

Brimpton Parish Council

The Parish Council met via a Zoom link on Tuesday 1st September.

- We reviewed the medium term objectives set out in the Parish Plan. Progress has been difficult during the lockdown period but we are now hoping to pick up speed on those which remain outstanding and will return to this again at our December meeting.
- As previously requested by residents, we were going to discuss placing a bench on the footpath between the Church and the Village Hall. However, we were informed the Wasing estate, who own the land, have declined to allow us to do so and we are unable to take the suggestion any further.
- Sovereign Housing have agreed to tidy the Enborne Way allotments, which should by now have taken place. That statement hides a protracted saga regarding the ownership of the land!
- We reviewed a planning application to build four detached houses on the site of Washoe Lodge in Brimpton Lane (opposite Enborne Way). We were not opposed to redevelopment as such but felt that the current application was too intense and would create too much additional traffic on a dangerous part of the road. In addition, the proposal does not take account of the recommendations for new housing contained in the Parish Plan.
- We discussed the impact on rural areas of the Government's White Paper on changes to the planning system. We are concerned if the changes are implemented as proposed it may not be possible to stop a proposal for a large development. We agreed to suspend the review of the Settlement Boundary until the impact of these changes is clearer and we know whether settlement boundaries will have any value in the planning process.
- In response to a question from a local resident, Charles Brims provided an update on the possible sale of the Recreation Ground. The next step will be a public meeting to be held on 21st September in the garden of the Traveller's Friend.
- In response to a question from a resident, John Dolphin informed us that as the burnt hedge alongside the Village Hall has not regrown, it will be replaced with a similar form of hedging.

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 6 October, starting at 7.30pm. In view of current advice on public meetings it will be another Zoom meeting.

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