

BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
HELD ON 20th April 2016

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| Mr A. Cother | Chair |
| Mrs J. Liming | |
| Mrs J. Johnson | |
| Mr P. Leijten | |
| Mr G. Bowsher | |
| Mrs L. Rumens | Clerk |
| Mr K Chopping | District Councillor |
| Members of the public | 10 |

1. Minutes of the last Parish Assembly held on April 29th 2015

The minutes had been circulated. A motion to take the minutes as read was proposed and seconded from the floor. The proposition was passed unanimously and the minutes were taken as read and signed as correct by the Chairman.

2. The Parish Council Annual Report

The Annual report of the Parish Council was presented by the Chairman and is attached to these minutes. It was decided to place the report on the Village website as well.

A presentation by the Vice Chair on the progress of the Parish Plan followed. Notes are attached.

3. The School Governors Annual Report

A report was not presented.

4. Questions arising from the Minutes or the Reports.

A Parishioner asked about working with other parishes, not everyone uses the Chapel Row surgery, some go to Theale. Can everyone have access to useful the leaflet they have?

Also the no 75 bus service is used by people from Burghfield, Mortimer and Cold Ash as well as Beenham parishioners. Can it be maintained by clubbing together with other parishes? Can the Parish Council investigate please and lobby to keep services as they are key for avoiding social isolation. Mr Cother stated that they Parish Council could help look for different ways to maintain a useful service. Mrs Liming reiterated that the Parish Council have had communication from Thatcham Town Council, who are looking to work with neighbouring parishes on a solution. It is hoped this will be followed up by a transport working group as part of the Parish Plan Refresh.

5. The District Councillor' Annual Report

Mr Chopping apologised for his late arrival. The Annual report of the Parish Council was presented by the Chairman and is attached to these minutes. It was decided to place the report on the Village website as well.

4. Any other business.

Mr Johnson volunteered to help with a working group on Local Transport for the Parish Plan refresh.

It was suggested that there should be more in the Parish Magazine about the Parish Plan Refresh.

A query was made about the School's presence at the APA and Mr Cother noted that they were invited but no one attended.

Answering a query about the A4 Breakers appeal Mr Cother explained that the Parish Council has not had a chance to meet since the decision notice. A parishioner suggested that the Council invite a West Berkshire Council planning officer to discuss if there is any further recourse. Mr Cother said the Parish Council will discuss at the next meeting.

A parishioner from "Lower Beenham" asked that the Parish Council consider that development is increasing at that end of the parish when revisiting the Parish Plan.

Mr Cother thanked people for attending and brought the meeting to a close at 8:25pm.

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Chairman Date