

**Beenham Parish Notes, from meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

**Appointment of a Parish Clerk:** We are pleased to announce that we have completed interviews for the position and that a candidate has been approached. All statutory checks etc are now being completed with a view to The Clerk being in place by the next meeting.

**Matters arising from the public forum:** The AGM of The Allotments Association will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at The Six Bells @ 7.00pm.

The Parish Council was asked if it was going to continue to financially support the Mobile Library Scheme and if we did not that the Parish Precept would be reduced. The Councillors have voted to continue to support the Scheme at a cost of £1155.00

**Proposed future housing development:** The Parish Council has been approached by a developer with a view to building properties on one of 8 possible sites that fall within the Parish. NO formal application has been made at this time. This matter will be on the agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting where the full details will be available.

**Parish Plan:** Are you interested in what happens within the Parish but feel that you do not want to commit to taking on a Parish Councillors role ? Helping to gather opinions and turn these into a part of the Parish Plan is a way in which you can get involved. This is how the Zip wire and keep fit equipment came into being. You may wish to add something alternative to your UCAS application that makes you stand out ? Or, you may have years of work experience and you now find yourself with time on your hands and a mind that still wants to be active ? This could be the way to do it. What we ultimately seek is people who care about the Parish and feel that they have ideas or energy to work as a part of a team to take it forward. If you're interested please contact one of the Parish Councillors.

**Neighbourhood Watch :** Angela Money (Chair of West Berks NHW Scheme) invites all members of the public with any interest or concern to attend a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the main Newbury Council Offices @7.30pm . Refreshments are available. There are talks from various Officers including Darren Hill from 'STRONGHOLD' Serious and Organised Crime and also advice from the Fire Service. These meetings are very informative and you do not have to be a member of the NWS but if you are interested in setting up a small or large scheme it is an ideal place to get advice and support.

**Grant Received with thanks.** Beenham Parish have been in receipt of £1886.79 from The Englefield Trust.

**Planning Applications:**

17/03456/HOUSING Skylarks, Clay Lane, Beenham.

RG7 5PD. NO OBJECTIONS

17/03400/ HOUSING Hillfoot Cottage. Beenham Hill.

Beenham . RG7 5LS. REJECTED

**Beenham E Mail Newsletter.** Did you know that there is a Beenham Newsletter that you can receive ? Along with the newsletter you can also receive these Parish Notes and any other updates that become available from West Berkshire Council. To sign up please go to [www.beenhamonline.org](http://www.beenhamonline.org)

All you have to do is go to the site and on the very first page look across to the far right and click the link. We won't bombard you with endless emails or sell your details just keep you up to date in a paperless way.

**New Year and possibly a new you ?** The keep fit equipment is in place on the 'rec' and there are lots of different clubs that can keep you active that meet in the Parish. Another reason to look at the website to find the club that suits you, if you're not sure or slightly shy take a friend along .

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**Date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
February 2018 @7pm. The Community Room, Beenham. (**  
**on the site of Beenham Primary School )**