

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Council Meeting held on Monday August 2nd 2021 at 7.00pm in the Palmer Room, Dunsden Hall

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

015/21 Allotments One allotment is needing attention. The Clerk has written to the tenant. Rent demands are being prepared. **(Clerk to action)**

016/21 Recreation Ground

016.01/21 Inspections have taken place and there are no problems.

016.02/21 The ROSPA safety inspection is delayed until this month. The Chairman will accompany the inspector this year.

016.03/21 A resident was thanked for keeping an eye on the litter as one group of footballers using the posts had been leaving a great deal of litter. A litter bin for the cleared area at the bottom of Arch Hill has not arrived. This will be chased. **(Clerk to action)**

017/21 Public Forum No questions

The meeting of the Parish Council

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

069/21 Apologies Cllr L Ransom

070/21 Declarations of Interest None

071/21 Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 24th May 2021. Cllr Summerland proposed the APM and APCM minutes were accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Fulton-Urry. All agreed.

072/21 Matters Arising All items on the agenda.

073/21 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew briefly discussed local matters. His full report is attached to the minutes.

074/21 District Councillor's report Cllr Rawlins introduced his report. His full report is attached to these minutes.

075/21 Public Forum Members of the public expressed their concern about P21/S2478/FUL. Residents questioned the process by which the PC came to its decisions. This was discussed. Comments were noted.

076/21 Financial Situation

076.01/21 The financial position was circulated.

076.02/21 The July accounts were presented. Invoices to the value of £785.26 were authorised for payment. These payments were proposed by Cllr Rollason and seconded by Cllr Summerland. All agreed. **(Clerk to action)**

077/21 Planning Matters

Applications BHPC

P21/S2245/HH Formation of new access carport, two storey rear extension and internal/external alterations 1 The Homestead Binfield Heath RG9 4LA Approval recommended.

Decision made

P21/S2478/FUL Demolition of existing Cottage and new replacement with 2 semi detached villas Elm Cottage Binfield Heath RG9 4LE

Decision due 3rd August

P21/S2691/FUL Erection of new detached cottage with garage accommodation The Willows Kiln lane Binfield Heath RG9 4EJ Refusal recommended.

Decision due 6th August

P21/S2851/HH Single storey rear extension Pond House Kiln Lane Binfield Heath RG9 4EJ
Approval recommended.

Decision due 18th August

P21/S2900/HH Single storey rear extension. New pitched roof to replace flat roof. 7 Heathfield Close Binfield Heath RG9 4DS Approval recommended.

Decision due 20th August

Applications Granted SODC

P21/S1788/HH Single storey rear and side extension 9 Heathfield Avenue Binfield Heath RG9 4ED

P21/S1788/HH Single storey rear and side extension (as shown in amended plans received 17th May 2021) 9 Heathfield Avenue Binfield Heath RG9 4ED

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078/21 Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Davis had prepared a summary of progress: The Area designation has been accepted by SODC. The 1st Steering Group met and a working group is doing some work on design codes. Grant funding will be sought when required quotations for planning support are received. The history section is being updated. The next NP SG meeting is on Monday 23rd August at the Memorial Hall.

079/21 Community Matters

079.01/21 Defibrillator Millie's Dream can supply a defibrillator for an all-inclusive price of £1870. The box is £1150, the bespoke outdoor box £600 and £120 installation. The electricity cost is negligible. The Councillors will consider this and a decision will be made. **(Clerk to action)**

079.02/21 Kiln Lane It is clear that larger vehicles and parking are creating problems in Kiln Lane. The chairman offered to discuss this with Cllr Bartholomew. **(Chairman to action)**

079.03/21 Bonfires item deferred.

079.04/21 Oakley Wood This facility is again threatened with closure. This was briefly discussed as it will affect the residents and may cause more fly tipping. It is important for residents to respond to the consultation that runs from now until 27th September.

080/21 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance The Sonning Common Road has been narrowed again by the overgrown hedgerows and grass. The Clerk will report this on Fix My Street. **(Clerk to action)**

081/21 Green & Open Spaces A resident had enquired about the gulley that had been created by rain at the junction of Footpath 13 and 20. Although this was reported nothing was done. However, it was discovered that the position was incorrect. The problem has been reported again.

082/21 Website Compliance The website needs to become compliant with regulations. A resident asked if the planning applications could be placed onto the website. The Clerk explained that the website is not easily accessible and that efforts are being made to improve this. When it is more manageable it would be possible to at least indicate the application numbers.

083/21 Neighbourhood Watch Cllr Fulton-Urry now has the necessary contacts. Nothing to report this month.

084/21 Matters for future consideration Neighbourhood Plan; defibrillator.

The meeting finished at 9.20pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday September 27th 2021

REPORT TO BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2021 FROM CLLR DAVID BARTHOLOMEW GENERAL OCC REPORT

THIRD READING BRIDGE

I took the opportunity attend the first meeting of the new Cabinet and submit a written question to the new Cabinet Member for Transport (Duncan Enright, Labour) about the Third Bridge status. Officers supplied an answer which provided some new context in

relation to the delayed Outline Business Case (OBC). It seems that far from agreeing to progress the OBC, the Department for Transport (DfT) wants the Cross Thames Travel Group to go back to the earlier Strategic Outline Business Case and upgrade it. This would be costly and would have to be funded locally – such funding has not been forthcoming. Additionally, DfT has confirmed its reluctance to progress the bridge at all unless all parties are in agreement. I think the threat of a car-based bridge is sunk for the foreseeable future.

OXFORDSHIRE COVID CASES SURGE – MAINLY THE UNDER 30S

People in Oxfordshire are being asked to take extra care and accept the offer of first and second vaccinations as cases in the county reach heights not seen since the winter. Cases have risen from 21.1 cases per 100,000 in late May to 101.8 cases per 100,000 in the week ending 25 June. The largest number of cases remain in people aged below 30, with 20 to 29-year olds accounting for 46 per cent of all new cases. All people aged 18 and above are now eligible to receive their first jab.

PATHWAYS TO ZERO-CARBON OXFORDSHIRE REPORT PUBLISHED

A key climate action report – [Pathways to a Zero-Carbon Oxfordshire](#) – by the University of Oxford's Environmental Change Institute and Bioregional has been published. The county council was one of many organisations involved in commissioning the report as part of its commitment to a zero-carbon future, as outlined in the Carbon Action Framework published last October. The report seeks to provide an evidence base for the transition to zero carbon and the role of partnerships in achieving these goals.

SURVEYS ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

People who live and work in Oxfordshire are urged to have their say on highways and transport issues around the county, including congestion, safety, cycling and the condition of roads and footpaths. Oxfordshire County Council has launched a number of roads and transport [online surveys](#), which are open to the public to comment on. The council is keen to hear views as soon as possible but people will have the chance to comment until February 2022. The online survey categories are:

- accessibility
- highway maintenance
- public transport
- road safety
- tackling congestion
- walking and cycling
- business users.

Earlier this year, the council announced it was investing £31.3 million in improving the highways network for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians in 2021/22. Roads, cycleways, bridges, drainage, pavements and streetlights will all benefit from the programme. The full list of projects and their locations is available to view [online](#).

SPECIFIC OCC REPORT FOR BINFIELD HEATH

THIRD READING BRIDGE

I have covered this in my general report.

SPECIFIC SODC REPORT FOR BINFIELD HEATH

RETURN OF CALL-IN POWERS TO PARISH COUNCILS

Under emergency COVID powers, SODC withdrew the right of parish councils to call-in planning applications to the planning committee. These emergency powers lapsed last week and officers sought to extend them in a report brought to Full Council last week. Councillors were united in unanimously rejecting this recommendation. There is a question as to why the Cabinet Member for Planning allowed the recommendation to come to Full

Council in the first place.

P20/S2808/DIS: THAMES FARM

Taylor Wimpey has now submitted a revised drainage proposal to SODC. This involves pumping the surface water from the site along the A4155 to a discharge point near Sheephouse Lane. Thames Water has stated it is unable to support the proposals for the discharge of the drainage conditions until:

- It has confirmation that a deed of agreement has been reached with the riparian owner of the watercourse at the point of discharge.
- It has confirmation that the Local Lead Flood Authority (OCC) is in agreement with the drainage strategy in relation to impact of the watercourse downstream of the proposed discharge point.
- It has details of how the 'water environment' (particularly groundwater) will be protected throughout each stage of the site development (including the required ground stabilisation – 'grouting' etc). Their particular concern is that the development is in Source Protection Zone 1 (SPZ1) of the local, strategic groundwater abstraction.

I have asked officers why Thames Water did not raise these issues in respect of the original Lashbrook discharge proposal. With regard to the 'engineering operation' (grouting), I have published a statement from SODC planning on the Shiplake village website [here](#).

JOINT HENLEY HARPSDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

I attended the exhibition at Henley town Hall at the beginning of the month. I was impressed by the quality of the presentation and the amount of effort that had been put into the project. However, while six of the proposed sites are within Harpsden parish, they are physically adjacent to Shiplake and would rely on Shiplake to meet sustainability criteria. I am not supportive of any of the six sites as they are outside the built-up area of Shiplake and are incompatible with a rural location. I am concerned that as there was no exhibition in Shiplake, residents have been disadvantaged in the consultation process. Furthermore, should any of these sites make it into the final JHHNP proposal, Shiplake residents would have no opportunity to vote on them. I have raised these issues with planning officers.