

BERINSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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**You are summoned to attend the meeting of
Berinsfield Parish Council which will take place on
Monday 7th July 2025 at 7.15pm in
The Church Hall, Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield, OX10 7LW**

1st July 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. **The Good Neighbourhood Scheme.** To receive a presentation from Volunteer Link Up on the Good Neighbourhood Scheme.
7. **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June 2025.**
8. **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 25th June 2025.**
9. **To consider planning applications and decisions received to date (if any).**
 - a) P25/S1267/HH (Amendment) - Demolition of existing garage & outhouse. Single storey front and rear extensions with part two storey rear extensions with first floor side extension - 8 Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield OX10 7NA.
10. **UK SPF Funding for Berinsfield. Design and construction of a new pump track. Design and construction of an extension to the existing skateboard park. Repairs to the existing skateboard park.** To receive an update on the progress of the projects and any other relevant information relating to the projects.
 - a) Skatepark – All invoices for the work to the Skatepark have been paid with the exception of a retention of £3,350.00 for 3 months after the date of completion.
 - b) Pump Track – The site has been handed over, safety signage installed and all invoices have been paid with the exception of a retention of £4,950.00 for 3 months after the date of completion.

11. **Abbey Wood Spinney.** To receive an update on the progress of the Abbey Woods Spinney scheme and any information arising between meetings.
 - a) Weeds have reestablished and been resprayed at the surrounding area of the gathering space to Abbey Wood Spinney. Weeds have also forced their way through the membrane that has been laid and grown through the mulch that is in place. The Clerk has engaged with contractors on what can be done to rectify this.
 - b) Wooden stakes have been ordered, ready for the installation of a dead hedge around the gathering space.
 - c) Arrangements for the materials needed for a moon gate are in hand.
 - d) CCTV has been installed in Abbey Wood Spinney.
12. **The Pavilion Repairs.** To receive an update on the progress of the repair to the Pavilion.
13. **The Pavilion Improvements.** To receive an update on the improvements underway to the Pavilion.
 - a) Replacement Locks – A quotation has been obtained for the replacement of all locks and including a combination lock to the front door. The price for this is £1,729.00. The Parish Council is asked to consider this quotation.
14. **Digital Communications as Default for Berinsfield Parish Council.** To consider adopting a policy for agendas and minutes to be distributed electronically by default to councillors and relevant parties, with printed copies available upon request, in accordance with current legislation.
15. **Local Government Reorganisation.** To consider the upcoming changes to local government in South Oxfordshire. The three proposals for unitary authorities at hand are shown below.
 - a) Greater Oxford Council – A council covering Oxford City and all area within the green belt surrounding Oxford City.
 - b) Oxfordshire Council – A council covering the entire county of Oxfordshire.
 - c) Ridgeway Council – A council combining West Berkshire Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, and Vale of White Horse District Council.
16. **Berinsfield Burial Ground.** To receive updates and information on Berinsfield Burial Ground.
 - a) CONFIDENTIAL - To resolve to exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (staffing matters).
 - b) Replacement Signage – A quote has been obtained for a replacement sign at the Burial Ground for the cost of £314.99. The Parish Council is asked to consider this quotation.
17. **Correspondence and items for information.**
 - a) Residents Association – Correspondence from SODC officers asking for the thoughts of the Parish Council on the formation of a residents association in Berinsfield.
 - b) Cockerels on Allotments – A resident has submitted a complaint regarding cockerels on allotments waking them up each morning. Tenancy agreements explicitly state keeping of cockerels is not permitted.

- c) Part Night Lighting – Oxfordshire County Council have opened consultation on a scheme to offer street lighting throughout part of the night and not throughout the entire night as present.

- 18. **Statement of Accounts for payment in June.** To be circulated at the meeting.
- 19. **Bank Statements.** To inspect the balances on the bank statements for the Parish Council's three accounts and to sign the reconciliation.
- 20. **Items for report to Chairman.**
- 21. **Date of next ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 4th August 2025.**