

BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

Annual Parish Assembly held on

Wednesday 26th April 2017

Mr A. Cother Chair
Mrs L. Rumens Clerk

Mr K Chopping District Councillor
Members of the public 6

1. **Minutes of the last Parish Assembly held on April 20th 2016.**
No objections were raised and these were approved by the Chair.

2. **The Annual Reports.**

The Parish Council: The Chair's Report is attached.

Question: Concern was raised about A4 Metal breakers which it was concluded was actually more of an issue in 2015/16. The Chair reported that the Parish Council did express their dismay, at the time, to the Planning Authorities about the decisions made seemingly without regard for Beenham Parishioners.

The District Councillor. Report attached.

Question: What involvement has Mr Chopping had in improving the school? Mr Chopping reported that it has not required much of his input though he is available to them if needed. There is an effective schools improvement team within West Berkshire Council that will have been involved.

A parishioner sought Mr Chopping's opinions on academisation. Mr Chopping explained that most secondary schools in West Berkshire are now academies. Though he didn't see any great advantages he said schools like the idea of being more independent. It is not a cheap exercise and legally complicated. A discussion ensued about the role of governors. Mr Chopping felt it is now very complicated position with a lot of paperwork, so recruiting governors is a problem.

The School Governors.

No presentation was made.

3. **Questions arising from the Minutes or the Reports.**

A parishioner expressed his opinion that it was not acceptable that the school have not been represented. And he felt the Parish Council should express their displeasure. The Chair reported that the Parish Council were told that the

Annual Parish Assembly didn't fit with the school's reporting period. A goal for the Parish Council for forthcoming year should be to invest time developing the relationship with the school, now that they prefer not to have a Councillor on their board.

4. Any other business.

There was a motion from floor to thank chairman for all his work on behalf of the parish.

The Chair thanked people for coming and the meeting was brought to a close at 19:40

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