

Brimpton Parish Council

At our meeting on 30 October our Clerk reported on the outcome of the SID (Speed Indicator Device) checks carried out in October. Unfortunately some of the data collected has been corrupted and we only have figures for some of the locations checked. Even so, these indicate Brimpton Road and Wasing Road to be where the most cars exceed the speed limit. Residents may well respond that they could have told us that, but unless we have hard evidence we have no grounds to seek help from WBC. From the checks carried out by the school, the speed of vehicles in that area appears to be lower than we were expecting. We intend to re-run the checks again but will delay doing so until we can see which roads have been highlighted by residents in the Parish Plan survey.

We welcomed Nina West to the meeting to discuss the operation of a Neighbourhood Watch in the village and in Hyde End. A scheme already operates in Brimpton Common. For the scheme to operate successfully we need local co-ordinators in each area who can pass on information from the police warning of thefts, scams or dodgy characters. This is not onerous and the only requirement is that information be passed on quickly to neighbours before those dodgy characters arrive. If you are willing to help please let me know by Monday 19 November and I will provide Nina West's contact details.

There was an unusually heated discussion about the progress (or more correctly, the lack of progress) of high speed broadband in the parish, particularly in Hyde End. It appears that by the time residents are connected it will be two years behind the original projected date.

We raised no objections to a planning application for work at Westmead House, Brimpton Common.

We discussed providing a location for items relating to the history of Brimpton. We have recently received a plate commemorating Queen Victoria's Jubilee that has Brimpton's name on it. There may be other local items, and we are also aware there may be historic papers, pictures or postcards that people would like to pass into safe hands for future residents to see. Before we take this any further we'd like to know how much material there might be. We don't want to buy a small cupboard for the single plate and then find someone comes up with the rest of the tea set! Please get in touch with me or one of the other parish councillors if you are interested in donating items to a parish collection.

With support from local residents, we have asked West Berkshire Council to name the anonymous road between the B3051 and Brimpton Road as Blacknest Lane.

Over 115 residents receive my usually fortnightly Parish Update via email. It provides details not only of Parish Council activity, but of local events, road closures and other issues of which we think you should be aware. If you wish to join the list, please contact me as shown below. The Parish Council meets again on Tuesday 4 December, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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