

Brimpton Parish Council

At our meeting on 6 August the Parish Council adopted the draft Parish Plan which will influence development and the provision of services for some years to come. The Plan was the work of a Steering Group comprising nine residents led by Liz Masters. A copy of the Plan is available on our website (www.brimptonparish.org.uk) and a printed copy will be delivered to all households in the parish.

We considered three planning applications:

- Hillcourt Lodge, Brimpton Road – an application for permission in principle for residential development of up to two houses. We decided to object to the application as the houses would be outside of the existing settlement area and inside the conservation area. We intend to review the settlement boundary but can only consider this application based on the current boundary. In addition, the Parish Plan, which we had earlier adopted, calls for smaller, affordable homes and this application does not meet this criterion.
- Merry Winds, Brimpton Common – application for the erection of a single storey side extension. We had no objections.
- Old Thatch, Crookham Common Road – proposed demolition of single storey extension and erection of single storey extension to the rear of the property. This is an appeal against WBC's early refusal to grant permission. We had no objections to this originally and we raised none this time.

We are always willing to discuss development proposals with applicants before they are submitted to WBC. This may be useful in order to be aware of local policies that may affect the outcome of the application.

In order to achieve our goal of using the woodland owned by the Brimpton Common Fuel Allotment Trust as a nature reserve, we have appointed three new trustees. The board now consists of Gaila Adair, who has served as a trustee for several years, together with Jan Main, Grahame Hawker and Bob Moore. Colin Evans, who had chaired the trust for many years, has decided to stand down. We thanked him for giving his time to the trust.

We were informed the profit from the Brimpton fete held on 29 June is now £3,406. This should increase as a silver bowl donated to the fete will be auctioned in September. The price guide is £300-£500. The proceeds from the fete will be divided between the school, church and recreation ground once the final figure is known.

Nearly 150 residents now receive my Parish Updates via email. If you wish to join the list, please contact me as shown below. The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 3 September, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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