

# **BERINSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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**You are summoned to attend the meeting of  
Berinsfield Parish Council which will take place on**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at 7 p.m.**

**In the Church Hall, Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield OX10 7LW**

**Please note that the meeting will start at 7 p.m.**

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

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## **AGENDA**

1. Items raised by Members of the public.
  - a) To welcome Mr. Olly Buck BA (Hons), Dip TP, MRTPI, Director at Ptarmigan Land, the company that is promoting the development site, identified in the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035, located on the east side of Berinsfield. Mr. Buck will give a presentation about the proposed scheme.
  - b) To welcome Mr. Phil Earnshaw, an Officer from the Oxfordshire County Council School Transport Department. County Councillor Robin Bennett has spoken to Mr. Earnshaw to make him aware of the problems being encountered by residents of Berinsfield with regard to school transport.
  - c) Request for a safe crossing over A4074 to provide access by pedestrians and cyclists to neighbouring villages. A resident has contacted the Parish Council to ask if consideration could be given to providing a safe method of crossing the A4074 to get to neighbouring villages. She noted that there is a crossing over the A4074 to allow pedestrians to get to the northbound bus stop, but no path or cycle track from the bus stop to allow people to get to Dorchester on Thames, Burcot, Clifton Hampden etc. County Councillor Robin Bennett is aware of the request.
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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

7. To consider planning applications and decisions received to date.
  - a) **Planning decision P22/S0773/HH** Proposed single storey front and rear extensions with associated internal and external works. (As amended by plans received 29 April 2022) 73 Fane Drive, Berinsfield OX10 7NF, The Parish Council is asked to note that planning permission has been GRANTED
  - b) **Planning decision P22/S1496/HH** Proposed ground floor rear extension. Proposed front porch. Proposed rendering of existing external walls. Proposed vertical extension of existing rear boundary wall. 222 Fane Drive, Berinsfield OX10 7QL. The Parish Council is asked to note that planning permission has been GRANTED.
8. **Casual Vacancy on Berinsfield Parish Council.** The Parish Council has been informed by South Oxfordshire District Council that an election has not been called. The Parish Council is now asked to agree that the casual vacancy can be advertised for the statutory period to allow eligible persons to nominate themselves to be considered as a co-opted member to fill the casual vacancy.
9. Correspondence and Items for Information.
  - a) **Open Space Wimplestraw Road, Berinsfield.** Earlier this year a site meeting was arranged with representatives from Oxfordshire County Council, Abbey Woods Academy, South Oxfordshire District Council and the Parish Council to discuss how the brambles that are growing at the rear of the open space in Wimplestraw Road could be treated in order to prevent them growing through the fence into the playground of Abbey Woods Academy. During this site visit, the Officer from Oxfordshire County Council mentioned that it might be possible for the open space area and spinney area to be leased to Berinsfield Parish Council. There is a lease in place between Oxfordshire County Council and the Trustees of the 7<sup>th</sup> Photo Group USAAF for the area where the War Memorial is situated. The Parish Council agreed to a request made several years ago from the Trustees to take over the maintenance of the War Memorial and the land on which it stands, but the lease with Oxfordshire County Council has not been amended to this effect. The remainder of the open space area is still owned by Oxfordshire County Council. The Officer from Oxfordshire County Council asked the Parish Council representatives present at the site meeting (The Chairman and the Clerk) if the Parish Council would be prepared to lease the open space and spinney areas from Oxfordshire County Council. The Parish Council representatives indicated that as it maintained the grass on the open space it would be interested in leasing the open space area and the spinney area, subject to works being carried out to the trees in the spinney area before the area was transferred.

Oxfordshire County Council has now informed the Parish Council that it is looking into the possibility of terminating the lease with the Trustees of the USAAF for the area where the War Memorial is situated with a view to leasing the whole area to the Parish Council. Oxfordshire County Council has asked if the Parish Council would obtain quotations for carrying out the necessary works to the trees in the Spinney area and to arrange for the works to be carried out. Oxfordshire County Council has stated that it would reimburse the Parish Council for the cost of the works.

The Parish Council is asked if it is in agreement with Oxfordshire County Council investigating if its lease with the Trustees of the 7<sup>th</sup> Photo Group USAAF could be terminated and if so, whether the Parish Council would like to lease the open space area, including the area where the War Memorial is located, and the Spinney area.

The Parish Council is also asked if it would be prepared to obtain quotations for tree works in the Spinney area and to place the order and pay for the works, subject to Oxfordshire County Council reimbursing the Parish Council for the works.
10. Statement of Accounts for payment in July, 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2022

