

Brimpton Parish Council

At our meeting on 5 March we listened to the concerns of residents about the increasing problem of dog fouling on public footpaths. Although some owners have been seen to ignore their dog's behaviour, in most instances we do not know whose dog is responsible, nor whether the dog is owned by a resident or a visitor. In addition, one dog from a house near the church is known to wander the paths and fields without any supervision.

We were informed that in some circumstances bagging dog faeces is not a good solution and providing more bins in addition to the black bins which are already available is unlikely to solve the problem. We decided that more information should be available to residents to inform them on the dangers of dog fouling, particularly in areas where young children run free, and to advise dog owners of their legal responsibilities. In addition, we will be putting posters around the most affected areas recommending using the 'stick and flick' method, which is endorsed by the Forestry Commission. We will also continue to raise the issue via the parish email group and via Facebook.

We considered the following planning applications:

Erection of replacement dwelling on the site of Little Park Farm Bungalow, Crookham Common Road. As we were informed about previous concerns regarding the potential for asbestos contamination, we have objected to this application until an investigation has been done into any possible contamination of the site.

Demolition of existing conservatory and new single storey side extension at Lea Cottage, Wasing Road. We resolved to inform WBC we had no objections.

Erection of a detached garage at 3 The Osiers, Brimpton Road. We resolved to inform WBC we had no objections.

Shalford Farm development. The Wasing Estate has submitted a new travel plan and other papers in support of this application, which is to be considered by WBC's Planning Committee on 20 March. It was decided that the new information did not change our opposition to the application. Two councillors will attend the Planning Committee to support our objection.

The Notice of Election for the parish and WBC elections is due to be published on 15 March, after which nominations can be submitted. Nomination papers must be submitted by hand to WBC Council Offices in Newbury by 4pm on 3 April. Anyone wishing to submit a nomination should contact the Clerk for either an electronic or paper copy of the nomination pack.

The final meeting of the Parish Council before the elections will be on Tuesday 2 April, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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