

BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday 03th Dec 2018

Mr G. Bowsher (GRB) Mrs J. Johnson (JJ) Mr G. Bragg (GB) Mr Peter McEwen (PM) Mrs G. Harman (GH)	Chair
Mr. K. Chopping (KC) Mr. S. Morbi (SM)	District Councillor Clerk to Beenham Parish Council
Members of the public	40+
089 Public Forum.	
A fifteen-minute period for members of the public to raise matters of concern.	
<p>Parishioners raised concerns of speeding and parking in the village including 6 Police cars parked as they were carrying out dog training activities. Chairman to have a word with police department. Other parking issues also raised where parishioners having to push prams onto the road etc. KC stated strictly speaking highways signs should be put up by highways authority. However, KC suggested that if we put signs up in the village and if the highways raised an objection then at least they would direct us with the correct procedure. Line painting on roads within the village was also raised. PC to discuss this with WBC. Parishioner reported that the footpath from Church to Wickens corner is not in a good state.</p>	Note GRB Note Note
090 Apologies for absence. None.	
091 Minutes of the last ordinary parish meeting held on Monday 01st Oct 2018 Minutes were signed by the chairman.	
092 Register of Interests from Parish Councillors No interests were recorded.	
093 Planning – GHE Homes	
<p>Planning item 9 on the agenda was moved forward by the chairman due number of parishioners at the meeting who wanted to be involved in this discussion. The chairman stated that we had received a number of letters indicating strong Parishioners raised concerns on numerous issues ranging from lorry movements, narrow road, pedestrians using this road, Safety, Environment, Habitat etc. KC pointed out that all major applications come to the planning committee and he will make sure that this one does. Parishioner stated that GHE Homes have mentioned National planning policy and local planning policy but have missed the point in both cases.</p> <p>The chairman inquired if there was anyone parishioners in the meeting in favour of this application. Not a single parishioner spoke in favour of this application.</p> <p>The parish council unanimously vote to object this application. The chairmen to write WBC Planning department on behalf of the parish council.</p>	GRB

094 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.		
i)	We now have two vacancies for parish councillors. Any parishioners 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.	Note
ii)	Parish clerk vacancy has been advertised. Closing date of applications is 04 th Dec 2018 and at present limited interest reported. Interviews in December.	Note
iii)	Councillor PM to organise a working group to discuss way forward regarding to lobby WBC on future planning for the parish.	PM
iv)	Council voted unanimously to donate £200.00 to Carebus Community Transport.	SM
v)	Councillor responsibilities were discussed and agreed as follows: Councillor JJ – DPO and Finance. Councillor GH – Rec and Grass Cutting Councillor PM – Foot patch and Booking Clerk Councillor GB – Highways and Community Hall / School Hall (but not booking clerk) Chairman GRB – Community Hall / School Hall and Liaise with School	Note
095 Highways		
i)	Parking and speeding issues in the village are a problem and councillor Bragg is in discussion with the highways authorities on all these matters.	GB
096 Finance		
The clerk gave an update on current finances as follows		
i) Receipts (received in September).		
Beenham Pre-School	Lettings -	£603.75
Other Community Room	Lettings -	£117.00
West Berkshire Council	Precept -	£9400.00
Total Receipts		£10120.75
ii) Payments for Oct		
Mrs Jacqueline Homick	Salary (255.70) S/O	£248.63
HRMC	PAYE Tax	£84.00
AD Clark	Grass Cutting	£110.00
Bradfield Printing	Parish Notes	£55.20
Business Waste	Collection of Community Hall Waste	£31.20
Axxell	Web Services	£150.00
J Johnson	Materials for Community Room	£6.99
Newbury News	Advertise clerk vacancy	£312.00
Seif Morbi	Office Allowance	£18.00
Seif Morbi	Clerk's Pay	£189.38
Opus Energy	Electricity in the Rec D/D	£11.25
Business Waste	Overweight charge	£4.22
Total Outgoing		£1,220.87

BALANCE AT BANK.			
Current Account Balance at 01 Oct 2018		£11,456.06	
Deposit Account Balance at 10 Sep 2018		£21,397.68	
Total Balance		£32,853.74	

The clerk confirmed VAT reclaim will be made in the next few days.		
097 Comments from the West Berkshire Councillor		
Councillor Chopping explained that WBC have budget proposals and a website giving details and public can and should check details on the that site.		Note
Councillor Chopping said WBC are planning to start a local lottery and that 50% of the proceeds will go to local good causes.		Note
093 Planning.		
i) Applications for consideration:		
Planning application by GHE Homes was discussed and the overwhelming opinion was that the parish council would object to this application on various grounds as mentioned above.		GRB
098 PC Projects		
i) Community Hall / School Hall –		
Council discussed the name on the sign for community room. It agreed on “community Room” Lights in the school hall are OK as recently replaced. There may be an opportunity to apply for members bid for lights for the school hall.		JJ
ii) Footpaths		
PM discussed proposals and council voted to go ahead with the proposal from AES. PM to write to AES to confirm for works to go ahead.		PM
099 Councillors’ comments		
JJ – Asked for Telephone Box refurbishment to be discussed at the next meeting.		JJ
GH – AD Clark had inquired if PC wanted them to cut the grass one more time this year. It was agreed that they should. GH to advise AD Clark.		GH
PM – None		
GRB – The chairman thanked all present for attending and closed the meeting at 20:50		
100 Date of the next meeting: 07:00pm Monday 05th February 2019		