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Summer, and this one in particular, has been wonderful for flowers. Brightwalton is so fortunate to have many keen gardeners who are generous enough to let us have a quick peek. Open Gardens was a treat for those who took advantage of it. The weather was perfect, and some of the gardens were simply amazing—from the smallest to very large rambling spaces, packed with flowers and shrubs of every sort.

Seeing them was such a pleasure and I hope it will be possible to enjoy them again every year. See page three for just a few pictures of our lovely gardens.

Brightwalton Oil Buying Group

The aim of the club is reduce the cost of heating oil for all members and reduce the number of heavy goods vehicles that would normally drive through your village, thus reducing the impact on our roads and the environment. We place orders generally at the beginning of October, December, February April and July. There is no joining fee and the invoices for oil will come to you from the supplier in the normal way.

To All Dog Owners

We all live in a wonderful rural community with some stunning countryside that is there to be enjoyed by everyone, however yet again there have been complaints of people leaving their dog mess on public footpaths or worse still people putting the mess in 'poo bags' only to leave the 'poo bag' on the side. The last thing we need to do is populate the area with Dog Poo Bins and or implement draconian measures against dog owners.

So, please make sure that if your dog fouls a public footpath or mown grass areas, you either move it or dispose of it so that it doesn't interfere with other users of the footpath.

Brightwalton Parish Council

Clare Pill shared a post.
16 July at 13:52



In case you don't do Facebook, here are a couple of exciting things you may have missed this week.

Yes, harvest time has arrived —
and don't forget
Pooh!

Leone Boler
16 July at 12:45

Someone has left a 'pooch' in the footpath....



Saddleback Farm Shop
16 July at 08:41

Like Page

The combine is ready to go at about 2pm today and will be here for about 4 hours so bring the kids down to have a look after school!! 🐼

From Clive Hooker, your District Councillor

Now the elections are over, I would like to thank all the residents of the Downlands Ward for their support and for re-electing me as their District Councillor on West Berkshire Council. The Election Day turnout was excellent in the Downlands Ward with 39% of the residents in the Ward voting considering the ongoing national debate and frustration regarding Brexit and with me securing 62% of the vote.

The first full Council meeting has been held and the newly elected District Councillors across West Berkshire have been allocated their various committees and responsibilities. I have been re-elected Chairman of the Western Area Planning Committee and also invited to be Vice Chairman of West Berkshire Council and am honoured to be able to represent you all at various events in support of the Chairman.

At the full West Berkshire Council Meeting held on the 2nd July 2019, several Motions were put forward to the Council to consider.

The two main ones were moved by the Green Party, the first Motion stating that West Berkshire Council declare a climate change emergency. The Motion was discussed extensively with fourteen Members contributing to the debate. The Motion was passed and will now go forward to the relevant cross party committee for further consideration.

The second Motion was moved for West Berkshire Council not to support the expansion of Heathrow Airport. The Chairman stated that this matter would not be debated in accordance with the Council Meeting Constitution and that the matter be referred to the Transport Advisory Committee for consideration. The matter will then return to the Council at its meeting scheduled for the 12th September 2019 for further consideration. The Council will then determine at that meeting what, if any, response will be made to the Heathrow Airport consultation which closes on the 13th September 2019 which Members' considered gave sufficient time to get the response submitted.

In the temporary absence of the Chairman of the Council, I have as Vice Chairman deputised for him on his civic duties and have attended five civic events.

I have also chaired a Western Area planning Committee meeting and attended Chaddleworth and Great Shefford Parish Council meetings.

I will continue to attend and support as many of your Parish Council meetings as I can where you can initially raise any local issues. If there are any matters you wish to bring to my attention outside of these meetings you can contact me on clive.hooker@westberks.gov.uk or 07798 920981.

For any problems with highways or waste collection, you can go onto the West Berkshire Council website and search 'report a problem' or call West Berkshire Council on 01635 551111 and ask for the relevant helpdesk.

Clive Hooker
District Councillor, Downlands Ward

AUTUMN GIFT FAIR

In aid of Newbury Riding for the Disabled

THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2019

9.30am - 4.00pm

**HILLFIELDS FARM, PARK WALL LANE,
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Coffee, tea & cakes served all day. Light lunches available 12 – 2pm

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M4 Junction 13

After many weekends of closure this summer there is only one more to go.

but maybe not?

**10pm on Friday 26 July through to
6am on Monday 29 July (Contingency
weekend subject to change)**

From Sue Sayers

Thank you to everyone who opened their gardens and helped with teas.

We all enjoyed a preview on the Saturday evening with a stroll round all the gardens and a few drinks and nibbles. We were very lucky with the weather over the weekend. Those that came enjoyed the 10 very different gardens with a huge variety of plants. Most finished up at the village hall for teas and games for the children.

We took £321, most of which is profit due to the kindness of the gardeners, bakers and printing.

Part of the ASPIRE project

(All Saints Project in Reaching Everyone)

BRIGHTWALTON'S OPEN GARDENS

Sunday, 23 June, 2pm until 5pm

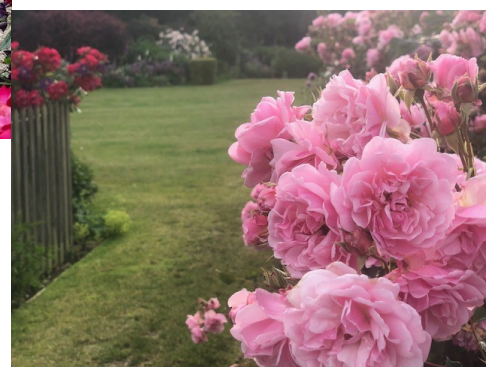
Art Exhibition by Brightwalton Primary
School on display in the church



Here are just a few examples of Brightwalton's beautiful gardens



The children worked hard for these displays.



BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

General Meeting Held on Monday 15th July 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

See the Brightwalton website for a full copy of the minutes, plus other news and events – www.brightwalton.org.uk

The meetings of the May meetings were agreed and signed as an accurate record. There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising:

West Berkshire Council Update: Cllr Clive Hooker reported that a full West Berkshire Council meeting had taken place on the 2nd July, and several Motions were put forward to the Council to consider; the two main ones were proposed by the Green Party. The first Motion was for WBC to declare a climate change emergency. The Motion was passed and will now go forward to the relevant cross party committee for further consideration. The second Motion was a move for WBC not to support the expansion of Heathrow Airport. It was agreed that this would be referred to the Transport Advisory Committee for consideration and return to the Council at its meeting scheduled for the 12th September for further consideration. The consultation closing date is 13th September 2019.

Cllr. Hooker was pleased to report that as Vice Chairman to the Council he had deputised for the Chair and attended five civic events and also continues to Chair Western Area planning Committee meeting. A full report from Cllr Hooker can be found in the News section on the Village Website.

Dog Fouling on Footpaths: Following complaints from several parishioners, reminder signs have been installed on several footpaths, asking owners to ensure footpaths are kept clean. An article has also been written for the Brickleton News. It was agreed that the PC would like to avoid installing more dog bins as it takes away from the rural village feel and adds to maintenance costs. To be monitored.

Highways: A request was put into Highways on the 4th July for the verges on the 4 junctions down from Brightwalton to the B4494 to be cut back as visibility was very limited. Highways had confirmed that contractors had been instructed and some work was carried out the following week. Clerk has followed up as contractors have cut some of the verges on the lane but not the junction, appears to be a mis-communication between WBC and the contractors. S Youldon to continue to chase. Parishioners are also reminded that they can report visibility problems and similar on the West Berkshire Council website under Report A Problem.

Playground: Work is in progress to replace the toddler swings and timber surround. Work expected to be complete before the end of term next week.

Playing Field: One of the permanent goal posts on the playing field had been damaged and has had to be removed. Clerk presented costs of £363 to replace the goal. Councillors suggested that the VHC may wish to contribute to its replacement. S Youldon to ask and add to the September agenda.

Standing Order & Financial Regulations: These were last updated March 2017, S Youldon has reviewed content against BALC guidelines and confirmed that no update is required. S Youldon to circulate to Councillors for their records.

Brickleton News Articles: S Orpen has submitted a piece on dog fouling. Cllr Hooker has submitted a brief WBC July update. Suggested that a reminder is published about reporting problems direct to WBC, as this generally gets a very prompt response.

Planning: 19/01205/FUL Brentani, Brightwalton – Proposed construction of a stable and associated storage area and fenced hard-standing to front – No objections had been submitted, WBC decision pending.

The following decision notices had been forwarded to the Councillors prior to the meeting:

19/00336/LBC2 The School House, Brightwalton – Proposed replacement of sash windows and retention of unauthorised works with the addition of mechanical extraction in kitchen and bathroom – WBC granted permission.

19/00980/HOUSE Llamados, The Green – Proposal for porch, side and rear extensions and alterations – WBC granted permission.

19/00873/HOUSE Poplars Barn, Brightwalton – Extensions and internal alterations – WBC refusal.

Finance:

Current account balance as of the 15/07 £8,863.74 Business account balance is £5,353.67. This includes the following transactions: Chq 200032 03/06 – The Active Toy Company 50% Payment £2,857.50 (inc £476.25 VAT); Chq 200033 03/06 – Imprint May Brickleton News £65.00; Chq 200034 14/06 – Scofell May Mowing £223.70 (inc £37.28 VAT); Chq 200035 14/06 – Zurich Insurance £348.20; S/O 04/07 – S Youldon Clerk Wages April to June £419.04; S/O 04/07 – HMRC Q1 PAYE £104.60

The following cheques were signed at the meeting: Chq 200036 – Diocesan of Oxford Annual Ground Rent £549.60 (inc £91.60 VAT);

Chq 200037 – Scofell June Mowing £223.70 (inc £37.28 VAT)

It was noted that the Workplace Pension re-enrolment was due for renewal. S Youldon to complete.

PCC & ASPIRE Update: J Draper submitted a report that plans were still awaiting approval, a full update is expected in time for the September meeting.

Any Other Business:

B4494 Racing: The PC had been copied on a complaint from a Catmore resident to WBC Highways following an instance of 8 cars racing from Wantage to Newbury on the B4494 late one evening. A report had been made to the Police at the time. The resident had requested that the advisory speed of 35mph should be replaced with 30mph limit. WBC had responded that this would need to go through the Speed Limit review process and be initiated by the Parish Council. The matter was discussed at length and action was agreed as follows: S Youldon to pass the spare 'Protect the Community' speed signs to the residents for installation. Matter to be followed up with the Police with a request for regular police presence at the times when this is more prevalent. Request WBC carry out some data gathering to assess the extent of the problem and resident to be advised of the SID training where they can carry out their own speed recording. S Youldon to also note in the response the experience the PC has had in the Holt, and also the ongoing request for a vehicle activated sign.

District Parish Council Conference: Councillors were informed that the next DPC will be held on the 22nd October. Cllr Hooker reminded Councillors of the benefits of representation at these twice yearly conferences in assisting Parish Councils to see the bigger picture and build relationship with the District Council teams. S Youldon to forward agenda once received.

The remaining 2019 meetings will be held: 16th September and 11th November

Please e-mail contributions to me at bricnews@gmail.com or, if handwritten, deliver in good time.

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