

Notes from the Parish Council meeting on 9 April 2018

Around the parish

The lime trees along The Rec need to have their lower branches pruned back. They have Tree Preservation Orders and the Parish Council has now obtained permission to do the pruning. This will be undertaken at an appropriate time of the year, in particular with reference to nesting birds.

There has been another request to plant a tree along Back Lane to replace the one broken by a vehicle.

Concern has been expressed for the state of the footpath running from Wickens Corner to the church; the reinforced edging is breaking away from the main footpath.

Litter continues to cause a nuisance in several areas, in particular in the Aldermaston Wharf area of the parish, and also in Clay Hill. The litter is unsightly and causes damage to the environment.

An order has been placed for a new defibrillator which will be installed outside the Victory Hall. Jane Liming has done an excellent job in raising the funds and awareness for this valuable asset.

A petition has been started to request that West Berkshire Council consider alterations to the layout of the junction between Beenham Hill and the A4. Please look out for this petition and support it if you have concerns about traffic safety at the junction..

Neighbourhood (Development) Plan

Some parishioners are interested in progressing the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. If a Neighbourhood Plan has been fully completed then the parish gets more of the Community Infrastructure Levy monies. The creation of a Neighbourhood Plan takes considerable effort. If any parishioners have the time and enthusiasm to put into this idea then please contact The Parish Clerk.

Outside the parish

The proposed closure of Harts Hill in Upper Bucklebury for up to six months is likely to inconvenience a number of Beenham residents. The Parish Council proposes to write to West Berkshire Council to enquire why the closure needs to be for such a long time.

Planning Matters

18/00716 Edgeworth House Webbs Lane: Installation of an oil tank: no decision

18/00495 Valley View Webbs Lane : Conservatory to rear of property; no objection

18/00427 Arden Bath Road Padworth: Two storey side, single storey rear extension: no objection

Your Parish Council

New European legislation called General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on 25 May. You may already have received various requests from banks, charities and other organisations requesting permission to continue to hold your personal information. The Parish Council also has to comply with these regulations and will be making appropriate changes to its processes.

A parishioner from Aldermaston Wharf area, Gabriel Stirling has been co-opted to the Parish Council; we thank him for his interest and look forward to working with him.

There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council, so if are interested in doing something for the community, if you have new ideas and if you have time to allocate to 'making it happen' then please contact The Parish Clerk or one of the Parish Councillors for more information.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 14 May 2017 starting at 7.00pm in the Community Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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