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## Notes from Berinsfield Residents Association (BRA) meeting

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Date: Tuesday 16 March 2021

Time: 11am

Venue: Zoom

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### Present:

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Annette Loveland (Clerk for Berinsfield Parish Council)

Teresa Sykes (Vicar)

Sorrell Shamel-Wood (Curate and resident)

Phil Bridge (Vice Chair Berinsfield PC, trustee Riverside Counselling)

Stuart Scott-Ely (Chair of Berinsfield PC, trustees of BIVC, Day centre and owner of Queenford Lakes)

Sophie Charter (Head of Abbey Woods Academy)

Kym Gunning (Neighbourhood Officer for Soha)

Caroline Wade (Manager BIVC)

Laura Harte (Manager of The Berin Centre)

Linda Champion (Manager of The Berin Centre, retiring end of March 21)

Jackie Logan (Communities Manager Soha, trustee for The Berin Centre)

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### Apologies:

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Linda Town (Berinsfield Library)

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### Agenda Items

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This meeting had no firm agenda. This meeting was called to reintroduce the community lunches prior to COVID19. To look at how groups and charities work together in the village, how they will work together for COVID recovery. Also ensure that the group will be available to respond to SODC's garden village and regeneration plans.

1. All gave a brief introduction
2. **Garden Village and SODC plans.** SSE gave some background into the previous plans and consultation from SODC and also updated on the Garden Village. PB also gave information on the current plans. The association will be a formal group that will respond to SODC for any future work concerning Berinsfield. The association felt it is important that any future plans for Berinsfield are community led.
3. **Charities and groups in Berinsfield.** Almost all groups and charities are going to be facing issues around funding and buildings in the near future. This is a matter that needs to be addresses as soon as possible. It was felt that nothing SODC has planned will be able to support these issues in the near future as

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far as we know. The village will need to work together to ensure that groups and charities are still able to function.

4. **Community Events** CW told the meeting that BIVC will be setting up a calendar for events and activities in the village. This will be available for all to view and new activities can be added by emailing or calling BIVC. AL agreed that the PC website would be able to have a link to the village events calendar. TS told the meeting that it is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church in October and she would be working on the celebration. CW said that she had lots of photos at BIVC that TS could use for the event. CW said she was working on a 'Summer of Fun' which would be smaller events through the summer months as she had done previously.

5. **Future meetings and group name/constitution.** The meeting agreed that as the Berinsfield Residents Association had never been dissolved, the group would now be known as such. AL & JL to look at the old constitution and update to bring to the next meeting for decision.

Future meetings will be held in an evening so people working would be able to attend and make the meetings more inclusive. PB said that it was important that face to face meeting resume as soon as possible, the BCA had a good sized room that could be used for public meetings.

PB said that we should not lose momentum and suggested a meeting soon and to have them regularly and set several dates up in advance.

AL agreed that the PC website could serve as a way for all the agenda's, notes/minutes of the BRA to be available. AL will need the content to be sent to her in a timely way for her to upload onto the website for the BRA link.

6. NEXT MEETING Tuesday 30 March @ 6pm on Zoom