

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Council Meeting held on Monday October 30th at 7.00pm in the Scout hut

The meeting of the Parish Council

Present Cllr P Rollason, Cllr L Ransom, Cllr H Lacey, Cllr R Davis, Cllr Fulton-Urry, Cllr David Bartholomew (OCC), Cllr Mike Giles (SODC) and The Hon Tristan Phillimore. 30+ members of the public.

112/23 Apologies Cllr S Summerland, Cllr L Rawlins (SODC)

113/23 Declarations of Interest None

114/23 Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 25th September 2023. Cllr Ransom proposed the minutes were accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Lacey. All agreed.

115/23 Matters Arising

089.23 The Chairman introduced and welcomed Tristan Phillimore to the meeting. Tristan Phillimore began by explaining that he wanted to come to this meeting to clarify what his intentions were in looking after the assets of Binfield Heath and providing a future for the village. His intention is to secure the future of the shop and the Post Office. He affirmed that he had already had conversations with the Post Office and the intention was to keep any closure to a minimum. He explained that in order to facilitate the improvements to the shop and the Post Office the building of two houses was necessary to provide the funding. This would of course depend on SODC Planning and the consultation with the Parish Council and residents. He also explained that plans had already changed as he had taken note of the concerns expressed by the Parish Council as the two houses were now semi-detached and the parking reconsidered.

Questions from the floor were about the space left for the shop garden; the amount of intended shop space; parking for the shop; the necessity of having not only the domestic accommodation for the shop but a separate unit as well; the importance of residents seeing the houses and shop applications together.

Tristan addressed the various concerns and told the floor that he would bring the shop application forward to provide an overall picture. He assured the floor that he was seeking a viable solution and that he was very committed to saving the village shop and Post Office.

Tristan Phillimore left the meeting.

116/23 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew's full report is attached to the minutes. He confirmed that improved road markings had been completed. Asked about the new development being discussed he added that sustainability with new housing was very important. He was also asked about the large amount of water on the road through Shiplake outside the new development there. He said that he would flag the necessity of a site visit. Asked about highway problems he reiterated that all issues have to be reported through Fix My Street. He can then escalate the problem if he is given the reference number.

117/23 District Councillor's report Cllr Rawlins' and Mike Giles' report is attached to these minutes.

118/23 Financial Situation

118.01/23 The financial position had been circulated.

118.02/23 The October accounts were presented. Invoices to the value of £1,413.87 were authorised for payment, proposed by Cllr Ransom and seconded by Cllr Lacey. All agreed. **(Clerk to action)**

118.03/23 The Clerk reported that the Audit is complete. The certificate of completion has been placed on the website and the notice board.

118.04/23 The Community Grant is to be applied for before the deadline of 30th November. Quotations for repairs to the playground are being sought. **(Clerk to action)**

119/23 Planning Matters

Applications GRANTED by SODC

Elm Tree Farm Common Lane Binfield Heath P23/S2203/HH Detached garage/carport. This was discussed and will be recommended for approval.

Completed applications for ratification

Coppid Hall Sonning Common Road Binfield Heath Henley on Thames P23/3287/HH Erection of single storey outbuilding (pool house), exterior swimming pool and associated hard and soft landscaping. Revised scheme of approved application of P21/S3655/HH and related non material amendments P22/S1500/NM

Harvest House Crowsley Henley on Thames P23/S3370/HH External alterations to existing dwelling house consisting of the insertion of new openings at ground, first & second floor levels to facilitate internal layout changes & enhanced levels of natural light & ventilation. Removal & replacement of existing domestic glazing in principal cart-openings with slim-line glazing.

New Applications

Binfield Heath Stores Arch Hill Binfield Heath RG9 4DU P23/S2237/FUL Erection of two semi-detached dwellings in the rear garden of Binfield Heath Stores including new shared driveway and entrance gates, accessed via Arch Hill. (site area reduced, dwellings changed from detached to semi-detached, additional ecological information submitted and arboricultural information updated. As shown on amended and additional documents received 20th October 2023). Discussed under 'Matters Arising'. A considered response will be made.

The Log Cabin Kiln House Kiln Lane Binfield Heath P23/S3043/DIS Discharge of conditions 3 (Ecological enhancement implementation), 7 (Foul drainage works), 8 (Surface water drainage works), & 9 (Green roof-sample details & planting) under application reference number P20/S3828/FUL (Proposed demolition of existing single storey dwelling and adjoining store and erection of a replacement three bedroom dwelling house with associated amenity space and parking provision). (Information only. No response requested)

120/23 Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Davis had sent an update to the NP. The Clerk confirmed that there had been no update to the GDPR accepted in 2018 and the PC reviewed its policy and confirmed that it was still suitable without modification. The date of the review will be placed on the website as SODC may check the NP complies with it. Eleven NP documents are now prepared for submission awaiting a last change from Bluestone Planning. It had been noted that Keeps Lane which the Parish Council had previously been advised is designated as a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) is missing on the OCC access map. The Clerk was asked to look into this. **(Clerk to action)** The Parish Council then approved the submission of the Neighbourhood Plan to SODC for examination. The Clerk was asked to confirm this to SODC. **(Clerk to action)** Cllr Davis was thanked for his all his work leading to the submission of the Neighbourhood Plan.

121/23 Neighbourhood Watch It was noted that the suggestion of starting a What's App group for any incidents around the village met with a blank response. However, messages on social media are passed around.

122/23 Community Matters See **115/23**

123/23 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance

123.01/23 Quotations are still being sought for work on the height of the trees on the bus route in response to Arriva's desire to use double decker buses.

123.02/23 A hedge along Gravel Road is creating a blind bend. The Clerk was asked to request that it is cut right back. **(Clerk to action)**

124/23 Green and Open Spaces Keeps Lane: The Clerk was asked to look back to earlier queries about its designation. **(Clerk to action)**

125/23 Public Forum See **115/23** The PC was asked about the response to the Binfield Heath Stores application. The public were reassured that all comments from the floor will be taken into account and that a full response will be decided by a working party and placed on the website.

126/23 Remembrance Day The Clerk will collect the wreath this week and deliver it to the Chairman who will lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. **(Clerk to action)**

Matters for future consideration Gate from the recreation ground into Dunsden Way.

The meeting finished at 9.06pm.

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

20/23 Allotments. There are two plots available. **(Clerk to action)** Rents are slowly coming in.

21/23 Recreation Ground

21.01/23 **Repairs** The Chairman and the Clerk will look again at the specific repairs required this week to ascertain the specific quotations needed in order to request a grant.

(Chairman and Clerk to action)

2.02/23 The Clerk reported that the tree officer at SODC had replied that any trees requested for a TPO would need to be applied for individually. It was also noted that trees that were the responsibility of the Parish Council would not require a TPO. The Councillors will discuss which of the remaining trees that maybe under threat would benefit from a TPO.

(Councillors to action)

Date of next meeting: Monday November 27th 2023 at the Scout Hut