

**Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held at the Scout Hut on Monday
September 18th 2017 at 7.45pm.**

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

022/17 Recreation Ground The playground has had its regular inspections, both weekly and monthly. The ROSPA report did not point out any major problems with the equipment. One or two tasks on items that need some attention will be undertaken during the year.

There is a need to purchase 4 more bars for the Monkey Bars. **(Clerk to Action)**

023/17 Allotments These were inspected and there were no immediate problems. Rents are coming in. Three tenants are vacating their plots so an advert will be placed on the boards. **(Clerk to Action)**

024/17 Public Forum No public presence.

The meeting of the Parish Council

Present: Cllr P Rollason, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr L Ransom, Cllr Keith Maher*, Cllr Hugh Lacey, Cllr G Englefield and Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC). * by phone.

113/17 Apologies for absence Cllr P Harrison (SODC)

114/17 Declarations of Interest None

115/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th June 2017 Cllr Lacey proposed the minutes be adopted. Proposal seconded by Cllr Summerland. All agreed.

116/17 Matters Arising There were no matters arising other than items already on the agenda.

117/17 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew reported that a) key projects relating to growth and infrastructure - informing how Oxfordshire grows and develops in the coming years - will reach critical points in September b) OCC confirmed that it will keep its seven Household Recycling Centres open in the medium term. However, it will increase the charge for non-household waste items to £1.50. Also new in October 2017 will be a bin for recycling hard plastics such as plastic garden furniture and children's toys. Residents are reminded that all HWRCs are open until 8pm on Thursdays until 1 October 2017 c) OCC is giving advice for 16 to 19-year-olds about staying in learning, finding a job or starting an apprenticeship. Information can be accessed via the Oxme website www.oxme.info/resultsday d) to achieve a secure core service in social care, OCC is introducing a new daytime service. From 1 October OCC's present Support Services will be replaced by a new Community Support Service e) a home care provider in Oxfordshire has been rated as "Outstanding" by the Care Quality Commission confirming that the county is ahead of national averages. George Springall Homecare is a domiciliary care agency providing support and care to people in their own homes in the South Oxfordshire area f) the Housing and Planning Minister has announced that Oxfordshire is set to benefit from new homes and improvements to local transport networks thanks to a £6.2 million government cash injection awarded to SODC, helping to develop Didcot's Garden town and 15,000 new homes g) as part of the Oxford Transport Strategy, work continues around a consideration of a workplace parking levy, congestion charging and access restrictions in Oxford h) the cycling adviser to the National Infrastructure Commission, Mr Gilligan, visited Oxford and discussions with members of OCC included plans for the future including provision for cycle commuters, how to get more people into cycling and cycling's health benefits i) the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) for the third Reading Bridge has now been subject to a preliminary review by OCC officers, who have raised a number of queries. He was expecting a Steering Group meeting to discuss these queries, but discovered that Matt Rodda MP had convened a meeting of the Bridge Steering Group from which he was excluded. The bridge proponents seem content with the SOBC and are asking interested parties to jointly fund the £750,000 for the next stage – the Outline Business Case. The final project cost is estimated well in excess of £100m j) further documents have been submitted for retirement village p16/s3438/o trying to push the footpath as a deferred matter; Highways have accepted this. However, the footpath would require the removal of many trees and the creation of a buttressed/piled structure to accommodate the footpath as the land slopes away from the highway. He urges the PC to review the applicant's Landscape Impact Assessment and the SODC Countryside Officer's report, which would both now

appear to be inaccurate k) Sajid Javid's statement last week indicated that South Oxfordshire's current figure of 725-825 dwellings per annum would be reduced to 617 meaning a reduction of between 108 and 208 dwellings per year and arguably an immediate return to the council having a five-year land supply. These figures are out for consultation.

118/17 District Councillor's report Cllr Harrison reported that a) a judicial review is being sought after the applicant wishing to develop Thames Farm appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. It is thought that there was a failure to address certain issues (See SODC website) b) SODC & the Vale are two of only 24 district councils to have completed all the food hygiene inspection programmes for the year according to the Food Standards Agency c) From 1 October, OCC is increasing charges for items of non-household waste taken to recycling centres. Most items of chargeable waste such as sinks, baths, kitchen units, soil and rubble – will cost £1.50 to dispose of, with higher charges for items such as plasterboard (£10 per sheet) and car tyres (£5). The county council is keen to reassure everyone that it will still be FREE to dispose of all household waste d) the Veterans' Gateway is a 24/7 service aimed at supporting veterans, their families and carers. The website is a handy toolkit for officers and councillors to access relevant content and links to help support military veterans. The website address is www.veteransgateway.org.uk/partner-toolkit and password is PartnerToolkit e) Subject to its approval for publication, the Local Plan will be available for public comment between 11 Oct and 22 Nov 2017 f) comments on Community infrastructure are welcome until 11th October g) various Personnel Changes have taken place: Ian Matten has been appointed as Interim Head of Waste, Leisure, Parks and Environmental Health. Adrianna Partridge has taken up the role of Interim Head of Corporate Services. Liz Hayden has now started her new role as Interim Head of Five Councils Delivery h) Henley Leisure Centre is due for an upgrade in November.

119/17 Public Forum/Correspondence None

120/17 Financial Situation

120.01/17 The financial situation was circulated.

120.02/17 The August & September accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £137.21. were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Englefield. **(Clerk to Action)**

120.03/Councillor Expenses: None

120.04/17 External Audit: The annual return and certificate from the external audit was approved and accepted by the Parish Council. The notice of conclusion of audit will be published. The Clerk was thanked and complimented for her work on the audit.

121/17 Planning Matters

New Applications

P17/S2535/HH Removal of front boundary fence and replacement with a brick and flint wall, height 1.2 metres 2 The Homestead Binfield Heath Oxon RG9 4LA

Applications Granted

P17/S2455/FUL Construction of low level open brick barbecue area with pizza oven (retrospective) Bottle and Glass Inn Binfield Heath RG9 4JT

122/17 Community Matters

122.01/17 Green Gym: The Green Gym spent time in August working in the woods behind Arch Hill. They are hoping to return in October.

122.02/17 Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman and Vice Chair met with local landowners to discuss the possible production of a Neighbourhood Plan for Binfield Heath and Eye and Dunsden. It was hoped that such occasional meetings concerning planning and development in the parish would become a basis for mutual benefit of parish and estate.

122.03/17 New Waste Charging: See the CC & DC's reports.

123/17 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance. Cllr Summerland again expressed her concern about the saplings self-seeded around Green Pond. The Clerk was asked to remind the Green Gym to book the work in at the earliest opportunity. **(Clerk to Action)**

124/17 Applications for donations Sue Ryder was given a donation earlier in the year so this will be considered again in January. **(Clerk to Action)**

125/17 Footpaths The Definitive Map showing the local footpaths is now available. A cheque for

this was drawn up.

126/17 Website: Cllr Ransom would like the process of moving items around on the website to be a little more straightforward. This will be requested. **(Vice Chairman & Clerk to Action)**

127/17 Matters for future consideration

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

Date of next meeting

Monday October 23rd