



BERINSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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**You are summoned to attend the meeting of
Berinsfield Parish Council which will take place on
Monday 1st August, 2022 at 7.15 p.m.
In the Church Hall, Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield OX10 7LW**

22nd July 2022

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AGENDA

1. Mr. Ken Hall.

Members of the Parish Council and those present, are requested to stand for a minute's silence to remember Mr. Ken Hall, former Councillor and Chairman of Berinsfield Parish Council who died peacefully on 9th July, 2022 in Brookfield Care Home, Oxford. Mr. Ken Hall first became a Parish Councillor on 2nd June 1969 and was Chairman of the Parish Council for many years. He resigned in November 2020 when he had to move into a Care Home in Oxford. The Parish Council agreed to recognise his long service to Berinsfield and made him an Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Berinsfield. A framed scroll was presented to him by the staff in the Care Home during the first period of lockdown. Mr Ken Hall also represented Berinsfield on South Oxfordshire District Council for many years and was Chairman of South Oxfordshire District Council in 1997/98. Details of funeral arrangements will be available in due course.

2. Items raised by Members of the public.

3. Apologies for absence

4. Declaration of Interests. To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Parish Council's (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2022.

5. County Councillor's Report.

6. District Councillor's Report.

7. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July, 2022

8. To consider planning applications and decisions received to date, if any.

9. **Casual Vacancy on Berinsfield Parish Council.** To receive applications from eligible persons who wish to be considered for co-option as a Member of Berinsfield Parish Council.

10. Correspondence and Items for Information.

- a) **Request for dropped kerb access to the Lay Avenue Play Area.** A request has been received from a resident for a dropped kerb access to the Lay Avenue Play Area. There is currently no low kerb around the Lay Avenue play area which makes access very difficult for wheelchair users. South Oxfordshire District Council, the owners of the Lay Avenue Play Area has agreed that the Parish Council, who lease the play area from them, can apply to Oxfordshire County Council for permission to install a dropped kerb access to the play area. The Parish Council is asked to confirm that it is in agreement with the application being made to Oxfordshire County Council and if successful, for quotations to be obtained to install the dropped kerb access.
- b) **Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2022-23.** The Parish Council is asked if it will consider appointing Mrs. Jane Olds to carry out the internal audit of the accounts for 2022-23. The fee will be £350.00 plus mileage at .45p per mile.
- c) **Purchase of a flag pole.** The Parish Council agreed at its meeting held on 6th June to obtain quotations for a flag pole and to submit an application to the South Oxfordshire Councillor's Grant Scheme for a grant towards the cost of the flag pole. Quotations have been received for a 6 m flag pole and a 10 m flag pole, details of which will be available at the meeting. The Parish Council is asked to consider the quotations and to decide on the height the proposed flag pole. Permission will be required from Oxfordshire County Council in order to install the proposed flag pole behind the War Memorial.
- d) **Request for grant aid.** A request for grant aid has been received from the Village Inn Football Club, based in Berinsfield. The Club would like funds to provide new footballs, a new first aid kit and new items of kit for the team. The team has been run by Mr. and Mrs. Royall for many years and they are normally self sufficient, but due to the loss of fees during lockdown, they now find that they are short of funds to purchase above items. The team play in the Sunday League and at the end of this season were fourth in the League. The Parish Council is asked to consider this request for grant aid.
- e) **Code of Conduct.** At its meeting held on 6th June, 2022, the Parish Council agreed to adopt the Oxfordshire Code of Conduct for use by Berinsfield Parish Council. The Parish Council has now been informed that it will be necessary for Members to complete a revised Register of Interests form which reflects the requirement in the code to declare other registrable interests. Copies of the new Register of Interests form will be available at the meeting for completion.
- f) **Winter Preparedness.** Oxfordshire County Council is again providing a bulk bag or single bags of salt for Parish Councils to use during the winter. The Parish Council does have a supply of salt left from previous years. The Parish Council is asked if it wishes to accept the offer of a delivery of salt this year.
- g) **Request for barriers to be installed on A4074 between Berinsfield and Shillingford.** Following the accident that occurred recently on the A4074 between Berinsfield and Shillingford, a resident has asked if it would be possible for barriers to be installed on this stretch of road to prevent vehicles overtaking. A copy of the resident's request has been forwarded to County Councillor Robin Bennett. The Parish Council is asked if it wishes to support the request for a barrier to be installed.
- h) **Events being hosted by the Mayor of Didcot, Councillor Pam Siggers.** The Parish Council has been informed about the fund raising events being hosted by Councillor Pam Siggers, including :-

Coffee morning 27th October from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Didcot Civic Hall
Rock night 26th November 2022 at Didcot Civic Hall
Festive Fun Run 17th December at Ladygrove Park
Christmas Grotto 17th December 2022 at Didcot Civic Hall
Mayor's Ball 11th February 2023 at Didcot Civic Hall
Barn Dance 29th April 2023 at Didcot Civic Hall

More information about the events and how to purchase tickets are available on www.didcot.gov.uk or email council@didcot.gov.uk

11. Statement of Accounts for payment in August, to be circulated at the meeting.
12. To review the bank statements for the Parish Council's accounts.
13. Items for report to Chairman
14. Date of next Parish Council Meeting - 5th September 2022