

Notes for Beenham Parish Council meeting Mon August 5th

Public Forum

Long grass cutting on A4 junction and The Avenue was raised. Work has been done on the A4 but not yet on The Avenue. The PC had advised WBC that this was an urgent matter of safety. A formal complaint to WBC sent by a parishioner has had no reply. District Councillor D Boeck to follow up with WBC.

Councillors

The mobile library service is to be reduced from a 3 week cycle to 6 weeks. As the PC contributes to the cost of this service and considers this service to be important it will send its response to the reduction to WBC.

The fire curtain in the Community Room was discussed. It was agreed that this should be considered in the context of the overall fire risk analysis and replacement of the school fire doors.

Parking by the school was discussed. It was agreed that guidelines would be published in the school newsletter as follows-

- no parking on the pavements
- no idling of engines while parked
- no parking down Church Lane

The recent spate of vandalism was discussed. Repairs have been carried out by the PC. The Police advised they would be taking no further action due to lack of evidence of potential suspects. The WI bench by the school was also damaged and is being assessed for repair by the WI.

The Affordable Housing survey was discussed. It was agreed to proceed with the survey to run between August 20th and September 20th. All households will receive the survey and are encouraged to submit their views. It should be noted that this survey is not connected to the Governments announced plans for increased house building which are still in the development phase.

It was agreed to go ahead with the SIM card for Community Room wifi on a two year contract.

The proposed defibrillator for Aldermaston Wharf was discussed. It may need a licence from WBC Streetcare before installation.

Planning Matters

24/01016/HOUSE: The Hollies Webbs Lane..new vehicular access. No objection subject to WBC Transport concerns on sight lines.

24/01329/HOUSE: South Cottage..single story rear extension to replace conservatory. No objection.

24/01216/HOUSE: Ararat Beenham Hill...new garage. No objection.

Parish Councillors

The spread of ragwort was raised and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Grass cutting on The Avenue (see above). PC will contact Bucklebury PC to see if anything can be jointly done in the absence of WBC action.

Pavement parking other than by the school to be on the next meetings agenda.

Parish Assets

It was agreed to proceed with the necessary repairs to the playground area on the Rec as detailed by Rospa.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd September at 7.00pm in the Community Room.

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