

NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 4th FEBRUARY 2019

Presentation by Spitfire Homes

Spitfire Homes requested an opportunity to present their updated proposals for development of a site on the south side of Picklepythe Lane. They had delivered a brochure describing their plans (which are still preliminary) to all the houses in the village (almost). The development would comprise 48 houses/flats, of which 19 would be affordable houses administered by a housing association.

Spitfire Homes then answered questions from the large audience. It was generally accepted that there is a need for affordable homes in Beenham, particularly for people with links to the village. However, several people felt that the development was too big for Beenham, and the existing infrastructure (e.g. roads, public transport) could not support such a large development.

Comments from Parishioners

- An additional bin for dog waste was requested for the open ground near the school.
- It was reported that vehicles parked on Stoneyfields near to the turning with Wickens Corner are causing an obstruction
- It was reported that the grit bins in Church View and Stoneyfield are empty.

Vacancies for Councillors and Parish Clerk

Frank Wood has offered to join the council. It was agreed that he should be co-opted.

It was suggested that somebody interested in pursuing a Rural Exception Site for affordable housing should be co-opted onto the council. Anyone interested?

No applications have been received for Parish Clerk. It was agreed that the post would be re-advertised on social media. If anybody is interested in this, or knows of anybody who might be interested, please get in touch. In the meantime the work normally carried out by the Clerk will be divided amongst the councillors – so please be patient.

Highways

PC met with WBC Highways to discuss the ongoing traffic related issues in Beenham. We were advised:

- There is little that can be done to stop parking on the roads, unless it is actually dangerous.
- Speeding on corners in Beenham was discussed. WBC felt that the problem was drivers going too fast for the road layout, and speed limit was not an issue (i.e. they were driving within the speed limit, but too fast for that particular bend). In many locations the land on either side of the road is not public property, so it would not be possible to erect signs.
- There are no funds available for any modifications to the A4 junction. However, a petition will be presented at the next WBC meeting, asking for action on this junction.

Finance

- It was agreed that the Precept for 2019-2020 will be £18,300, which is £500 less than the

