

BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday 06th Aug 2018

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

Mr. K. Chopping (KC) District Councillor

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

Members of the public 3

041 Public Forum.

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

Emptying of litter bins was raised, both in Beenham and particularly at Aldermaston Wharf. There is no arrangement at present as to whose responsibility it is. The PC will contact WBC to resolve this issue.

042 Apologies for absence.

Apologies Councillor Bragg (GB)

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

Minutes were signed by the chairman.

044 Register of Interests from Parish Councillors

No interests were recorded.

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

- i) Simon Withcomb on behalf of Beenham Wind Orchestra had sent an email thanking the PC for its support.
- ii) As above Non-Domestic waste and dog waste bins were discussed. PC to notices on general waste bins in an attempt to encourage dog owners to use dog bins.
- iii) WBC did a pilot scheme using speed stickers on wheelie bins, however no further development was made and the scheme was dropped. The PC decide no further action was required.
- iv) Some parishioners had previously raised a concern with the PC with reference to nuisance caused by aircraft aerobatics around the village. The chairmen noted that it was a concern and asked the district councillor (KC) if there was anything that could be done. KC thought that it may be very little that could be done as approval to fly and carried out these activities are regulated; however, it may be worth monitoring the situation for a while before a formal enquiry can be made to the authorities. The suggestion was that parishioners involved should monitor times, duration etc.

- v) There had been concerns raised regarding large lorries up and down Beenham Hill, driving fast and general safety. It seems that these activities have stopped as the operations with these activities have stopped.
- vi) There had been a concern that signage on footpaths were not visible due to growth of hedges, trees etc. GH confirmed that this issue has been resolved. Fence around the sign has been mended and paths have been cleared.
- vii) 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.

046 Highways

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

047 Finance

The clerk gave an update on current finances as follows

i) Receipts.

Beenham Pre-School	Lettings -	£504.00
Other Community Room	Lettings -	£168.50
Total Receipts		£672.50

ii) Payments

Mrs Jacqueline Homick	Salary (250.83) S/O	£248.63
HRMC	PAYE Tax	£82.80
AD Clark	Grass Cutting	£220.00
Business Waste	Waste Collection	£31.20
Bradfield Printing	Parish Notes	£54.00
Stuart Brown	Community Hall – Lock & Labour	£156.68
Beenham Village Events	Grant	£250.00
Seif Morbi	Home Office Allowance	£18.00
Seif Morbi	Clerk's Pay	£189.38
Seif Morbi	Mileage	£11.25
Total Outgoing		£1262.34

BALANCE AT BANK.		
Current Account Balance at 01 July 2018		£4,331.99
Deposit Account Balance at 11 June 2018		£21,394.16
Total Balance		£25,726.15

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

iii) Pay Rise

PC agreed an increase of 2% from 01 September 2018 for community hall cleaner.

047 Comments from the West Berkshire Councillor

Councillor Chopping will contact parishioner regarding the ongoing petition for A4 junction from Beenham village.

Plans for new primary school at Theale have currently been abandoned.

The general waste acceptance at Padworth facilities is running. Licence has been granted to operate from 07:00am, however Viola have indicated that that would be too costly at present will continue operations as current.

WDC reports that £50.00 take up on green waste collection has been very good.

048 Planning.

i) Applications for consideration:

Planning application 18/01733/PACOU – Beenham Grange. Change of use.

Not sufficient information was available. The clerk was asked to make necessary inquires.

049 PC Projects

i) Community Hall / School Hall –

A new lock for the entrance for community hall has been installed.

New hourly rates for community hall hire (from 01 September 2018) have been agreed by the PC.

Heating engineers report indicate no current issues with heating system.

Complaints from hirers about the school hall lights. Currently not satisfactory, however these are under the control of the school and not the PC

Devolution of community hall – Freehold not likely to be offered.

ii) Footpaths

The chairmen looking at options.

050 Standing Orders / Financial Authority

JJ suggested we change “draft” to current until such time changes are made. This was agreed.

051 Councillors’ comments

PM – No issues

GS – No issues.

JJ – No issues.

GRB – Requested the clerk invite pre-school manager to the next meeting and thanked all present for attending and closed the meeting.

052 Date of the next meeting: 07:00pm Monday 03rd September 2018