

Notes from Parish Council Meeting on 11th September 2017

Devolution: Officers from West Berkshire Council attended our Parish Meeting to answer any question there might be about devolution. Mr Carter and Ms Naylor answered all questions that were put to them. West Berkshire Council are happy to discuss and look at any proposals that are put to them about the Parish taking over any aspect that they presently provide. This might require co-operative working with other small parishes to ensure best value. We are not required to take on any responsibility presently held by West Berkshire Council and there is no time limit applied for the application. The full list of questions and answers can be seen in the minutes for the meeting which will be released after they have been approved.

If you would like to find out more about devolution West Berkshire Council have produced a useful web page to understand it further at: - <http://parish.westberks.gov.uk/>

Theale Library Relaunch: On the 13th October 2017 Theale Library are relaunching, starting at 10.30 am and ending at 5pm. The official opening by children's author Holly Webb will be at 4pm. There will be entertainment provided by several primary school. Refreshments will be available for a small charge.

Youth Facilities: The zip wire, keep fit equipment and shelter should be installed on Beenham rec before the end of the year. The lead time for the equipment is anticipated to be 8 weeks. The Chair of the Council thanked all those who have worked so tirelessly to on this project. We are also pleased to

inform you that Mr Bowsher hopes that the goal posts should be erect within a couple of weeks.

Neighbourhood Watch: Angela Money, Chair of Newbury and Thatcham Neighbourhood Watch invites all residents who are interested about community matters to attend an informative evening on Monday 20TH November 2017 at 7pm at West Berkshire Council Offices. Refreshments available.

Please be aware that if you are concerned about suspicious activity in regard to any matter you can inform the Police by ringing 101.

Action Fraud are keen to inform people that there is a particularly active scam in progress at the moment involving HMRC. Individuals are being contacted by email stating that they are entitled to a rebate and need to provide personal data such as National Insurance number, bank details etc or they are receiving calls from 0203- 1295257 and 0203- 1296184 claiming to be HMRC and that the person needs to contact them urgently before legal action is taken against them. They are after your bank account details. If you receive a call from 0203 telephone numbers stating this contact www.actionfraud.police.uk

Environmental Health Issue: Based on recent events please can all residents be informed that should you find used hypodermic needles please contact West Customer services on:- 01635 551111 or 01635 519192. They will contact their waste disposal teams. Please note that if they are found on private land that they will not handle the matter. Any such items can be taken to your local GP practice or pharmacy for

disposal, please take care handling such items and seek medical advice if you are pierced or cut by any such item.

Planning applications:

17/02174/ House, Pembroke, Back Lane. No Objections

17/02059/ House , Holly Cottage, Clay Lane. No Objections

17/02259/ TPW 5NW . Noted

*** Mrs Harman left the room for the next item***

16/00519/FULD Land opposite the Six Bells, Beenham. Noted

Toilet Unit at Aldermaston Wharf: The toilets are under the management of the Canals and Rivers Trust. They have informed us that they are open and will remain so if there is no inappropriate use of the facilities. Other parishioners have found them to be locked, if you have found the facilities locked please can you inform the Parish Council Clerk so that we might act.

Social Media: The Parish Council are always keen to look as many different ways as possible to inform and communicate with the Parish. Any matter, from activities in our area to concerns of parishioners or ways in which you would like us to handle things. As you are aware we have the notice boards and our Parish website but would you like to find out more about what is going on in the Parish via Twitter or Facebook? This would not replace any means that we presently use and would only duplicate the information, but found on a different setting where people can give feed back to what they have read. If you have any feelings about this, positive

or negative please let us know as we are pulling together information on how other Parishes have introduced it and whether it is a positive addition and what any pitfalls may be.

Your Parish Councillors are :-

Graham Bowsher, Field Barn Farm

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Peter Mc Ewen, The Vicarage, Picklepythe Lane.

TEL: 07717 718 608

Glynis Harman, The Six Bells.

TEL: 9713368

Jackie Johnson/ Southdowns, Church Lane.

TEL: 07922 068 646

Graham Bragg, Puffins, Picklepythe Lane.

TEL: 9713688

Tanya Bunce, 3 Bourne Cottages.

TEL: 07962 985 592

Sadie Jones, 5 Shire Cottages.

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Parish Clerk Lucy Rumens, 46 Maple Crescent, Newbury

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Next Meeting will be on Monday 2nd October, 7pm at the Community Room(Next to Beenham Primary School) Beenham.