

**Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held at the Scout Hut on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 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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**025/17 Recreation Ground** The playground has had its regular inspections, both weekly and monthly.

**026/17 Allotments** These were inspected and apart from moles, there were no immediate problems. Rents are coming in. Three tenants are vacating their plots so an advert will be placed on the boards. The tenants also request a new plan of the allotments. **(Clerk to Action)**

**027/17 Public Forum** One tenant had requested permission for a shed. Permission for a small shed was granted.

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The meeting of the Parish Council

**Present:** Cllr P Rollason, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr Keith Maher, Cllr Hugh Lacey, Cllr P Harrison (SODC) Ann Law, Roger Roberts, Robert Davis, Norman Lane & Barney Double.

**128/17 Apologies for absence** Cllr L Ransom, Cllr G Englefield and Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC)

**129/17 Declarations of Interest** None

**130/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> 2017** Cllr Lacey proposed the minutes be adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr Summerland. All agreed.

**131/17 Matters Arising** There were no matters arising other than items already on the agenda.

**132/17 County Councillor's report** Cllr Bartholomew reported that OCC has submitted a bid of £500m to fund transport infrastructure for Didcot Garden Town, West Oxfordshire Garden Village & north of Oxford. This is part of other work to secure investment in transport, schools & hospitals to meet future needs of Oxfordshire to 2040 b) Oxfordshire's Director of Public Health has published his 10<sup>th</sup> Public Health Annual Report. It can be found at <http://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=148&Mld=5106> c) a £1m Transition Fund has helped schemes for 0-5yr olds to start at locations formerly served by Children's Centres. Some funding remains & interested community groups should contact [localities@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:localities@oxfordshire.gov.uk) d) eight new centres will provide support for more than 500 older people or those with specific needs. 3,200 sessions are provided with transport by staff from the Community Support Service e) Free electric blanket testing is available from OCC Trading Standards & Fire & Rescue Services during October. Call 01865 898642 or email: [communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk) to book f) the repairs to the A4155 embankment are on schedule and on budget g) Berkshire councillors and officers are anticipating that the 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge might be built in the next 5 years. This is opposed by me as representative of local Parish Councils but Oxfordshire Councils have little interest in the process. Cllr Bartholomew suggested that letters be written to engage Councils further.

**133/17 District Councillor's report** Cllr Harrison reported that a) SODC are returning to Crowmarsh in 2 yrs b) Public consultation on a draft joint housing delivery strategy is open till 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Visit the website to comment c) the full council approved the Local Plan and the publicity period is open till Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is a drop in event in Henley on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 10am – 2pm at Henley Town Hall d) The Govt proposes to update the criteria for disqualifying individuals from being elected, holding office as an local authority member or directly elected mayor. See [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/645454/Disqualification\\_criteria\\_for\\_councillors\\_and\\_mayors.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/645454/Disqualification_criteria_for_councillors_and_mayors.pdf) e) 30,000 households still have to respond to the yellow letters for the annual electoral register canvass f) a councillor grant is available for between £500 & £1000. Details are on [www.southoxon.gov.uk/grants](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/grants) Applications need to be in by December g) the Govt funding for homelessness has increased due to SODC success in prevention. Extra funding means more can be spent on prevention h) Extra garden waste collections mean that twice the normal amount can be put out in the w/b 23<sup>rd</sup> October i) Waste collection is now made by 2 vehicles. Residents are reminded that both main waste and food waste are collected on the same date but not at the same time j) Pumpkins can be cut up and placed in the food bin or left whole for collection after 31<sup>st</sup> Oct k) A new online lottery is being set up early next year working with Aylesbury Vale District Council.

**134/17 Public Forum/Correspondence**

134.01/17 Roger Roberts attended the meeting to share the group of residents' views on the Local Plan that is to become their response. The group wished to ensure that its views did not clash

with those of the PC. This was discussed. The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parish Council was fully aligned with the CLP. The group will submit its response by 30<sup>th</sup> November.

134.02/17 Ann Law requested PC help with the resurfacing of Heathfield Avenue as the residents feel that the filling of the potholes with gravel every so often does not last and is regarded as a waste of money. The residents are willing to donate money if a more permanent surface can be prepared. The PC was asked to help with this. This will be discussed when all Councillors are present.

134.03/17 A request for funds to clear and tidy the garden area near the Chapel at Gravel Road was received by e-mail. This was discussed but at the present time it would not be appropriate for the PC to become involved with land it does not own and which is in the hands of executors.

### **135/17 Financial Situation**

135.01/17 The financial situation was circulated.

135.02/17 The October accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £2148.38 were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Rollason and seconded by Cllr Lacey.

### **(Clerk to Action)**

135.03/Councillor Expenses: None

### **136/17 Planning Matters**

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

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

**137/17 Local Plan/Neighbourhood Plan** The chair has created a subcommittee including the Vice Chair and Cllr Hugh Lacey to examine the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011-2033. A meeting was held on Monday 16th October when the SODC questionnaire was discussed in preparation for the Council's response by 30th November. Further meetings will be held until the response is finalised.

On 21st October the subcommittee attended a 'drop-in' session hosted by SODC at Henley Town Hall. SODC officers including Adrian Duffield, Hannah Guest and others were present to inform and answer questions in the Local Plan, CLP and Neighbourhood Plan.

### **138/17 Community Matters**

138.01/17 Green Gym: The Green Gym will arrange a return visit in the spring. The Clerk was asked to approach Pricketts for a quotation for removing the saplings and cutting back the bulrushes around Green Pond as the saplings are easier to access while the pond is dry. **(Clerk to Action)**

138.02/17 Memorials: A request for a memorial for an individual has been received. This was discussed but the PC feels that it is not appropriate for the PC to fund individual memorials.

**139/17 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance** There has been a significant amount of traffic through the village with the A4155 closure but traffic has not been as bad as expected although new users go much too fast.

**140/17 Applications for donations** A donation to Sue Ryder will be made next year. Clean Slate will not be supported at this time. However the Scout Hut Grant promised earlier in the year will be made. **(Clerk to Action)**

**141/17 Footpaths** The Definitive Map showing the local footpaths were passed to Cllr Summerland. They will be circulated.

**142/17 Website:** Some changes to the operation of the site have been requested to make it easier to use. It may be a little while before these can be made.

**143/17 Risk Assessment** This was reviewed and the renovated telephone kiosk was added to the Property & Assets Section. After amendment the Risk Assessment will be circulated for final approval.

**144/17 Neighbourhood Watch** Cllr Maher had nothing to report this month.

### **145/17 Matters for future consideration**

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm

**Date of next meeting**

Monday November 27<sup>th</sup> 2017