



BERINSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Members of Berinsfield Parish Council. The Parish Council was pleased to welcome Ruth Parsons as a Member of the Parish Council. Ruth was co-opted as a Member at the Parish Council meeting held on 1st August, 2022. The current members of the Parish Council are :-

Councillor P. Bridge

Councillor I. Bunyan

Councillor K. Chrisp

Councillor S. Crawford

Councillor E. Croft

Councillor B. Fearneyhough

Councillor S. Henry

Councillor Mrs. A. Jones

Councillor K. Mundy

Councillor R. Parsons

Councillor D. Scate

Councillor S. Scott-Ely

Berinsfield Garden Village Steering Group The Parish Council continues to meet and liaise with South Oxfordshire District Council Garden Village team on a regular basis. The Minutes from the Steering Group are put on the Parish Council's website, www.berinsfield-pc.gov.uk. The next meeting is scheduled for 2nd November, 2022

Burial Ground. The Parish Council would like to remind residents that dogs, other than disability or guide dogs, are not permitted in the Burial Ground in accordance with the details contained on the sign on the gate. Disability or guide dogs should be kept on a lead while they are in the Burial Ground.

The Burial Ground is not a playground and should be treated with respect at all times and items on graves and cremation plots should not be touched or removed by anybody other than the legal owners. The Parish Council would also like to remind residents that the vehicular gates should be kept clear at all times to allow access for grave diggers and grounds maintenance contractors who need to enter the Burial Ground to carry out their work.

Trampoline in the Lay Avenue Play Area. The trampoline in the Lay Avenue Play Area is proving very popular, but the Parish Council wish to emphasize that it is only for the use of children aged 12 years and under and that only one person should be on the trampoline at any one time. Unfortunately, young people have been damaging the trampoline by pushing litter through the webbing. This litter will block the drainage channels and the Parish Council will have to get the manufacturers to remove the webbing and clear the litter. This is an expensive process so if you could encourage young people to use the litter bins and not the trampoline for disposing of their litter.

The safety surface around the trampoline has now been vandalised and this will be an expensive item to repair.

Although the Parish Council does try to obtain grants from other organisations to provide new play equipment, the cost of repairs has to be covered by the Parish Council's portion of the Council Tax that you pay to South Oxfordshire District Council. The Parish Council would prefer to spend the funds allocated to it from the Council Tax payment on providing new facilities and carrying out essential maintenance, rather than on unnecessary repairs caused by vandalism.

Dog Litter Bins. Despite one incident where, through an administrative error, one of the dog litter bins was not emptied as it was left off the schedule issued to the new contractors who now empty the dog litter bins, the Parish Council hope that residents who use the bins are finding the new system is working well. Reports are issued to the Parish Council on a monthly basis about the condition of the bins and the usage, but if you do use the bins and do find a problem with any of them, please let the Clerk know, 01869 354135 or Clerk@berinsfield-pc.gov.uk.

From the reports issued about usage of the dog litter bins, it is obvious that many residents are picking up their dog litter and disposing of it in a responsible way in the dog litter bins. The Parish Council has provided 22 dog litter bins around the village so this is a request to all dog owners, please pick up your dog's litter and place

the bags in the dog litter bins and do not throw it in hedgerows. If dog litter is not picked up and is left on open spaces and pavements, it could contain roundworm eggs (Toxocariasis) which becomes infectious after about three weeks. Children playing near to the ground can run the risk of picking up and swallowing the eggs which can make them very unwell.

Red Kites. The Parish Council would like to request that residents do not feed the Red Kites in the village. The birds should be left to feed naturally in the wider countryside.

Hedges and shrubs obstructing public footpaths. Please remember if you have shrubbery or a hedge growing in your garden and it is located adjacent to your boundary with a footpath, you are responsible for cutting the shrubbery or hedge where it overhangs the footpath to ensure that it does not cause an obstruction to pedestrians.

Parking on pavements and grass verges in Berinsfield. The Parish Council would like to ask for residents' co-operation in not parking vehicles on the pavements and grass verges. Parking on pavements causes obstructions for people in wheelchairs, mobility scooters and people with prams and buggies who may not be able to get off the pavements in order to get around parked vehicles. Vehicles parked on the grass verges cause visibility problems for other drivers, particularly when they are parked on the grass verge close to junctions. It also prevents the contractors from mowing the verges.

Meetings of Berinsfield Parish Council. Berinsfield Parish Council is now meeting in the Church Hall, Wimblestraw Road again following the period when it had to hold virtual meetings. Residents are welcome to attend all meetings of the Parish Council and to speak during the first 30 minutes of the meeting. The meetings are held at 7.15 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, unless this is a bank holiday. Dates of meetings for the remainder of 2022 are as follows :-

3rd October, 7th November and 5th December.2022

The Parish Council can be contacted as follows :
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All minutes and reports can be found on the Parish Council's Website : www.Berinsfield-pc.gov.uk