

Brimpton Parish Council

The Parish Council met via a Zoom link on Tuesday 6th October.

- In the Enborne Way Allotment Area the grass has been cut by Sovereign but the mound of rubbish has not been removed. Sovereign have visited the site and agree that more work is needed. Our Clerk has confirmed that the mound of rubbish needs to be removed, the gate/fence needs repair and to ask if they would be willing to reseed the area if the allotment plots are vacated.
- The closure of The Three Horseshoes has been postponed until the end of June 2021. It is already listed as an Asset of Community Value on the register maintained by West Berkshire Council, but this will expire in February 2021. We discussed whether to apply to WBC to extend the listing. Inclusion on the register means if a community group wants to buy the pub they can trigger a six month delay to the sale to give them time to prepare a bid. However, as Arkells have already given 9 months notice of the sale in July 2021 we agreed it was not necessary to relist the pub. The pub car park is currently used by parents dropping off their children at school and if this facility is lost we are concerned there will be an issue with parking.
- The Parish Councils of Beenham, Aldermaston, Padworth and Brimpton have agreed jointly to purchase a Speed Indicator Device. Councillor Dominic Boeck is supporting this initiative by making a Member's bid to WBC for £1000 towards the cost. We agreed to commit £500 towards the project.
- We discussed a planning application relating to Smythy Cottage, Hyde End Lane for the replacement of porches and internal works. We had no objections.
- We have received Notice from the Finance Board of the Oxford Diocese stating they will not register any public footpaths across Brimpton Glebe, which adjoins Wasing Road. As there are no public footpaths, registered or informal, across the land, we decided we did not need to respond.
- We agreed to a grant of £86.24 from the Brimpton Fuel Allotment Charity to pay for public liability insurance and another of £100 to Newbury Weekly News Over 80s Parcel Fund.
- Like many in local government, the Parish Council is concerned that the proposals in the Government's White Paper on Planning will remove the democratic input to the planning process. Charles Brims drafted a response and we agreed that this should be sent to the National Association of Local Councils.

You can receive Parish Council news and more about local events if you receive by email the fortnightly Parish Update. If you are not among the over 175 people who now receive it but would like to do so, please let me know. The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 3 November, starting at 7.30pm. In view of current advice on public meetings it will be another Zoom meeting.

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