

Notes from Beenham Parish Council Meeting-April 8th

Public Forum

A representative of the Victory Hall updated the Council on the status of fundraising for repairs to the Hall roof. As this is an agenda item it was agreed to discuss in detail under Grant requests.

It was noted that the Village Tea Party had donated £100 to Berkshire Vision.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman...Review of Standing Orders/Financial Regulations etc.

It was agreed to postpone discussions to the Annual Council Meeting next month which precedes the next PC meeting.

Councillors Reports

An update on the study regarding possible Social Housing run by Connecting Communities Berkshire was provided. The study is in the early stages of looking at potential sites.

An update on the fire risk assessment for the Community Room was postponed to next month when Alex Cother will report.

Planning

24/00422/CERTE,Malthouse Farm-Use of existing building as separate residential accommodation. No objection to accommodation but not for any extension to separate curtilage.

24/00378/HOUSE,49 Abbey Gardens,Woolhampton. No objection.

Additional Planning correspondence. Beenham Solar Farm. No opinion was expressed on the latest communication from Grundon which expressed their intention to reduce the scope of the Solar Farm.

Parish Councillors

Closure of A4 Bath Road was noted. It was suggested that a No Access to A4 Bath Road sign be erected at the junction of The Avenue and Bourne Lane to prevent drivers from outside the area trying going through the village to the A4.

Track from Clay Lane to the Rec repairs. Dieter Hinke will be meeting WBC contractors to obtain more information on status.

Parish Council Organisations/Projects

PH will contact all village assets regarding the proposed Beenham Trail Day to establish potential dates and avoidance of clashes with other events.

Reported issue of rat presence in Community Room grounds. The PC will offer assistance if required.

Grant Requests

The request from Beenham Primary School for support towards swimming lessons for KS2 was discussed. It was agreed that clarification is needed.

The request from Victory Hall for support in raising funds for repairs to the roof was discussed.

A quote for costs has been received and agreed. It was noted that Grundon have agreed to match funding that has been raised through the Hall fundraising efforts. In addition, The Good Exchange are hopefully going to do the same up to £5000. £19000 is needed in total. Parishioners can contribute their own funding (which would be matched as above) by going to.. thegoodexchange.com/project/20399. Beenham Parish Council has already committed £2000 and resolved to commit a further £3100 making a total of £5100.

The next Meeting will be held in the Community Room on May 13th at 7.00pm

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