

NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2018

There is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor – come and join us!

Litter Bins

PC decided to pay WBC to empty the litter bins that are the responsibility of the PC.

Speeding in Village

Another accident occurred in the village recently, caused by driving too fast. The PC did not think that traffic calming measures or flashing signs would make a difference, but they will speak to WBC to see if anything can be done.

A4 Junction

The district councillor gave details of the proposed roadworks at the A4 junction (these details had not been sent to PC). The works include improvements to the pavements, and a pedestrian path across the central reservation. Right turns will be prohibited at the junction during the roadworks (*as you probably know by now!*).

Pre-school

Beenham Pre-school use the Community Room every week-day in term time, until 3pm. They currently have to clear away each afternoon, but they have asked if they can leave their equipment out overnight if the room was not booked. The room would be cleared at week-ends.

The PC was sympathetic to the Pre-school request, but were concerned that it may discourage other potential users. The Pre-school said they could not afford to pay the full rate for the periods that the room was unoccupied, but will advise what rate they would be willing to pay.

Community Room

The school is installing a new Wi-Fi system, and this will be extended so that Wi-Fi internet should be available the hall and Community Room (if all goes to plan). Discussions are continuing with the school to improve the lighting in the hall.

Planning Matters

- Beenham Grange – Application to Determine if Planning Permission is required to convert existing offices into 11 living units. The applicant attended the PC meeting to discuss the application. PC has no objection in principle, but has concerns about the dangerous access to the A4 for pedestrians.

- Beenham Car Sales, Beenham Grange – Application to extend opening to Sundays. No objection.
- Chowdry Farm, Beenham Grange – Agricultural Building. Objection – too big for size of field.

Footpaths

PC has a small budget to improve the footpaths each year. It can't all be done at once, but we would like to make list of the most urgent works. The main work for this year will be to resurface the path on the Rec next to the road, and to drain the flooded area by the tables. Other priority works are:

- 1 High Woods – resurface the muddy areas
- 2 Path from High Wood to Greyfield – drain the swamp (this looks like a big job)
- 3 Path from Wicken's Corner to the Church – repair retaining wall on downslope
- 4 Path from Beenham House to Southend – provide dry crossing at dip
- 5 Beenham Grange to A4 – provide a footpath on verge.

Any comments or additional works are welcome (peter.mcewen2@btinternet.com), but please be realistic. We would all like a footpath on Beenham Hill, but this is unlikely for a very long time.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 1 September 2018 starting at 7.00pm in the Community Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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