



# **BERINSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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**You are summoned to attend the meeting of  
Berinsfield Parish Council which will take place on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.15 p.m.  
In the Church Hall, Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield OX10 7LW**

23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023

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## **AGENDA**

1. Items raised by Members of the public.
2. Apologies for absence
3. 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.
4. County Councillor's Report.
5. District Councillor's Report.
6. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2023
7. To consider planning applications and decisions received to date
  - a) **Planning Application No P22/S4625/FUL.** Extensions and alterations to existing building to facilitate change of use from public house (sui generis) to residential (Use Class C3) providing seven flats with parking, amenity space and associated works.  
19 – 19a Fane Drive, Berinsfield Oxon, OX10 7ND  
<https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P22/S4625/FUL#exactline>
8. **Provision of Rugby Post** To consider quotations for the provision of 10 m high rugby posts for installation on the recreation ground.

9. Correspondence and Items for Information.

- a) **Waste and Recycling.** The Waste and Recycling Officers from South Oxfordshire District Council will attend the Parish Council meeting to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 to give a presentation about the service.
- b) **Events held on recreation ground.** The Parish Council has been informed by its Insurance Company that its public liability insurance will only cover events organised by the Parish Council. The organisers of events on the Parish Council's recreation ground will now be required to provide their own public liability insurance. The Parish Council is asked to consider this information and its impact on events already arranged for 2023.
- c) **Agreement for Capital Grant.** The Parish Council has been awarded the sum of £34,518.00 as a grant from the Berinsfield Garden Village Grant Scheme towards the cost of constructing a new path, covered storage building for garden equipment and a composting toilet and excavation of a pond to assist with drainage in the Burial Ground. The agreement for the grant has now been received from South Oxfordshire District Council and the Parish Council is asked to confirm that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council be authorised to sign the agreement and accept the grant on behalf of Berinsfield Parish Council.
- d) **Berinsfield Parish Council grant aid scheme 2023-24.** The availability of the grant aid scheme is currently being advertised on the website and on the Parish Council's notice board. The closing date for receipt of applications, which must include supporting documents and accounts, is Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.
- e) **Parish Council Elections.** The Parish Council is asked to note that the date for Parish Council elections is 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. The election notices will be published on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 and nomination forms have to be delivered to South Oxfordshire District Council by 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.
- f) **HIF1 (Housing and Infrastructure Fund 1)** There is a public display of the detailed documentation relating to the HIF1 road scheme in Berinsfield Library until the end of March, 2023.
- g) **Protecting and restoring the natural world.** Sarah Dodd, Outreach Worker from the Berin Centre has been tasked with finding sites in the village to promote the natural biodiversity. She has asked if there is a site on the recreation ground that could be left to grow to promote the return of wildlife, including flowers and natural flora. The Parish Council is asked to consider this request and if agreed, to identify a suitable area on the recreation ground for the project.
- h) **The Spinney area adjacent to Abbey Woods Close.** The Parish Council is in negotiation with Oxfordshire County Council with regard to leasing the spinney and the open space where the War Memorial is located. The County Council has asked that the Parish Council engage a tree surgeon to carry out tree works in the spinney. Oxfordshire County Council will be reimbursing the Parish Council for the cost of the works. The tree surgeons will be commencing work on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 and will be on site for approximately three days.

i) **Oxfordshire County Council tree planting.** Oxfordshire County Council is carrying out a tree planting scheme it owns in the County. It proposes to plant one tree in each Parish on highway land. The proposal for Berinsfield is to plant a Pedunculate Oak on the highway verge opposite the Co-operative store, adjacent to the path from Fane Drive leading into the car park at the side of the Church. The Parish Council and residents are invited to propose other sites, but any site will have to meet the conditions laid down by the County Council. Planting has to be completed by the end of March 2023. The County Council would like the community to look after the tree and ensure that it is watered, kept free of weeds around the roots and maintain the ties, supports and cage.

10. Statement of Accounts for payment in February, to be circulated at the meeting.
11. To review the bank statements for the Parish Council's accounts.
12. Items for report to Chairman
13. Date of next Parish Council Meeting - 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2023