

Notes from Beenham Parish Council Meeting on Monday September 2nd

Public Forum

-Verge Grass cutting. An update on the complaint made to WBC by a parishioner was provided. WBC apologised for the poor service but did not say anything about the safety issues raised. The PC will write to WBC reminding them that this is primarily a safety issue as explained in a previous letter to them.

-Beenham Primary school reported that 8 out of 10 of the new i-pads for pupils use are now up and running.

Councillors

-An analysis of the current ragwort infestation was presented. It is the responsibility of land and livestock owners to control ragwort on their land. Infestation of verges may be a matter for WBC. The PC will send a letter to WBC to clarify how this can be controlled. The PC will communicate with neighbouring Parish Councils to see if co-ordinated action is possible. The PC will also write an article to be published in the Parish Magazine outlining the responsibilities of landowners and methods of control. It was noted that this years weather patterns have made the annual problem worse.

-Parking on footpaths was discussed as it is a safety issue for pedestrians having to walk into the road due vehicles blocking pathways. The PC will monitor the situation and discuss next meeting.

-The quotation for the Community Room internet router installation was approved.

-The issue of Ash tree die back near Wickens Corner was discussed. It is necessary to establish on whose property these trees are. The PC will write to WBC to establish whose responsibility and cost it is to remove affected trees on safety grounds.

Planning Matters

Applications

-24/01478/LBC..Ferrises, Upper Woolhampton. Replacements of roof tiles. No objection

Approved

-24/00815/COND..Awberry Farm, Beenham. Conditions for air conditioning. Noted

-24/01029/COND..Awberry Farm, Beenham. Conditions for soft landscaping and biodiversity. Noted

-24/01329/HOUSE..South Cottage, Webbs Lane. Single storey extension to replace conservatory. Noted

Parish Councillors

-It was reported that some road safety signs have been covered up by foliage. This is a matter for WBC Highways and will be followed up by the PC.

- The Affordable Housing Survey was discussed. Surveys have been delivered to all households and need to be completed by September 20th. The PC is arranging a meeting with the new Constituency MP, Olivia Bailey, to brief her on the need for affordable housing in the parish of Beenham.

-Aldermaston Wharf defibrillator progress was discussed. Possible locations are being identified.

The next meeting will be held in the Community Room on Monday October 7th at 7.00pm

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