

**NOTES FROM THE BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

Please note that the next PC meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May,  
and not 10<sup>th</sup> May as previously stated.

**Public Forum**

Two parishioners expressed concern about the gazebo and outdoor seating in the garden of the Six Bells. Parking issues were also raised, if the garden was full.

It was suggested that they could discuss their concerns with the Six Bells, and perhaps the owner of the Six Bells would like to discuss their plans with the Parish Council.

**Planning**

**21/00575/FUL Six Bells Pub.** Demolition of dilapidated store and erection of new extension. No objection, but observations on parking and possible adjacent sewer pipe.

**21/00690/HOUSE 10 Mallard Way, Aldermaston Wharf.** Single storey rear extension. No objection.

WBC are updating the Settlement Boundaries as part of the update to the Local Plan Review. Settlement Boundaries are used for planning purposes to define the main built-up area in a settlement within which development is considered acceptable in principle. WBC have sent their proposed settlement boundaries for Beenham Village and Aldermaston Wharf to the PC for comment. There are minor changes to the existing Settlement Boundary for Beenham Village, and no changes for Aldermaston Wharf. The PC decided that it had no comment to make.

The updated boundaries will be incorporated in the Local Plan Review, which will be issued for public consultation “later in the Spring”.

**Community Facilities**

The PC discussed refurbishment of the toilets at Community Room. A new layout with a disabled toilet on one side and uni-sex toilets on the other side was discussed, but it was decided to keep to the existing layout (there is access to a disabled toilet in the school). Quotes will now be obtained for the refurbishment.

It is hoped that the facilities will be reopened for organisations from May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Community Room will initially only be available on Friday evenings and Saturdays. Opening for private bookings may be delayed until the end of term.

**WI Bench**

PC (on behalf of Beenham WI) has applied to WBC for permission to install a bench on the open space outside the school. WBC have proposed a slightly different location, but we are going to insist on the original location.

## **Christmas Tree**

It has been suggested that a permanent Christmas Tree could be planted where the temporary tree is erected each year. This would avoid the work involved in erecting the tree each year. We have a quote of £1,500 for supply and planting of a tree 3.5-4m high. The tree would be quite small initially, just right for some years, and then too tall!

***What do you think? Would you like a permanent Christmas Tree in the middle of the open space? Please can we have your views.***

## **ReadiBus**

WBC has withdrawn funding for ReadiBus, which provides transport for people with reduced mobility.

## **Finance**

- A grant of £300 was agreed to West Berkshire Citizens Advice. It was decided that this would be funded by a reduction in our contribution to West Berkshire Libraries.
- The Victory Hall requested support from the PC for resurfacing the car park outside the hall. The PC accepts that this area is a village resource that is used for many different purposes. The PC would contribute to the cost when full details are available, together with details of the other donors.
- The PC accepted a quote of £2,000 from AES for resurfacing of the path on the Rec that goes past the children's playground.

***The next Parish Council meeting will be online on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**, starting at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend, but please contact the Parish Clerk beforehand if you wish to speak.***

**Full details of the Councillors are on the website at [beenham-pc.gov.uk/councillors/](http://beenham-pc.gov.uk/councillors/) .**

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New Parish Council website:

[www.beenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.beenham-pc.gov.uk)

Beenham Community Website:

<https://www.beenhamonline.org/>