

NOTES FROM THE BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 4th SEPTEMBER 2023

Some councillors were unable to attend the meeting, so there was not a quorum (which means that no formal decisions could be made). We had a general discussion until the Chairman arrived and we could then make the necessary resolutions. This included confirming the co-option of Peter Hamblin and David Hancock to the council (as the correct procedure had not been followed at the previous meeting).

PUBLIC FORUM

Some of the points raised during the Public Forum were:

- Could the PC fund some more regular clearing of the footpaths, as some paths were overgrown. Other parishioners said that they had reported problem areas to WBC, and they had been dealt with.
- A parishioner was awaiting a Freedom of Information response from WBC, which had been promised in August. Other people commented that they were waiting for a response from WBC.
- The safety barriers that have been erected on the sharp bend opposite the garage were discussed. The barriers do guard some dangerous holes in the surfacing, but they push cars further out into the road. This will be reported to WBC.
- The Licensing Application for Awberry Farm was discussed. The PC response is given below.
- A parishioner asked if the PC would support an application to nominate the Six Bells for placing on the register of Assets of Community Value. This would give the community six months to prepare an offer to buy the pub, if it was put up for sale. A parishioner said that the process had been started when the pub was up for sale a few years ago, but it was not completed. The PC said they would consider this at the next meeting, but asked for more details.

PLANNING

The PC had no objection to applications from Grundon to replace a site security cabin, and an application for extensions at The Hollies, Webbs Lane.

The PC agreed to submit comments on the license application for Awberry Farm. This would focus on the noise nuisance, and protection of children from harm.

OTHER MATTERS

- We have been contacted about possible events to mark the 80th anniversary of D-day next year. If anyone one is interested in organising an event then please contact the Clerk or BVE.
- It was noted that signs have been put up about speeding on Beenham Hill, and turning engines off outside the Victory Hall. The possibility of more signs at dangerous bends was discussed, but the official view is that fixed signs lose their impact after a few weeks. The feasibility of a 20mph zone is being discussed with WBC.
- The procurement of a clock to mark the Coronation is proceeding, with generous sponsorship from 2 local companies.
- The Da Capo Orchestra have decided to relocate to Beenham, as they needed more space. They will be meeting each Thursday in the School Hall. They welcome all adults, without audition. For more details see da-capo.org.uk .

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Community Room on Monday 2nd October, 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/ .

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