

NOTES FROM THE BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 6th MARCH 2023

FAREWELL TO OUR PARISH CLERK

We will be saying goodbye to Jennie Currie at the Parish Assembly on 13th March, and we hope you can join us. We do not have a replacement yet, and urgently need to find someone.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in taking on this position (9 hours per week) then please get in touch. A full job description is available on <https://beenham-pc.gov.uk/>

PLANNING

The following planning applications were discussed:

23/00431/HOUSE . Copperwood, Back Lane. Side and rear extensions. No objection.

23/00376/FULMAJ. Awberry Farm. Change of use to a flexible events venue. Site to be used for no more than 28 weddings/major events per annum, on Saturdays only.

This application is similar to a previous application, but the timings have been adjusted and additional mitigation is proposed to reduce the noise impact.

The application has been validated by WBC, but a Case Officer has not been appointed yet. Dominic Boeck said this may be due to staff shortages, but he would enquire. He also emphasised that this is a new application, and any comments submitted for the previous application would not be carried over to this application.

Following queries from the floor, it was confirmed that the time for submission of comments would start when a Case Officer has been appointed and the orange notice is displayed. It was also confirmed that the relevant consultees (eg transport, AONB, Conservation etc.) would be contacted.

The PC decided to defer consideration of the application to the next meeting.

POTHOLES ON BEENHAM HILL

A parishioner congratulated WBC on the steps that are being taken to improve the road near to the A4. Dominic Boeck said that the potholes would be patched next April, followed by surface dressing of the road for 950m from the A4 in June.

PARKING IN MALLARD WAY

Parking in Mallard Way is still causing problems, leading to vandalism on parked vehicles. WBC Highways have been asked to propose a better location for parking, but they have not yet visited the site. Dominic Boeck said that WBC highways is understaffed.

BEENHAM NEWSLETTER

A new Community Newsletter will be starting in May, covering the villages that were covered by the Parishes Magazine (Aldermaston, Beenham, Brimpton, Midgham, Woolhampton, Wasing). The costs should be covered by advertising. ***If you would like your local business to be included then get in touch with Brenda at mrsbscott@btinternet.com***

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Various defects have been reported in the Community Room, and these will be seen to either by WBC or Beenham PC.

On the plus side, the toilets for the Community Room have been decorated, and the hole in the School Hall ceiling (caused by a water leak) has been repaired.

The revised charges for the Community Facilities come into effect on 1st April.

FINANCE

The following grants have been agreed:

- PTFA – for exercise track in school playing field - £1000
- Friendship Club - £500
- Badminton Group - £100 (to be paid in April)

RESIGNATION OF PARISH CLERK

Jennie Currie will finish at the end of March. No applications have been received to take up the post. It is understood that there are several similar vacancies in the vicinity.

In the meantime we are looking for anyone who could help either with the financial administration or with correspondence. If this is you then please contact!

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Community Room on Monday 3rd April, starting at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Full details of the Councillors (including email addresses) are on the website at beenham-pc.gov.uk/councillors/.

All correspondence to the council should be addressed to the Parish Clerk.

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