

Brimpton Parish Council

At its June meeting the Parish Council appointed the 12 residents who will form the Steering Group for the new Parish Plan. They are: Rebekah Alsey, Catherine Bamforth, Guy Baxter, Paddy Bowring, James Cohen, Mandy Collings, John Dolphin, Catherine Hartz, Sarah Hunt, Farhad Jaffari, Liz Masters and Bill Scott. They will be assisted by other residents to examine specific topics such as housing and development, transport, social and sports facilities. The Steering Group will operate independently of the Parish Council but report to it at monthly meetings.

The key element of the Parish Plan will be a questionnaire to identify residents' concerns and their hopes for the parish over the next 5-10 years. Both the Parish Council and the Steering Group hope you will participate and make known your views, both through the questionnaire and at public meetings. You will hear much more about this work over the course of the next 12 months.

Josh Dugdale from the Wasing Estate gave a presentation on the Estate's proposal to develop the run down barns at Shalford Farm, close to the junction of Back Lane and Wasing Road. The concept is intended to build on Wasing's business as a wedding venue and includes a small shopping area, space to display wedding accessories and rooms for wedding guests. The next step is to submit a planning application, at which time we will consider the proposal in depth.

We have approved our data protection and privacy policies, together with a data retention schedule, as required under the new General Data Protection Regulations. They will be available to read on our website. Thanks to a lot of work by our Clerk, Christine McGarvie, we now meet the requirements of the new regulations.

We supported a suggestion to ask for volunteers to keep an eye on the state of footpaths in the parish. This would entail walking a particular path regularly (at least weekly) and reporting if it is obstructed or there has been fly tipping. You would not be expected clear obstructions or pick up litter. If you are a walker and would be willing to help, please let me know.

It has been reported that the Friends of Brimpton School (FOBS) are unable to stage their Summer Fete this year. The Parish Council sees this and similar events as key to our village identity and we have therefore decided to discuss with FOBS, other local groups and interested individuals how we might support a village fete in 2019. If you would like to help in any way, please let me know.

Nearly 100 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 July, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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