

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th April at 7.00pm in the Palmer Room at Dunsden Hall

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

10/23 Allotments. The last allotment is now let.

11/23 Recreation Ground

08.01/23 A regular inspection took place on 20th April. The locking mechanism at the pedestrian gate was missing. Cllr Davis replaced the missing part and he was thanked.

08.02/23 Cllr Davis also fitted the missing spring mechanism for the sandpit gate.

12/23 Public Forum Nothing to report.

The meeting of the Parish Council

Present Cllr P Rollason, Cllr L Ransom, Cllr H Lacey, Cllr Robert Davis, Cllr Fulton-Urry, Cllr Summerland, Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC, SODC), Cllr L Rawlins (SODC) and five members of the public.

051/23 Apologies None

052/23 Declarations of Interest None

053/23 Minutes of the meetings held on Monday March 27th 2023. Cllr Lacey proposed the minutes were accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Ransom. All agreed.

054/23 Matters Arising

028.02/23 The defibrillator is now in place at Three-A-Leet. Training for 6-10 people will be arranged. If arranged before it is let the training could take place at Three-A-Leet. **(Clerk to action)**

029.01/23 The bus shelter is almost complete.

055/23 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew's full report is attached to the minutes.

056/23 District Councillor's report Cllr Rawlins' report is attached to these minutes.

057/23 Financial Situation

057.01/23 The financial position had been circulated.

057.02/23 The April accounts were presented. Invoices to the value of £835.11 were authorised for payment. These payments were proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Rollason. All agreed. **(Clerk to action)**

057.03/23 The Cash Book on an Excel Sheet had been forwarded to Councillors for information prior to submission to the internal auditor. There were no queries.

058/23 Planning Matters

Applications granted by SODC

2 Arch Cottages Binfield Heath P23/So824/LDP Formation, laying out and construction of an access to a highway (Kiln Lane) which is not a trunk road or a classified road (under Part 2, Class B).

Completed applications for ratification

Bournes Farmhouse Harpsden Road Binfield Heath RG9 4JT P22/S4374/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two semi-detached 3-bedroom dwellings and 2-bay car barn with retained access from Harpsden Road (dwellings redesigned to more closely reflect previous planning permission P19/S4261/FUL, as shown on amended plans received 17th February 2023). A working party recommended refusal of this application. Decision ratified.

Frieze Cottage Crowsley Henley on Thames P23/S1076/DIS Discharge of conditions 3 (joinery details) on application P22/S4634/LB (Rebuild top of both chimney stacks and replace pots to ensure top of pot is sufficiently raised above surface of thatch, re-thatch the roof, replace windows with double doors to Boot Room and Study, replacement of side gate and re-surfacing of adjacent hard-standing, replacement door to rear Hall, minor repairs). (Permission from SODC now granted) A working party recommended approval. Decision ratified.

New Applications

Land adjacent to the Bottle and Glass Inn Bones Lane Binfield Heath RG9 4JT P21/S1733/FUL Amendment No 6 dated 31st March 2023. Retrospective change of use of the agricultural Dutch barn to provide outdoor dining area associated with the public house, including additional seating area,

external storage and kitchen containers. Addition of timber cladding to barn and screening fencing around containers. (As amplified by floor plan and elevation plans submitted 08 March 2022)(As amended by plans 2023-02-10 to revise external appearance, provide additional parking, remove retail/shop within barn). (As amplified and amended by Transport Statement and plans to increase overflow car parking received 31 March 2023). There were no planning reasons for the PC to object to this amendment. Decision ratified.

059/23 Neighbourhood Plan Councillor Davis had sent an update to the NP. The Steering Group are looking at comments received and if approved the Presubmission consultation will run from 5 May to 19 June to provide opportunity for resident and SODC comments and any changes.

060/23 Neighbourhood Watch Cllr Fulton-Urry explained that there is no local Neighbourhood Watch group with police support. The police suggest that a local WhatsApp group might be started for exchanging relevant information. A list of roads is required and willing volunteers need to be sought to report any local incident to the group. This suggestion will go into the next newsletter.

061/23 Community Matters

061.01/23 Defibrillator: see Matters Arising

061.02/23 The Coronation was discussed and a Sunday Lunch (7th May) will take place on the Recreation Ground. The Village Society has requested £500 towards this. The Chairman proposed this donation. Cllr Fulton-Urry seconded and all agreed. **(Clerk to action)**

061.03/23 Village Shop: This has recently become a great concern with the residents of the village who are worried that they will lose the village shop and the Post Office. The Chairman confirmed that the lease for the shop terminated in 2020. Ever since the tenants have remained on a 'rolling lease'. Negotiations between tenant and landlord continue. The Chairman confirmed that the Estate have no intention of closing the shop/PO. The future at present involved building 2 cottages in the garden in order to fund work inside the shop which needs major renovation. Various suggestions were proposed so that the shop and Post Office could still function on a temporary basis while the improvements were undertaken. Use of the Forge was suggested as a possibility if the Trustees agreed. The Chairman will pass the ideas on to the Estate. **(Chairman to action)**

061.04/23 20mph limit: The idea of limiting the speed to 20mph has been considered a number of times by the PC but it still maintains the decision that it would not solve the problem of speeding through Binfield Heath. However, a visit by the OCC person responsible for signage is visiting the village next week to see if the speed limit signage is visible and sufficient and make suggestions for improvement in order to limit the traffic speed. Cllr Davis warned against too many signs in a rural environment.

062/23 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance

The reduced bus service was discussed and confirmed to the public present that there will be no more buses than at present. Cllr Davis confirmed that the buses were still not being used. It was agreed that the times did not fit well with people but these were the times that Arriva said that Binfield Heath residents had used previously.

063/23 Green & Open Spaces Footpath requests to Countryside Access have been rejected by OCC so another solution is required. Deferred.

064/23 Website Compliance The Clerk has spoken to a design consultant who is going to look at the Binfield Heath website to see what is necessary for compliance.

065/23 Public Forum As most items of concern to the residents present this was skipped.

066/23 Matters for future consideration Buses; Defibrillator training.

The meeting finished at 9.20pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday May 22nd 2023 at the Scout Hut
This will be the Annual Parish Meeting & the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council