr Bartholomew will contribute £5000 of his Priority Fund towards the repair of the worst section of the Sonning Common Rd. If BHPC will contribute £1,000 then OCC will make up the balance. This work will commence on January 7th. Also the entire section from Coppid Hall crossroads to Devil's Hill has been recommended for surface dressing in the next financial year i) some pothole repairs have been undertaken at the Coppid Crossroads prior to the line refurbishing, sign cleaning and sign replacement felt necessary after this year's accident j) he has chased officers and is seeking clarification over the issue of ditch clearance that had confused the PC k) Cllr Bartholomew will be attending the Reading Area Transport Forum on 27th November as the third bridge is on the agenda.

136/18 District Councillor's report Councillor Harrison reported that a) a renewable energy workshop was taking place on Nov 21st b) it is only necessary to have a 3-yr land supply until the completion of the Joint Statutory Spatial Plan c) Business Award nominations will continue to be accepted into the New Year d) residents and businesses can apply for the Govt's gigabit scheme supporting communities to achieve a better internet connection. To check eligibility, go to gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk e) a councillor community grant up to £5000 is available but applications must be submitted by 17th Dec. f) parishes where development takes place will only receive 15% of CIL funds unless they have a neighbourhood plan when it will be 25% g) Car parking

in Henley will be free on Tuesdays from 4th December up to Christmas.

137/18 Public Forum/Correspondence Mr Denis Gilbert attended the meeting as he had a report on the state of the footpaths in Binfield Heath, some of which are in need of attention. A copy of his report will be attached to these minutes.

138/18 Financial Situation

138.01/18 The financial position was circulated. Forms to update and arrange direct payments were signed. Cllr Maher will send his form to the Clerk who will send them to the Bank.

138.02/18 The November accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £1,037.00 were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Summerland and seconded by Cllr Lacey. **(Clerk to Action)**

138.03/18 Councillor expenses: None this month.

138.04/18 Budget & Precept 2019-2020: The clerk had prepared a budget and some notes that had been forwarded to the Councillors for consideration. This was discussed and as the reserves were forecast to be similar to last year's forecast, the Chairman proposed that the precept was maintained at £12,000. This was seconded by Cllr Englefield. All agreed.

138.05/18 CIL Payments: Discussion took place about how the CIL money could be spent but no agreement was reached. It will remain on the agenda. **(Clerk to action)**

139/18 Planning Matters Cllr Ransom & Cllr Lacey both attended the Committee meeting to discuss the P18/S2377/FUL & P18/S2378/LB Retention of Crowsley Park Farmhouse Annexe as an independent residential dwelling Annexe Crowsley Park Farm Crowsley RG9 4JN They reported that the Planning Committee had dismissed the application.

New Applications

P18/S3476/FUL Erection of a detached single storey 3-bedroom dwelling and detached double garage with room above Thanksgiving Cottage Thanksgiving Lane near Binfield Heath RG9 4NG
P18/S3731/HH and P18/S3729/LB, to erect an oak-framed pergola/fence to the front of the property and a pergola and decking with hot tub to the rear at Well House Crowsley.

Applications Granted

P18/S2884/FUL Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission P18/S1656/FUL, to add a rear garden tennis court. Erection of single dwelling, pool pavilion and creation of outdoor swimming pool P18/S1656/FUL Walled Garden House Shiplake Row Binfield Heath RG9 4DP
P18/S3098/FUL A proposed dedicated Staff Car parking area at the rear of the existing development. Small area needs change of use from agricultural to parking in connection with retail (public house) The Bottle & Glass Inn Bones Lane Binfield Heath Henley on Thames RG9 4JT.

140/18 Community Matters

140.01/18 Keeps Lane: The Clerk updated the PC with an email exchange with Jackie Smith, a rights of way officer. The team she had contacted is certain that Keeps Lane is a publicly maintained highway designated as an unclassified, unmetalled road. Further information regarding upkeep is awaited.

140.02/18 Orchard Licence This is still with Savills for consideration. This item will be added to the next agenda. **(Clerk to action)**

140.03/18 Telephone Kiosk This needs a coat of paint. The Clerk will obtain quotations. **(Clerk to action)**

142/18 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance

142.01/18 Highways Grant: discussed earlier with Cllr Bartholomew.

142.02/18 Ditch Clearance: discussed earlier with Cllr Bartholomew.

143/18 Councillor/Clerk email addresses So far, the PC has been unable to set these up.

144/18 Neighbourhood Plan This was discussed briefly but it was decided to wait until the local plan was passed. Kim Eccles has offered to come and talk to the Council about the issue.

145/18 Neighbourhood Watch Item deferred

146/18 AONB Cllr Ransom is to draft a letter to John Howell on behalf of the 6 parishes in the local AONB group. The next meeting is as yet unscheduled.

147/18 Matters for Future consideration Neighbourhood Plan, Neighbourhood Watch, Orchard Land

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Date of next meeting Monday January 28th 2018