

## Notes from Beenham Parish Council meeting: Monday December 2nd 2024

### Public Forum

-There has been an encouraging 20 viewings for pupils to potentially join Beenham Primary School at the next intake.

### Resignation of Cllr Dieter Hinke

-It was noted that Dieter Hinke has submitted his resignation from the Parish Council. The PC expressed its gratitude and appreciation for the work that Dieter has undertaken and best wishes were offered to Dieter and his wife for their new adventure in Spain. As there is now a vacancy on the Council, the PC would welcome anyone who may wish to fill that place to notify the Parish Clerk of their interest. (Clerk email address below)

### Councillors

-The pavement at the entrance to The Strouds has been resurfaced having been reported last month.

-Clay Lane flooding issues: Nothing further to report at present.

-Bus Service: Discussions with WBC regarding the new bus service are continuing. WBC have confirmed that they can pick passengers up from the bus stop near Webbs caravans on the Bath Road to take them into Beenham.

-Affordable Housing Survey: The results of the survey were discussed which confirmed the need for such housing and that a number of people would be eligible. An FAQ document has been posted on village Facebook pages which will also be listed on the PC website. The next phase is to jointly explore with WBC potential sites for development.

-Parking in Back Lane: The local PCSO has visited twice, but during the day when no vehicles were parked there, therefore no assessment could be made. The PC agreed to create a notice to be put on the windscreens of parked vehicles asking owners to be aware of the difficulties pedestrians and those using mobility scooters are having and to not park there, even though it may not be illegal to do so.

-Proposed 20mph speed limit: The results of a survey were discussed, which shows a clear preference by parishioners for a 20mph speed limit to be introduced in the vicinity of the school. The PC will write to WBC to explore the possibilities of this being approved.

-Contributions towards Youth facilities: PC agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

-Additional log in for Community Room WiFi: Awaiting a business account from EE.

-Community Room fire doors: WBC now have Project Manager available to assess and upgrade.

-Following Dieter Hinkes resignation the roles and responsibilities he had will be discussed and allocated to other Councillors at the next meeting.

### Planning Applications

-24/02414/HOUSE & 24/02415/LBC St Marys Farm, Beenham: No objection.

-24/01935/FUL: Unit 11A, Beenham Industrial Estate, Grange Lane: No objection.

-24/01809/LBC & 24/01808/HOUSE: Malthouse Farm, Cods Hill: Noted that permission has been granted.

### Reports

- Our local ward Councillor, Dominic Boeck reported that WBC have increased the proposed number of houses to be built in NE Thatcham to 2500 as a result of Central Government instructions.

-A defective light switch in the school Hall has been replaced.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday January 6th 2025 in the Community Room.

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

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