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4. **District Councillor's Report** District Councillor Robin Bennett had prepared a written report which had been circulated to all Members of the Parish Council.

a) **Berinsfield Garden Village Grants Scheme.** District Councillor Robin Bennett informed the Parish Council that the Berinsfield Garden Village Grants Scheme was now ready. He indicated that the process may appear complex but a team from South Oxfordshire District Council would be available to support local groups in applying and getting through the process. He said there were substantial sums available and all proposed projects/services/activities must take place directly in Berinsfield and be able to demonstrate direct benefits to meet a clearly identified need for Berinsfield residents.

The closing date for making grant applications will be midday on 1st June, 2022 and there will be approximately £300,000 available to bid for. The terms applied to the grant scheme are shown below and further information can be found on <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/berinsfield-garden-village-grant-scheme/>

- Only one application can be submitted per organisation and the Parish Council is eligible to apply.
- Applications can be submitted that include both revenue and capital funding for projects, services and activities.
- The minimum revenue grant will be £500 per annum and the maximum £25,000 per annum up to a five year period for each organisation
- The minimum capital grant will be £5,000 and the maximum £60,000 per project.
- The total amount for joint revenue and capital applications that an organisation will be able to apply for is a minimum of £5,500 and a maximum of £185,000.

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5. **To receive and approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th March, 2022.** It was AGREED that the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th March, 2022, should be APPROVED.

6. **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 21st March, 2022.** It was AGREED that the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21st March, 2022, together with the list of grants contained in the Minutes in the sum of £4,500, should be APPROVED,

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

a) **Planning Application No. P22/S0911/HH** Variation of conditions 2 Approved plans & 3 Materials on planning application P20/S0275/HH to allow for a variation in appearance of extension (single storey extension to principal elevation) 37 Lodden Avenue, Berinsfield, OX10 7PY. It was AGREED that South Oxfordshire District Council should be informed that Berinsfield Parish Council has no specific comments to make, but will rely on the expertise of South Oxfordshire District Council Planning Department to determine whether it is acceptable.

8. **Casual Vacancy on Berinsfield Parish Council.** The Parish Council received one application from an eligible person who wished to be considered for co-option as a Member of Berinsfield Parish Council. The application was from Mr. Kyle Mundy. Mr. Mundy addressed the meeting and explained his reasons for wishing to be a co-opted Member of Berinsfield Parish Council. The Parish Council AGREED to accepted Mr. Mundy's application and invited him to become a Member of Berinsfield Parish Council. Mr. Mundy signed his declaration of acceptance of office and took his place as a Member of the Parish Council.

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

a) **Disabled car parking space at 66 Colwell Road, Berinsfield.** The Parish Council noted that Oxfordshire County Council would be arranging a consultation to find out if the disabled car parking space at 66 Colwell Road, Berinsfield is still required.

b) **Maintenance of Football Pitches.** The Parish Council was informed that quotations have been requested, using reduced quantities of sand, but at the time of the meeting these had not been received.

c) **Community Table Tennis Table.** The Parish Council noted that the Active Communities Team had been asked which surface they would recommend to be installed under the table tennis table. They recommended either concrete or tarmac as they did not consider wetpour would be suitable. Councillor Chrisp pointed out that concrete could become slippery. The Parish Council was informed that the guide price per square meter for tarmac would be £45 - £60 and for concrete £40 - £50. It was AGREED that the Active Communities Team should be asked what size base they would recommend for the table tennis table and playing area and that quotations should then be requested.

d) **Basket Ball Unit.** The Parish Council had also considered installing a hard base in front of the existing basket ball unit and this work could be carried out at the same time as the installation of the base for the table tennis table. It was AGREED that measurements should be taken to estimate how much tarmac or concrete would be required for a base in front of the basket ball unit and that quotations should be requested.

e) **Provision of seat on the recreation ground with a plaque to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.** The Parish Council AGREED that the following wording should be engraved on the plaque to be fixed to the seat that will be installed on the recreation ground near to the Flowering Cherry trees :-

BERINSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
IN CELEBRATION OF THE PLATINUM JUBILEE
OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH
1952 - 2022

f) **Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plan Alliance.** It was noted that Councillor Fearnayhough would represent the Parish Council at the Annual General Meeting of the Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plan Alliance to be held on 9th April, 2022.

g) **HIFI Planning Application – Relief Road A34 to B 4015/Golden Balls Roundabout.** Councillor Scott-Ely and Councillor Mrs. A. Jones agreed that they would attend the next virtual meeting of the Neighbouring Parish Council Joint Committee meeting as observers, subject to them being available when the date of the meeting is notified to the Parish Council.

h) **Contract for emptying the dog litter bins in Berinsfield.** The Parish Council was informed that the new contractors had submitted a contract for signature. The contract sum for emptying the 21 dog litter bins in Berinsfield will be £2184.00 per annum and should over spilling occur, additional visits will be charged at £3.00 per bin. It was AGREED that the contract document should be signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.

i) **Grant application for funds towards the cost of celebrating the Platinum Jubilee.** The Clerk informed the meeting that she had submitted a grant application to County Councillor Robin Bennett's priority fund for funds towards the cost of purchasing the colour fountain and some commemorative pens for the Platinum Jubilee. County Councillor Bennett had been informed by Oxfordshire County Council that they would not agree to fund the pens. A new application has been submitted for funds towards the cost of the colour fountain and the outcome is awaited. In view of the fact that a grant cannot be obtained towards the cost of purchasing the pens, it was AGREED not to proceed with the plan to purchase them.

10. **Statement of accounts for payment in March and April.** It was AGREED that the statement of accounts for payment in March in the sum of £10,723.14 and April in the sum of £4,022.97 should be APPROVED.

11. **Items of report to Chairman.**

a) **Request for barriers to prevent cyclists riding at speed on paths.** Councillor Scate referred to requests made for barriers to be placed at either end of paths in the village to prevent cyclists riding at speed on them. He pointed out that this could cause problems for people with double, or larger, buggies or people using mobility scooters etc. as they would not be able to negotiate their way through the barriers. The Parish Council was informed that Oxfordshire County Council is currently reviewing their protocol on cycle barriers.

12. **Date of next meeting – 9th May, 2022**

