

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BERINSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held in the Church Hall, Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield on Monday 2nd August, 2021 at 7.15 p.m.

Councillor P. Bridge
Councillor I. Bunyan
Councillor K. Chrisp
Councillor B. Fearneyhough
Councillor S. Henry
Councillor Mrs. A. Jones
Councillor S. Perkins

Vice-Chairman, in the Chair

The following people were present at the meeting :

Annette Loveland, Clerk to the Council
Reverend Teresa Stewart-Sykes
One member of the public

1. Items raised by Members of the Public.

a) Berinsfield Football Club. Councillor Perkins informed the meeting that Berinsfield Football Club would be making an application for grant aid to assist with the cost of the Club arranging for additional mowing of the football pitch areas prior to the start of the football season.

b) 60th Anniversary of Berinsfield. Reverend Teresa Stewart-Sykes informed the meeting that as part of the 60th Anniversary celebrations to be held in October 2021 a project would be arranged to record “60 conversations” with residents who had lived in the village for a long time. It would be aimed at getting stories from residents of what it was like growing up in Berinsfield and their wish list and thoughts for the next 60 years. Reverend Teresa Stewart-Sykes said that details of the 60th Anniversary weekend would be publicised in September.

c) Food waste in litter bins on recreation ground. It was reported that food waste was still being put in the litter bins on the recreation ground despite signs being put on the bins to advise residents that their food waste should be put in the bins located at their own properties.

d) Shrubbery overhanging pavement. It was reported that shrubbery from a property in Evenlode Drive was overhanging the path between Lay Avenue and Evenlode Drive. The Parish Council will arrange for this to be inspected and reported to the appropriate authority.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Crawford, Scott-Ely, Smith and Mrs. Stockford. District and County Councillor Bennett also forwarded his apologies, but had submitted written reports.

3. Declarations of Interest. Councillor Chrisp declared that he is a Trustee of the Berin Centre, Councillor Perkins declared that he is Chairman of the Football Club

4. County Councillor’s Report. County Councillor Robin Bennett had prepared a written report which had been circulated to all those present at the meeting.

a) **Local funding of traffic schemes.** Councillor Chrisp referred to this item in County Councillor Bennett's report and asked if consideration could be given to providing new street signs in the village showing that many of the roads are "no through" roads. He said that it would prevent many unnecessary journeys for people if they knew in advance that the roads were no through roads. Councillor Bridge informed the meeting that the Berinsfield Garden Village Steering Group was currently considering the provision of new street signs in the village and that this request could be dealt with by them.

The Parish Council noted, with thanks, the contents of County Councillor Bennett's report.

5. **District Councillor's Report.** District Councillor Robin Bennett had prepared a written report which had been circulated to all those present at the meeting. The Parish Council noted, with thanks, the contents of District Councillor Bennett's report.

6. **To receive and approve the Minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on 5th July, 2021.** It was AGREED that the Minutes of the virtual meeting of Berinsfield Parish Council held on 5th July, 2021, should be APPROVED.

7. **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Allotments, Playing Fields, Open Spaces, Burial Ground and Skateboard Park Committee meeting held on 26th July, 2021.** It was AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Allotments, Playing Fields, Open Spaces, Burial Ground and Skateboard Park Committee meeting held on 26th July, 2021 should be APPROVED.

8. **To consider planning applications and decisions received to date.**

a) **Planning Decision No. P21/S2191/FUL. The Berin Centre, Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield, OX10 7LZ.** Application to replace current temporary planning consent ref : P11/W1173/CC (R3.9989/11) Expiring on 31 October 2021. Existing building to be continued to be used for education and welfare for residents of Berinsfield and surrounding areas. Existing building to be over clad. The Parish Council noted that the application had been approved.

b) **Planning application No. P21/S2962/HH First floor extension to side of property. 93 Fane Drive, Berinsfield OX10 7NF** The Parish Council considered this application and AGREED that South Oxfordshire District Council should be informed that Berinsfield Parish Council has no objection to the application, subject to sufficient off road car parking being provided.

c) **Planning application No. P21/S3290/FUL Removal of existing containers and existing buildings and replacement by the erection of new buildings. Varsity Works, Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield OX10 7QX** The Parish Council considered this application and it was AGREED that South Oxfordshire District Council should be informed that Berinsfield Parish Council support the application.

9. **Correspondence and Items for Information.**

a) **South Oxfordshire District Council – deep cleanse – 23rd – 27th September.** The Parish Council AGREED that South Oxfordshire District Council should be asked to concentrate on litter picking and removing the weeds on the paths that link the various roads in the village, the area outside the shops in Fane Drive and at the junction of Fane Drive and Chiltern Close and removing the weeds along the fence line in Fane Drive from Lay Avenue to Green Furlong.

b) The Oxfordshire Plan 2050. Members of the Parish Council noted the information contained in the agenda regarding the virtual meeting being arranged by CPRE and the Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plans Alliance to be held on 19th August at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Councillor Henry informed the meeting that he had already registered to attend and Councillor Bridge agreed to also attend. The public consultation regarding the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 runs from 30th July for ten weeks. Details can be found on <https://oxfordshireplan.org/>.

c) Oxford – Cambridge Arc. The Parish Council noted that there is currently a consultation regarding the Oxford – Cambridge Arc which runs until October 2021. Details can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/oxford-cambridge-arc> and responses can be submitted on <https://placebuilder.io/futureofthearc>.

d) Families Day at RAF Benson 19th August, 2021. The Parish Council has been advised by the Station Engagement Officer at RAF Benson that there might be additional noise from aerial displays over RAF Benson and the local area during the period 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. on 19th August 2021 when the Families Day event takes place. There will be a display by a Typhoon which is expected to be heard quite widely across the local area. This is likely to be between 4.15 – 4.45 p.m. and the Typhoon will depart between 5 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. There will also be rehearsals during the week commencing 16th August, 2021. The Parish Council noted the information and will make residents aware of the proposed increase in noise over Berinsfield.

e) Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2022. The Parish Council was informed that the Jubilee weekend will be held on 2nd – 5th June 2022. The Oxfordshire Lieutenancy Office would like to be informed of any plans that the village may have to celebrate the Jubilee. Beacons will be lit at various points in Oxfordshire and there will be a Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June when communities are being encouraged to create street parties, picnics etc.

One of the national projects will be a large scale tree planting campaign all across the U.K. to be known as The Queen’s Green Canopy. Every county is being invited to create a network of individual or specimen trees, tree avenues, copses, orchards or woodlands in honour of The Queen’s 70 years of service.

Councillor Chrisp suggested that the Parish Council should consider planting Flowering Cherry trees on the area behind the War Memorial or on the recreation ground opposite the Adult Gym equipment.

The Parish Council noted the information and will liaise with other organisations in the village about proposals for the Jubilee weekend.

10. Statement of Accounts for payment in August, 2021. It was AGREED that the list of accounts for payment in August in the sum of £10,338.58 should be approved.

11. Items of Report for Chairman.

a) Cycle barriers across footpath from Lay Avenue to Green Furlong. It was reported that the cycle barriers across the three sections of the path from Lay Avenue to Green Furlong do not allow for a wheelchair to get through them. It was AGREED that this matter would be reported to Oxfordshire County Council in the first instance with a request for new style barriers to be installed.

b) Bollards on pavement outside Church of St. Mary and St. Berin.

Councillor Bunyan reported that an HGV had knocked two of the bollards over. This information has been reported to Oxfordshire County Council who installed the bollards to protect the pavement.

c) Route for HGV's entering the village.

The Parish Council briefly discussed whether any action could be taken to stop HGV's entering the village via Wimblestraw Road, due to the problems they have negotiating the corner from Wimblestraw Road to Fane Drive outside the Church of St. Mary and St. Berin. It was noted that there is a sign at the entrance to the village indicating the route to the industrial area, but no weight restriction on Wimblestraw Road. It was AGREED to contact Oxfordshire County Council to enquire if any restrictions could be imposed.

d) National Water Skiing Event at Queenford Lake, 12th – 15th August.

Councillor Bridge informed those present that residents from the village would be welcome to walk to Queenford Lake to watch the water skiing if they wished.

e) Berinsfield Voluntary Day Centre.

Councillor Chrisp informed the meeting that the Berinsfield Voluntary Day Centre had moved to new premises in Abbey Woods Academy and that the Trustees would be visiting the new premises prior to the the Centre re-opening.

f) Scaffolding and skips on the highway.

Councillor Bunyan enquired if the Parish Council was notified by Oxfordshire County Council of applications for licences to site scaffolding or skips on the highway. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish Council was not notified of applications for skips or scaffolding on the highway.

12. Date of next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 6th September 2021 in the Church Hall, Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield at 7.15 p.m.