

BERINSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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**You are summoned to attend the meeting of
Berinsfield Parish Council which will take place on
Monday 5th January 2026 at 7.15pm in
The Pavilion, Lay Avenue, Berinsfield, OX10 7NX**

29th December 2025

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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 1st December 2025.**
7. **To consider planning applications and decisions received to date (if any).**
8. **Confidential Item.** To consider the exclusion of the public and press from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 due to the confidential nature of the following item.
 - a) To consider an item relating to staffing matters that is confidential in its nature.
9. **Clerk's Home Working Arrangements.** To consider the provision or reimbursement of essential office furniture for the Clerk's dedicated home office used for council business.
10. **To consider the quotations for repairs to Rocking Horse in Recreation Ground Playground.**
 - a) Wicksteed has quoted £1,547.70 exc VAT.
 - b) A&W Grounds has quoted £1,300.00 no VAT.
 - c) BOE Trading has quoted £550.00 exc VAT.
11. **Pavilion Alarms.** To consider the quotation from Trinity Fire and Security Systems for remedial works at the Pavilion.

- a) A quotation has been supplied to replace 8 old MCP's and covers totaling £871.04.
- 12. **Future Expansion of Recreation Ground Playground.** To consider a proposal from South Oxfordshire District Council to expand the Recreation Ground Playground.
 - a) Does the Parish Council permit the expansion of this playground in order to site a SEND play equipment?
- 13. **Wood Carving Near War Memorial.** To consider approval of a request from South Oxfordshire District Council to provide a new wood carving.
 - a) Does the Parish Council permit the positioning on or near the war memorial of a wood carving in the shape of a poppy?
- 14. **Youth Shelter.** To make a decision on the use of the current Youth Shelter, once replaced.
 - a) What does the Parish Council wish to do with the blue Youth Shelter currently in position in Berinsfield Recreation Ground, in light of the new one being delivered in the coming months?
- 15. **Welcome Sign.** To receive an update on the progress of the Welcome Sign project.
 - a) A rearranged public consultation meeting on draft designs has been scheduled for 27th January at Berinsfield Community Association.
 - b) South Oxfordshire's Project Team have confirmed that final designs will be provided to the Parish Council ahead of the public.
- 16. **Interpretation Panel at Abbey Woods Spinney.** To consider the approval of the interpretation panel to be installed at Abbey Woods Spinney.
- 17. **History Walking Trail.** To receive details of the History Walking Trail project that is being discussed by South Oxfordshire District Council.
- 18. **Signage on Berinsfield Recreation Ground.** To consider a request from a resident to stop village organisations putting advertising signage on the Recreation Ground during village events such as fireworks, classic car show, Berifest.
- 19. **Solar Energy Export at Pavilion.** To receive an update on Solar Energy at the Pavilion and deals available for export.
- 20. **BT Internet.** To consider an appropriate response to BT Internet Account issues.
- 21. **Open Spaces Committee.** To set a date for the next Open Spaces Committee meeting.
- 22. **Berifest.** To consider a request to change the date of Berifest to 25th July 2026.
- 23. **Correspondence and items for information.**
 - a) Rugby in Berinsfield – The Clerk has been involved in discussions with SODC and Wallingford Rugby Club about the potential to bring a 6 week taster course to Berinsfield for Under 12's.
 - b) Health and Wellbeing Group Meeting – The next meeting of Berinsfield Health and Wellbeing Group is set for 4th March 2026 at 10.30am on Teams.
 - c) Garden Village Steering Group Meeting – The next meeting of Berinsfield Garden Village Steering Group is set for 13th January 2026 at Berinsfield Community Association at 2pm.

- d) Bus Shelters – The Clerk is in discussions with Externiture whom provide seating at bus shelters and Oxfordshire County Council who may have funding for seating at bus shelters in Berinsfield. A date is yet to be arranged for a meeting.
- e) Neighbourhood Planning Event – South Oxfordshire are hosting a planning event on 28th January 2026 at 2pm in Didcot at a to be determined venue.
- f) Christmas Lights – The Christmas lights purchased by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council provided a poor amount of light and have been refunded in full by the seller.
- g) Household Waste Booking System – A new booking system for the Household Waste disposal sites in South Oxfordshire will be introduced on 14th January 2026.

24. **Statement of Accounts for payment in December.** To be circulated at the meeting.

25. **Bank Statements.** To inspect the balances on the bank statements for the Parish Council's three accounts and to sign the reconciliation.

26. **Items for report to Chair.**

27. **Date of next ordinary Parish Council Meeting** – 2nd February 2026.