

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd July 2019 7.45 pm at the Scout Hut

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

016/19 Recreation Ground The inspections have taken place and Councillor Maher has undertaken some minor repairs. The sandpit still needs a new surround and the gate is being left open which is why dog excrement was found on one occasion. The drug dealing problem was discussed and although difficult to implement a closing time for the use of the Recreation Ground was suggested.

017/19 Allotments All allotments are tenanted and there is one person on the waiting list. The Clerk said that she was in the process of sending out rent renewals. **(Clerk to action)**

018/19 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) and Cllr Rawlins (SODC).

085/19 Apologies for absence Cllr Sarah Fulton-Urry

086/19 Declarations of Interest None

087/19 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th June 2019 Cllr Ransom proposed the minutes were accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Summerland. All agreed.

088/19 Matters Arising

027.01/19 Heritage Trading have said that the telephone kiosk will be repainted tomorrow.

073.01/19 The Clerk had reported the recent drug problems witnessed on the Recreation Ground. A number of calls to the Police have resulted in no action. The Clerk has asked if a police presence was possible at the next meeting.

089/19 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew reported that **a)** Repairs & improvements on Oxfordshire's roads continue with more than 34,000 potholes repaired, a 45% increase on last year – and more major repairs over the summer. This year and last OCC invested millions of pounds above its usual budget for more repairs and resurfacing projects **b)** Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire West are to be part of a new 'integrated care system' created by the NHS to improve health and social care services aiming to deliver a person-centred vision for health and care services, planning and delivering as locally as possible. More details can be found here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2019/06/faster-and-more-convenient-health-and-care/> **c)**

Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service is one of only four fire and rescue services to be given an 'outstanding' judgement in any category following inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) **d)** OCC will assist residents completing the ID verification process to the European Union Settlement Scheme (EUSS). Oxford Register Office and 16 libraries across the county will offer the document validation service **e)** the expected speed limit change on the A4155 through Shiplake is to be implemented despite Retirement Villages' application for a judicial review **f)** Thames Water will close the A4155 overnight to undertake the work at Tower House **g)** for a number of reasons the proposal to build a 3rd bridge has gained momentum but the proponents of the scheme must be compelled to agree that the bridge and mitigation measures are one project and mitigation measures must not be left as a minor detail to be followed up at a later date **h)** Cllr Bartholomew reminded the PC that he has £1000m for 2019/20 to match-fund Highways Projects. The idea of providing Deer Crossing signs was discussed briefly and the Clerk was asked to contact Highways for a quotation. **(Clerk to action)**

090/19 District Councillor's report Cllr Rawlins reported that **a)** the Goring Neighbourhood Plan will go before the Full Council on 18th July **b)** the refurbishment of the dry side changing facilities at Henley Leisure Centre will go to Council for approval **c)** the Scrutiny committee has recommended that the Local Plan be withdrawn from inspection & changes made taking the Housing Land Supply & The Housing Infrastructure Fund Deal into consideration. A new complete 2034 Local Plan might take 1-2 yrs. **d)** Berinsfield has been given Garden Village status **e)** North Wessex Downs have produced a new Management Plan which will be reviewed by SODC

f) Council has supported the upgrade of the East-West rail line with maximised scope for freight to go by rail but is strongly opposed to the OxCam expressway. The 2 sub-routes under consideration would either link with the A34 already congested or bring it through South Oxfordshire. Either route will bring pressure to take tens and tens of housing with new settlements etc. It would not address local need & swamp the existing over-burdened road network.

091/19 Public Forum/Correspondence None

092/19 Financial Situation

092.01/19 The financial position was circulated. The Clerk confirmed that all last month's payments had been made. The Clerk suggested that a DD be set up to pay Castle Water as the bills were so frequent. However, the Clerk said that she would monitor this in order that Castle Water did not retain much of the PC money in advance.

092.02/19 The July accounts were presented. Invoices to the value of £1,092.78 were authorised for payment by BACS and cheques for a donation to Clean Slate and for the water repairs were signed. Proposed by Cllr Summerland and seconded by Cllr Lacey. **(Clerk to action)**

092.03/19 Councillor expenses: None this month.

093/19 Planning Matters

New Applications

P18/S2377/FUL Appeal reference APP/Q3115/W/19/3230720 Retention of Crowsley Park Farmhouse Annexe as an independent residential dwelling and for associated alterations to the building. Annexe Crowsley RG9 4JN Any additional response is due by 7th August.

Applications Granted

P19/S1459/FUL Planning Application for the creation of a 40m x 20m all-weather riding arena for private use. Land off Keepers Cottage Kiln Lane Binfield Heath Henley on Thames RG9 4EL. This application had been discussed by a working party. The PC had no objections but made one recommendation.

A Planning Training Session is to take place at Didcot on September 17th. The Clerk was asked to book two Councillors and the Chairman in to attend. **(Clerk to action)**

094/19 Community Matters

094.01/19 Flower Show Field Cllr Ransom had found the original planning permission for the containers on the field. She had drafted a letter to the owner of the field and this was reviewed. The Clerk was asked to post the letter. **(Clerk to action)**

094.02/19 It had suggested that a tree be planted in memory of a resident who had been very active in the village. This will be considered again.

095/19 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance

096/19 Grants and Donations It was decided to donate £50 to the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind. **(Clerk to action)**

097/19 Neighbourhood Plan The possibility of undertaking this was briefly discussed. The PC would like to know the outcome of John Howell's private members bill before committing.

098/19 Neighbourhood Watch Cllr Maher has spoken to the central body for Neighbourhood Watch. He is now arranging a meeting with the leader of Henley Neighbourhood Watch.

099/19 Matters for future consideration Neighbourhood Plan; Footpath diversion

The meeting finished at 9.20pm

Date of next meeting: Monday September 16th 2019 **