

BERINSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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**You are summoned to attend the meeting of
Berinsfield Parish Council which will take place on
Monday 4th September 2023 at 7.15 p.m. in
The Church Hall, Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield OX10 7LW**

28th August, 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 Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001
4. County Councillor's Report.
5. District Councillor's Report.
6. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th August, 2023
7. To consider planning applications and decisions received to date.
 - a) Planning application No. P23/S2638/HH Garage conversion to living accommodation, 3 Bullingdon Avenue, Berinsfield OX10 7PL
<https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S2638/HH>
 - b) Planning application No P23/S2737/HH Front porch and new canopy roof, 1 Chiltern Close, Berinsfield, OX10 7PZ
<https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P23/S2737/HH>
8. **Casual vacancy on Berinsfield Parish Council.** The casual vacancy is being advertised for the statutory period of fourteen days and if ten local government electors do not request an election during this time, the vacancy can be filled by co-option.

9. Correspondence and Items for information.

a) **Request for traffic calming measures in Fane Drive.** Minute No. 9(e) of meeting held on 7th August, 2023. Oxfordshire County Council has been asked to consider installing traffic calming measures in the section of Fane Drive between the Health Centre and the Boxing Club. A reply has been received indicating that it would be advisable to wait for the 20 mph speed limit to be implemented and then allow about six months to assess how the new limit is working. If there are still concerns about speeding in Fane Drive when the 20 mph speed limit has been in place for six months, a speed survey would need to be carried out, which would cost about £200.00. The survey would give a week's worth of data and would help to assess whether further traffic calming is necessary and if so, to what extent.

b) **Parking.** Oxfordshire County Council has been notified by a resident that a vehicle is being parked inconsiderately in Colne Close causing access problems for residents and for the refuse collection vehicle, which is not able to turn. A request has been made for a bollard to be installed to keep the area clear so that residents can access their properties and the refuse collection vehicle can turn. Oxfordshire County Council has recommended that the resident notify the Parish Council about the problem so that consideration can be given to the priority of this for the village. If the Parish Council considers that bollards would be beneficial, Oxfordshire County Council would discuss the feasibility and cost with the Parish Council

Oxfordshire County Council also suggested that the matter be reported to Thames Valley Police as vehicles obstructing other vehicles using the public highway is a matter that the Police would be able to discuss with the vehicle owner.

c) **Ken Hall Walk** The consultation period regarding naming the path that runs from the Library and around the recreation ground to the junction of the Roman Road at the rear of Lodden Avenue, finished on the 25th August, 2023. Further information will be provided at the Parish Council meeting.

d) **Berinsfield Neighbourhood Development Plan.** The consultation process will commence in the near future. The Neighbourhood Development Plan section of the website is being updated to ensure that the final copy of the Plan is easy to locate. The final copy of the Neighbourhood Development Plan has been emailed to all Members of the Parish Council.

e) **Motorcyclists meeting at the H-Café.** The Parish Council has been contacted by a resident with regard to noise and safety concerns in connection with the motorcyclists meeting at the H-Café. The Parish Council has been informed that the noise has been much worse this year resulting in residents not being able to sit in their gardens or have their windows open. Thames Valley Police have been contacted about this matter and have informed the Parish Council that they attended a meeting in July hosted by Crowmarsh Parish Council and as a result of this their response teams are now patrolling the area during the peak times, particularly Mondays and weekends. Police Officers attended the H-Café on 29th July and liaised with patrons during the day and also with the owner of the Café. Marked Police vehicles have also visited the H-Café and Officers stayed in the area to show a presence while the bikers were in attendance. The Parish Council will be kept informed of the results of further operations that take place in the area.

The Parish Council is asked if it wishes to consider calling a meeting with Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire County Council and representatives from nearby Parishes who did not have the opportunity of attending the Parish Council meeting at Crowmarsh or whether sufficient information has been provided in the response from Thames Valley Police to give reassurance that the noise and safety concerns associated with the motorcyclists meeting at the H-Café are being addressed by them.

f) **Football Foundation – grant for maintenance of football pitches.** An application was submitted to the Football Foundation for a grant towards the cost of the annual maintenance of the football pitches. The grant application has been successful and the Parish Council could receive a total of £21,334 over six years. In order to be able to accept the grant the Football Foundation require a minimum of two representatives from the Council/Football Club to complete a Grounds Management Association Level 1 Football Groundsmanship course (this would be online). Would any members of the Parish Council be interested in taking this course? The Football Foundation would also require monitoring of the football pitches to be carried out twice a year. This requires photographs of various parts of the pitches, photographs of samples of the roots from various places on the pitches, and reports to be uploaded on to the Football Foundation pitchpower system. The Parish Council is asked if it wishes to accept the grant, subject to the above conditions.

It is planned to call a Pavilion Committee meeting with representatives from Berinsfield Football Club at 6.30 p.m. on Monday 11th September, 2023 in the pavilion prior to the start of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee to discuss matters relating to the pavilion and the football pitches.

g) **South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils – Joint Local Plan.** A copy of the email from landscapeconsultation@landuse.co.uk has been forwarded to all Members of the Parish Council as it contains links to various documents regarding local landscape. The Parish Council is asked if it wishes to make any comments.

h) **Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association.** The Annual General Meeting of the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association will be held on Monday 16th October at 7.30 p.m. at Cassington Village Hall. The Parish Council is asked if it wishes to nominate a Member to attend the meeting

i) **Traffic Regulation Notice. Carriageway patching works. Wimplestraw Road and Burcot Lane, 30th November – 4th December, 2023.** The Parish Council is asked to note that the Order temporarily prohibits the use of and waiting on the highway by all motor vehicles.

j) **Winter Service.** Oxfordshire County Council wishes to know if the Parish Council require a supply of salt in 2023. The Parish Council does have some bags of salt in stock at the present time. Salt bins can also be purchased at £250. The Parish Council does have salt bins located on its open spaces and in the Burial Ground. The Parish Council is asked if it requires salt and if it wishes to purchase further salt bins.

10. Statement of Accounts for payment in September, 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 - 2nd October, 2023