

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 7.45 pm at the Scout Hut

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

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**004/19 Recreation Ground** Cllr Maher undertook the inspection. It was noted that the recreation ground was being well used in the recent warm weather.

**005/19 Allotments** All tenanted

**006/19 Public Forum** No public presence

**The meeting of the Parish Council**

**Present** Cllr P Rollason, Cllr L Ransom, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr H Lacey, Cllr K Maher, Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC) 1 member of the public.

**018/19 Apologies for absence** Cllr G Englefield and Cllr Harrison (SODC).

**019/19 Declarations of Interest** None

**020/19 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019** Cllr Lacey proposed the minutes were accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Ransom. All agreed.

**021/19 Matters Arising**

021.01/19 The response to the Local Plan consultation was made by a working party. A response to the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 is being considered.

021.02/19 The Clerk reminded the Councillors of the dates related to the elections this year as the date for the Publication of Notice of Election is very close to the next meeting.

**022/19 County Councillor's report** Cllr Bartholomew reported that **a)** community-run youth groups can apply for match funding from a CC £1m fund **b)** residents in Oxfordshire will see highway improvements, new school buildings & energy efficient streetlighting thanks to a £1 billion investment over 10yrs **c)** OCC are reviewing digital technology to make the council more efficient improving access online **d)** a draft strategy has been developed by Oxfordshire's Health & Wellbeing Board – the partnership between the local NHS services, local councils and Healthwatch Oxfordshire. See the strategy and survey document at <https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/HealthWellbeing/consultationHome> **e)** a cash boost could see a technological revolution involving important traffic information being used to help people get around and could fund research into how data can be used to help manage traffic in the future **f)** an extra £10m meant that more than 40,000 road defects have been repaired since last winter **g)** the Care Quality Commission has recognised the significant work done to join up services across Oxfordshire to plan and deliver health and social care services, particularly for older people) **h)** a formal consultation will take place to begin to process an increase in the speed limit on the A4155 in Shiplake **i)** the Sonning Common Road is due for surface dressing next year but the section from Devil's Hill requires more substantial repairs as it is an important link road. The PC will add their support **j)** Cllr Bartholomew will be attending the next Reading Area Transport Forum on the 20<sup>th</sup> March where the third bridge is on the agenda **k)** there is no news on the call in of the application for 40 dwellings on the Wyvale Garden Centre site.

**023/19 District Councillor's report** Cllr Harrison's report stated that **a)** Halifax rated South Oxfordshire top as the best place to live in the South East and 6<sup>th</sup> overall **b)** £100.000 has been allocated to help tackle air quality. Funds are available to support local air quality projects **c)** brownfield development sites can be seen at <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/brownfield-land-register> **d)** the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 is being prepared as part of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal. A summary can be read here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/i8xocky4e5uiu5d/Oxfordshire%20in%202050%20-%2018%20December%202018%20workshop%20report%20from%20WSP.pdf?dl=0> **e)** the Local Industrial Strategy is aiming to support businesses by securing government and private investment **f)** the design of the new building at Crowmarsh has been informed by a survey by local people and parishes **g)** Binzone will update about bin collections when there is adverse weather **h)** waste oil can be left in the food caddy either in a plastic bottle or directly **i)** there is a £5 increase in Council Tax.

**024/19 Public Forum/Correspondence**

024.01/19 Ernie Povey expressed concern about the signage arrangements for the Thames Water work taking place. It had not prevented buses unaware of the closure trying to access the village and causing difficulties. Cllr Bartholomew said that he would look into the problem although it is difficult when traffic patterns are unknown in an area. Cllr Lacey pointed out the error on the reference map. Cllr Bartholomew left the meeting but said he would see what he could do to alleviate

the problem.

024.02/19 Ernie Povey had requested the footpath report sent by Denis Gilbert. This had been forwarded. Ernie now asked if he could have a map of the local footpaths. **(Clerk to action)**

### **025/19 Financial Situation**

025.01/19 The financial position was circulated. The Clerk confirmed that all last month's payments had been made and showed a copy of the bank statement for verification.

025.02/19 The February accounts were presented. Invoices to the value of £1,063.18 were authorised for payment by BACS. Proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Rollason. **(Clerk to action)**

025.03/19 Councillor expenses: None this month.

### **026/19 Planning Matters**

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

P19/S0463/HH Single storey side extension and new porch. Demolition of an existing single garage. Box Cottage Common Lane Binfield Heath RG9 4JY. This application was discussed and will be recommended for approval.

P19/S0490/HH Construction of a front and rear dormer window, roof window at the front and a side obscured glazed window. Byeways Kiln Lane Binfield Heath Henley on Thames RG9 4EH. This application was discussed and will be recommended for approval.

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

### **027/19 Community Matters**

027.01/19 Keeps Lane: The Clerk reported that she had heard nothing this month.

027.02/19 Telephone Kiosk When asked, Heritage Trading Co. did not know why the telephone kiosk looks orange after a short time. The Clerk was asked to write a letter asking them if it could be looked at with a view to repainting. **(Clerk to action)**

027.03/19 Village Litter Pick This took place on 9<sup>th</sup> February and was successful. The Clerk was asked to report larger pieces of rubbish that could not be picked up. This was done.

### **028/19 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance (Clerk to action)**

**029/19 Councillor/Clerk email addresses** Cllr Maher offered to help set these up.

**030/19 Neighbourhood Plan** This was discussed briefly again and will remain on the agenda.

**031/19 Neighbourhood Watch** There is not much to report this month.

**032/19 AONB** Cllr Ransom reported that the local parishes AONB group has sent a letter to John Howell asking for an urgent update on their joint application to enlarge their shared AONB area.

**033/18 Shiplake Memorial Hall** Nothing to report.

**034/18 Grants and Donations** The Monday Club is in need of support. This was discussed and it was decided to award £200 in order for the Club to continue. This was proposed by Cllr Summerland and seconded by Cllr Ransom. All agreed.

**035/18 Matters for Future consideration** Neighbourhood Plan, APM date, election

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

**Date of next meeting: Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> 2019**