

NOTES FROM THE BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2020

Planning

20/01895/COMIND Land west of Anchor Vans, Pips Way. Scaffold hire depot. Objection. The PC accepts that this is an industrial zone, but consider that a scaffold hire depot would generate unacceptable noise.

20/01988/FUL Wessex Downs Golf Club, Cods Hill. Replacement of existing Keeper's Lodge with 3 bedroom house. Objection. The existing lodge is a small lodge associated with the golf course, but the proposal is for a residential house.

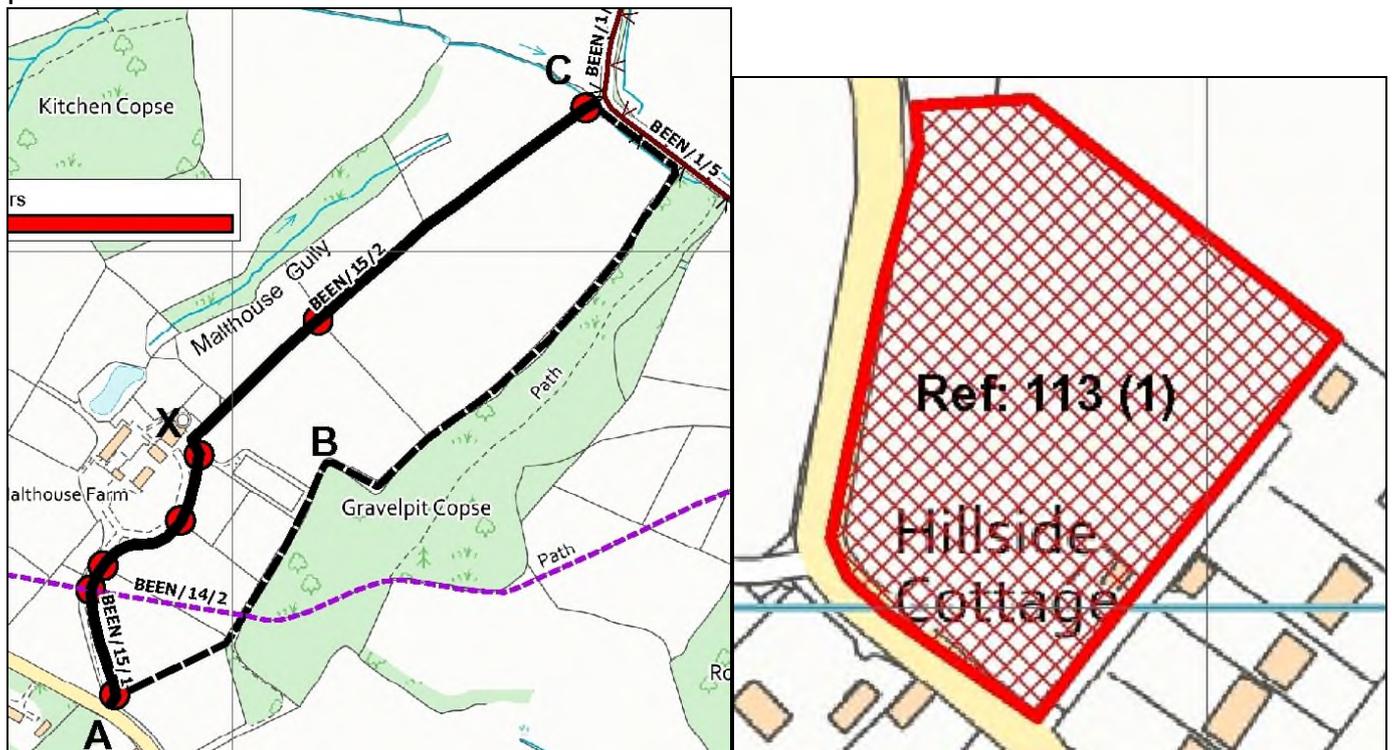
20/02041/HOUSE Jayswood Cottage/Clay Lane. Single storey extension. No objection.

20/02120/HOUSE Blue Ridge Cottage. First floor extension. No objection.

20/02171/HOUSE Meadow View Cottage. Single storey rear extension. No objection.

Change to footpath

An application has been made to divert Bridleway 15 at Malthouse Farm to the new route A,B,C as shown below. In fact a new route was made some years ago, but this has never been officially recognised. The PC had no objection in principle, but noted that the new path gets very muddy at the lower end. They requested that a separate path be made for pedestrians and horses.



Bridleway 15 (left) and CA17 Notice (right)

CA17 Notice

The owner of the field opposite Hillside Cottage, Bourne Lane (see above), has submitted a CA17 Notice to WBC asking for details of any known Rights of Way across the field. The PC is not aware of any Rights of Way, but if you know of any please contact WBC.

Consultation on New Strategies

The PC has been invited to comment on the following draft proposals:

- Government White Paper on Planning for the Future. This is a major change to the planning procedures, with the aim of making the process easier and quicker (thus speeding up new housing and other developments). The proposals would rely more on national standards and take control away from local authorities. WBC has submitted a very critical response.
- WBC Cultural Heritage Strategy
- WBC Draft Housing Strategy – this sets out the overall strategy, not specific proposals.

The PC decided that they would not comment on these documents, as there is not enough time to study the proposals and to gauge public opinion.

For more details, or to submit comments, see the WBC website.

Highways

- Parking. Feedback seems to be generally in favour of some yellow lines at dangerous junctions. PC will draft a proposal for consideration.
- Speeding. It has been agreed that Beenham will combine with 3 neighbouring villages to buy a “Speed Gun”. This will not be able to issue speeding tickets, but will give us the information needed to plan speed reduction schemes.

Aldermaston Wharf Pond

Some anti-social behaviour has been reported around the pond at Mallard Way. This has been reported to the Police and to WBC.

If you have any information please get in touch with Tanya Bunce.

Community Room & School Hall

The Community Room and School Hall are now open for bookings by organised groups on Friday evenings and weekends. However, with the current limitations to 6 people in a group the opportunities are limited.

Six Bells

The new owners of the Six Bells have no objection in principle to the pub being registered as an Asset of Community Value. We will proceed with the application.

Greener Beenham

WBC has approved the planting of trees on land which they control. The trees are being ordered, and planting should be carried in November.

It is hoped to include some trees for Aldermaston Wharf.

