

BINFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Binfield Heath Parish Meeting held on Monday 24th September 2018 at The Scout Hut from 7.45pm.

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

019/18 Recreation Ground Cllr Rollason carried out this month's inspection. The report from ROSPA has been studied and there is nothing itemised that requires urgent attention. Cllr Maher will take the responsibility for the recreation ground in future. He and Cllr Englefield will contact volunteers who have helped with minor repairs in the past so that a list of people can be compiled. The condemned equipment has now been removed from the site and the holes filled. The PC will consider the option of replacing this piece of equipment in the future.

020/18 Allotments Cllr Summerland reported that the allotments were in order. The Clerk reported that some rents were still outstanding and reminders will be sent out. Another whole allotment will be available in September. An advertisement will be prepared. **(Clerk to Action)**

021/18 Public Forum No questions

The meeting of the Parish Council

Present Cllr P Rollason, Cllr L Ransom, Cllr S Summerland, Cllr G Englefield, Cllr H Lacey, Cllr K Maher and Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC). Two members of the public.

097/18 Apologies for absence Paul Harrison (SODC) The Clerk was asked to send good wishes for a speedy recovery **(Clerk to action)**

098/18 Declarations of Interest None

099/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd July 2018 Cllr Summerland proposed the minutes were accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Lacey. All agreed.

100/18 Matters Arising All items are on the agenda.

101/18 County Councillor's report Cllr Bartholomew reported that *a) OCC & Cherwell DC have approved a partnership* between the two local authorities where arrangements from Oct 1st under a single chief executive (Yvonne Rees) will make joint working more effective *b) help is available with 'A'-level results* from the Oxme website (01865 328460) and the National Careers Service (0800 100900) Details of drop-in sessions are on the OCC website *c) OCC is reviewing the costs and liabilities following the Carillion collapse* so that a financial plan can be included in the council's budget. Carillion provided services on behalf of OCC including maintenance of council buildings; property services, and building work. £10.6m was paid in December 2017 to Carillion to cover work already completed as part of the final settlement with the company, limiting any future financial liability. However, the costs of dealing with ongoing construction and property maintenance problems following the Carillion collapse have not yet been calculated but expected to be "very significant" *d) There has been a 25% drop in people unnecessarily in hospital* while awaiting discharge in the last year *e) the council is championing healthy alternatives to the car*, helping to reduce congestion and pollution on the county's roads. The council has appointed a travel officer, using central government funding, to assess existing walking and cycling routes. Priority will be given to improvements and maintenance schemes designed to encourage active travel and reduce pollution. *f) almost every primary school child in the county will now be able to get free cycle safety training* after the award of an £84,500 [Bikeability](#) grant which will pay for an additional 2000 places. *g) the enthusiasm of Berkshire councils for the third bridge is undimmed* and, independent of Oxfordshire councils, they have commissioned further work to support the 'business case'. Cllr Bartholomew is to be kept fully apprised on progress. Note that Reading Borough Council has asked that the 'landing' site for the bridge is safeguarded in the SODC Local Plan, but NOT a relief road *h) The PC will be aware patching on Memorial Avenue was completed in August* as Cllr Bartholomew pushed to replace the many potholes *i) Roadworks booked are for 26th Sep – 10th October* for a new broadband duct to be installed and fibre blown. Cllr Bartholomew has continued to assist the B&G in obtaining information about road closures brought about by utility works, emergency repairs and Broadband installation *j) Highways is being pressed to assess the*

Sonning Common Road with a view to its inclusion in the Highway Maintenance Forward Programme. The PC is to copy Cllr Bartholomew into the enquiry into progress regarding the OCC quote for repairs to a specific area. Cllr Rollason mentioned the overhanging hedges that exacerbated the problems. He will try to take some photos of the worst section and it will be reported on Fix My Street **(Clerk and Chairman to Action)** k) Cllr Bartholomew has £500 available for Binfield Heath to match-fund Highways projects l) Rotherfield Greys PC is willing to host a parish meeting for local parish councils when necessary.

102/18 District Councillor's report Cllr Harrison had reported that a) *SODC now has a 5.4 year land supply* b) *Reading Borough Council have objected to the recent application for 39 houses on the current Reading Golf Course* c) *Highways England have opted for Corridor "B" for the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway as it connects the A34 to a ring road around Bicester and then through to join the A421 south of Bedford* d) *each individual district councillor is able to grant £5,000 to good causes in their community and will be looking to roughly grant £1,000 to worthy causes in each parish* e) *The Local Plan will soon be published, outlining how the district should develop until 2033, and including the Councillors' choice of the 15 available major housing sites. Residents will have a chance to comment on its technical 'soundness' early next year. It will then be submitted for public examination by an independent planning inspector later in 2019* f) *the 2017/18 CIL statement has just been published (Community Infrastructure Levy). Total CIL receipts amounted to £2,190,161 of which £205,890 has been transferred to town and parish councils. The proposed CIL spending plan is currently out for consultation* g) *a new NPPF was published 24 July, increasing the focus on high-quality design but maintaining the importance of housing delivery* h) *residents in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are urged to respond to a yellow letter which is the Household Enquiry form. Details must be confirmed* i) *demolition work has started at the former headquarters of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council* j) *help is now available in South Oxfordshire for voluntary groups who have difficulties recruiting volunteers for financial reasons* k) *victims and witnesses of hate crime not comfortable talking to the police now have an alternative place to go to report incidents in confidence. Visit southoxon.gov.uk/hate crime* l) *an assessment is taking place assess whether AONBs can become National Park Authorities* m) *results of the 2018 Residents' Surveys have now been published - you can view these on the South website at: <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/news/2018/2018-08/residents-satisfied-council's-work--room-improvement>* n) *regarding Shiplake College's application, local resident's object to the conversion of agricultural land into playing field. Cllr Harrison will speak to officers to gauge their views. Richard Berkley asked about the other sites that have now been put forward in the Local Plan e.g. The field between Playhatch and Caversham Park Village. Cllr Harrison explained that this is one of 3 local sites that cannot be in the Local Plan as they did not qualify under Regulation 19 which requires initial public consultation for which there is not time and that will therefore not be included in the Plan. A developer could still make a speculative application.*

103/18 Public Forum/Correspondence An e-mail had been received from a member of the public involved in a serious accident at the Coppid crossroads in the Summer. He asked for the PC's comment. There have been a number of accidents at this spot but there are plenty of warning stop signs. It was noted that the white stop sign needs repainting. Cllr Bartholomew will request this. A member of the public present asked whether infill of houses counted towards the quota of development necessary for a small village as there is some confusion. Cllr Maher sent the question to Ricardo Rios for clarification. His response is awaited. The Clerk was asked to invite Will Hall to attend the next meeting as Cllr Harrison is recuperating.

A second question related to the 'footpath' (BOAT) Keeps Lane as it is blocked and walkers then are forced to use the field alongside. It is difficult to clear the tree. There is also part of a metal fence that is adding to the blockage. Cllrs will look at this. This led to a discussion of footpaths. Cllr Maher will resend to all Councillors his copy of the footpath map distributed by the Clerk last year.

The Clerk was asked to request that Pricketts clear the brambles and roots where possible from the footpath that goes diagonally from the end of Heathfield Avenue to Kiln Lane and comes out

between Byways and Pathways. Either side of the footpath is residents' responsibility but the path is needs to be clear. **(Clerk to Action)**

104/18 Financial Situation

104.01/18 The financial position was circulated.

104.02/18 The August/September accounts were presented for payment. Cheques to the value of £1,673.07 were authorised. Payment for these was proposed by Cllr Rollason and seconded by Cllr Ransom. **(Clerk to Action)**

104.03/18 Councillor expenses: None this month.

104.04/18 Forms to update bank details and arrange direct payments will be circulated for signatures.

105/18 Planning Matters

New Applications

P18/S2377/FUL Retention of Crowsley Park Farmhouse Annexe as an independent residential dwelling and for associated alterations to the building. Annexe Crowsley Park Farm Crowsley RG9 4JN This application was recommended for refusal.

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P18/S2706/LDP Construction of a tennis court and erection of a fence not exceeding 2.8m Land adjacent to Elm Cottage Dunsden Way Binfield Heath This application was withdrawn on 07/09/18.

P18/S2884/FUL Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission P18/S1656/FUL, to add a rear garden tennis court. Erection of single dwelling, pool pavilion and creation of outdoor swimming pool

P18/S1656/FUL Walled Garden House Shiplake Row Binfield Heath RG9 4DP The PC had no objections.

Applications Granted

106/18 Community Matters

106.01/18 The Orchard Licence received from Savills was discussed and it was felt that the legalities of the licence were problematical. There were many obligations for the PC but no rights. Cllr Rollason will contact Tristan Phillimore.

106.02/ 18 Cllr Ransom had previously commented on how difficult it was to access and store items in the containers on the Flower Show field. They are unsightly and not fit for purpose. A better solution needs to be found. A number of suggestions were made and will be discussed again.

107/18 Highways/Transport and General Maintenance

The Clerk contacted Hugh Potter as requested and he was to obtain a quotation for the work. As the Clerk has not heard anything since then she was asked to write again copying in David Bartholomew and requesting action so that David Bartholomew's grant can be accessed. **(Clerk to action)**

108/18 GDPR

108.01/18 The Clerk stated that she had been accepted onto an OALC course in Didcot on GDPR on October 17th. **(Clerk to action)**

108.02/18 E-mail addresses dedicated to PC issues for Councillors and the Clerk have been prepared. As part of a project to update the website a college student in the village has offered to help as part of his degree course.

109/18 Neighbourhood Plan This will be on the next agenda.

110/18 Neighbourhood Watch Cllr Maher reported that Will Pomeroy will no longer be the local PCSO. However, he sent an e-mail about a resident who had been the victim of fraud. Cllr Maher suggested that a PCSO talking to the Monday Club in BH might help to avoid future incidents.

111/18 AONB Cllr Ransom reminded all that this was a very long process. However, there will be a meeting at Shiplake College on October 2 which she will attend.

112/18 Matters for Future consideration Neighbourhood Watch, Flower Show containers, Remembrance Day

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Date of next meeting

**** NB Monday October 29th 2018 at Dunsden Hall**