

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Dunsden Parish Hall from 7.45pm.

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Meeting of the Recreation Ground Charities & Allotment for the Labouring Poor Charity  
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**022/18 Recreation Ground** Cllr Maher undertook this month's inspection. There were no issues.

**023/18 Allotments** The Clerk reported that all allotments are tenanted. **(Clerk to Action)**

**024/18 Public Forum** No questions

**The meeting of the Parish Council**

**Present** Cllr L Ransom, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr H Lacey, Cllr K Maher, Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC) and Will Hall (SODC). Two members of the public.

**113/18 Apologies for absence** Cllr P Rollason, Cllr G Englefield and Cllr Harrison (SODC). The Clerk had sent a card to Cllr Harrison.

**114/18 Declarations of Interest** None

**115/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018** Cllr Summerland proposed the minutes were accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Maher. All agreed.

**116/18 Matters Arising**

101/18 Broadband work near Bottle & Glass: Cllr Bartholomew stated that this work is now completed.

103/18 Warning signs at Coppid Crossroads: Cllr Bartholomew has arranged for the signage to be assessed with a view to repainting the road markings.

103/18 Infill housing: Ricardo Rios replied to the question of whether infill of houses counted towards the quota of development necessary for a small village as there is some confusion. He confirmed that infill does count.

**117/18 County Councillor's report** Cllr Bartholomew reported a) OCC has approved a £120m road & building repair funding proposal paid for using Oxfordshire's expected growth in homes and consequent council tax income. This will save money in the long run b) OCC will be overhauled to ensure it is 'fit for the future' to meet rising demand for services. Customer service, supported by new technology, would make the council more efficient c) NHS teams & the CC have a joined-up approach that has ensured that patients leave hospital as soon as they are medically fit. This has led to Oxfordshire being the 11<sup>th</sup> most improved system in the country – a 58% reduction in the number of beds lost d) the central corridor for the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway has been chosen but access to the M40 through Oxfordshire is unclear. OCC is concerned about the effect on already stretched roads such as the A34. OCC will need to ensure that the impact of the project is mitigated e) Oxfordshire's councils are working to produce a joint strategic spatial plan (JSSP) integrating planning for growth and infrastructure, with a focus on quality of life and health and wellbeing. The JSSP will set out a framework covering the whole of Oxfordshire up to 2050 f) Superfast Broadband has finally arrived at Binfield Heath. Residents and businesses can order now from a range of service providers g) 52,000 tonnes of sand/gravel have been extracted to date from the Caversham Quarry. The internal road for backfill leading from the A4155 to the weighbridge has been constructed, as has the weighbridge itself. Construction of the junction on the A4155 to the internal road will commence in November and take around eight weeks. Backfilling will commence in January. Test drilling for a potential new site adjacent to Shiplake College is currently taking place (this is in response to the OCC call for potential future sites some ten years ahead) h) Cllr Bartholomew has put the Clerk in touch with someone who may be able to help with the problem of the missing bus stop sign. **(Clerk to Action)**

**118/18 District Councillor's report** Cllr Will Hall talked about the Joint Spatial Plan, the areas of housing and growth linking with the Local Plan. He reported that the old Council Offices had been demolished. He will be copied in to the progress of the Crowsley Farm Application.

Cllr Harrison had sent a report that a) there are grants available for community projects. For more information see the SODC Grants pages b) up to a litre of leftover cooking oil can be left with food waste for weekly collection c) during 2017/18 SODC recovered £1.2million in council tax arrears d) residents paying for the brown bin service can put out twice the amount of garden waste w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> October e) following a consultation, councils in Oxfordshire only have to provide a three-year land supply for house rather than the five-year normally required f) you may have seen media coverage of our letters from both South and Vale Leaders who sent their responses to providing proposals on housing growth in our districts to support the Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge Corridor. You can

download a copy of the minister's letter here:

<https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=61&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2Fd45tutfcig1ztdm%2F2018-08-09%2520New%2520Settlements%2520letter%2520to%2520leaders%2520from%2520Kit%2520Malthouse%2520MP.pdf%3Fdl%3Do&a=0>

For South, the letter from Cllr Jane Murphy can be found here:

[https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=61&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2Fcikez8v117iicca%2F2018-08-15%2520Jane%2520Murphy%2520letter%2520to%2520Kit%2520Malthouse%2520MP\\_o.pdf%3Fdl%3Do&a=0](https://ebtk.co.uk/resources/stats/click.php?c=2636&e=61&o=9492&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2Fcikez8v117iicca%2F2018-08-15%2520Jane%2520Murphy%2520letter%2520to%2520Kit%2520Malthouse%2520MP_o.pdf%3Fdl%3Do&a=0)

and her summary statement released here:

<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/news/2018/2018-08/leader-statement-response-letter-minister-state-housing>

### **119/18 Public Forum/Correspondence**

Ernie Povey confirmed that he had cleared the first section of Keeps Lane so that the Scouts can use it for Halloween. Councillors expressed their gratitude to Ernie Povey and the scouts for completely clearing and tidying the upper half of Keeps Lane as far as the footpath crossing. Discussion took place about the section that leads down to the A4155 as it is a type of highway. The Clerk was asked to write to OCC Highways asking what responsibility they have for Keeps Lane. **(Clerk to Action)** Cllr Ransom had heard that various residents of Binfield Heath were in possession of archive photos and other material that add to the history of the village. Discussion took place as to where this archive material could be stored as it is considered to be important.

### **120/18 Financial Situation**

120.01/18 The financial position was circulated.

120.02/18 The October accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £649.78 were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Summerland and seconded by Cllr Lacey. **(Clerk to Action)**

120.03/18 Councillor expenses: None this month.

120.04/18 Forms to update bank details and arrange direct payments were circulated for signatures.

### **121/18 Planning Matters**

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

P18/S3098/FUL A proposed dedicated Staff Car parking area at the rear of the existing development. Small area needs change of use from agricultural to parking in connection with retail (public house) The Bottle & Glass Inn Bones Lane Binfield Heath Henley on Thames RG9 4JT. This was recommended for approval but noting the care needed as entry/exit crosses a bridleway.

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

P18/S2146/FUL Demolition of summer house and erection of new house. (Amended plans received 10 September showing roof height reduced by 0.5 metres). 1 Sweet Briar Cottages Binfield Heath RG9 4LP

P18/S2883/FUL Erection of new dwelling. Revision to planning permission P18/S0383/FUL. Land adjacent to Elm Cottage Binfield Heath RG9 4LE

**122/18 CIL Payments** The CIL money from the District Council is offered in March and October. It was decided that it is necessary to ascertain how this money can be spent before accepting the CIL into the accounts. **(Clerk to action)**

### **123/18 Community Matters**

123.01/18 Cllr Lacey has spent some time checking the Orchard Licence and making a few deletions and additions. This has been sent to Savills for consideration. This item will be added to the next agenda. **(Clerk to action)**

123.02/18 A large number of sacks of rubble and an amount of plasterboard had been dumped along the roads in Binfield Heath. This was reported and after investigation was removed. Cllr Bartholomew mooted the fact that Oakley Wood recycling centre does not take this type of waste and Redbridge was quite a distance but he was told that it is not a major issue. He urged the PCs to report **all** fly tipping to Biffa. In order to encourage a policy review, please advise Teresa Mitchell [Teresa.mitchell@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Teresa.mitchell@oxfordshire.gov.uk) of any further instances of dumping.

**124/18 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance** The Clerk has contacted Hugh Potter and a site meeting has been arranged to look at the worst section of the Sonning Common Road so that a quotation can be sought and David Bartholomew's grant can be accessed. **(Clerk to action)**

**125/18 GDPR** The Clerk will forward her notes made after the OALC course in Didcot on GDPR. She reminded the Councillors that it was necessary to have an e-mail specifically for PC business.

**(Clerk & Councillors to action)**

**126/18 Neighbourhood Plan** This was discussed briefly but requires all the Councillors to be present. Concern was expressed over the amount of time and money required and whether enough residents would agree to and support the plan. This item will be on the next agenda. **(Clerk to action)**

**127/18 Neighbourhood Watch** Cllr Maher reported that there were two burglaries in Binfield Heath last week. He has not yet met the replacement local PCSO but the Councillors agreed that a PCSO talking to the Parish Council and possibly to the Monday Club in BH might help to avoid future incidents.

**128/18 AONB** Cllr Ransom attended the recent meeting. She explained that the process to add land to the AONB is extremely slow as there are so few people involved. It was suggested that John Howell be asked to help with the local requests. Will Hall will ask if John Howell is willing to give support.

**129/18 Remembrance Day** The wreath will be collected and delivered to Cllr Ransom. Cllr Ransom proposed a £50 increase in the donation to the Royal British Legion this year. All agreed. **(Clerk to action)**

**130/18 Matters for Future consideration** Neighbourhood Plan, Orchard Land, Budget for 2019.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm

**Date of next meeting**

**Monday November 26<sup>th</sup> 2018**