

BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday 02nd July 2018

Mr G. Bowsher (GRB) Chair
Mrs J. Johnson (JJ)
Mrs G. Harman (GH)
Mr Peter McEwen (PM)

Mr. S. Morbi (SM) Clerk to Beenham Parish Council

Members of the public 1

028 Public Forum.

A fifteen-minute period for members of the public to raise matters of concern.

A Parishioner volunteer to start the ball rolling on the process required for Neighbourhood Development Plan. He has a vast experience in project management and in working with district authority. The neighbourhood development plan is a long and costly process and the initial stage would allow the parish council to decide whether to proceed further or not and what kind of developments we want in Beenham.

029 Apologies for absence.

Apologies Councillor Bragg (GB), Councillor Sterling (GS) and District Councillor Keith Chopping (KC)

030 Minutes of the last ordinary parish meeting held on Monday 4th June 2018

Minutes were signed by the chairman.

031 Register of Interests from Parish Councillors

No interests were recorded.

032 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

- i) A parishioner has volunteered to help with the initial stage working with councillor McEwen on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. They will meet and discuss ways forward and the parish council will be kept abreast of the progress.
- ii) GDPR no further updates at present.
- iii) A vacancy for the parish councillor still exists and if any parishioner is interested please contact Beenham parish clerk or one of the councillors. This item to remain as an agenda item until such time the vacancy has been filled.
- iv) There was a discussion regarding by Beenham Village Events (BVE) was setup and the costs it incurs organising events. It was noted that BVE had also donated monies, which was not in its remit. The council agreed to a donation of £250.00 to BVE for Christmas events etc.

033 Highways

- i) Councillor Bragg to report progress at the next meeting.

034 Finance

The clerk gave an update on current finances as follows

i) Receipts.

Beenham Pre-School	Lettings -	280.00
Other Community Room	Lettings -	£54.00
West Berks Council	Precept -	£9400.00
Deposit		£71.50
UK Wolf trust		£24.00
Total Receipts		£9829.50

ii) Payments

Mrs Jacqueline Homick	Salary (250.83) S/O	£248.63
HRMC	PAYE Tax	£82.80
Bradfield Printing	Parish Notes	£54.00
AD Clark	Grass Cutting	£330.00
Business Waste	Waste Collection	£31.20
Seif Morbi	Home Office Allowance	£18.00
Seif Morbi	Clerk's Pay	£189.38
Total Outgoing		£954.01

BALANCE AT BANK.		
Current Account Balance at 01 June 2018		£13,573.24
Deposit Account Balance at 09 May 2018		£21,393.19
Total Balance		£34,966.43

The clerk confirmed that the latest bank statement had not been received at the time of the meeting.

iii) Signatories

Councillors to send details required to the clerk to enable more signatories to the account.

iv) VAT

Councillor McEwen and the clerk to start the VAT reclaim process.

035 Comments from the West Berkshire Councillor

Councillor Chopping had sent apologies as he was not able to attend. There were no comments.

036 Planning.

i) Applications for consideration:

Planning application 18/01176/COMIND Marley Eternit Ltd was considered and no objection were recorded.

037 PC Projects

i) Community Hall / School Hall – Waste Disposal

Arrangements have been made for waste collection from a commercial waste collection company at a cost to the parish council as West Berkshire have stopped collecting commercial waste. The council agreed on the proposal to increase the hire charges by £0.50 per hour. These would come into effect with the amendment of new terms and conditions.

ii) Community Hall Other items

Councillor to arrange for heating engineer to investigate the problems with the heating system.

Front Door lock not working properly. Councillor Johnson to arrange repair or replacement lock.

iii) Trees

Councillor Harman to arrange for the works to be carried out.

038 Standing Orders / Financial Authority

Item for next agenda.

039 Councillors' comments

JJ – Waste collection of non-domestic bins in Aldermaston Wharf will need looking into, as well as other public bins in Beenham.

PM – No issues.

GH – No issues.

GRB – No issues except to thanked all present and closed the meeting.

040 Date of the next meeting: 07:00pm Monday 06th August 2018