

NOTES FROM THE BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS
HELD ON 7th MARCH AND 4TH APRIL 2022

We are pleased to announce that Dieter Hinke has joined the Parish Council. Dieter recently moved to Beenham from Henley, where he was a Town Councillor for many years. There are still two vacancies on the Council, so if you would like to join us and make a difference in the village then please get in touch.

PLANNING

The PC considered the following planning applications:

<i>Application no</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Observation</i>
22/00055/FUL	St Mary's Farm, Beenham <i>Conversion of barn to guest accommodation.</i>	NO OBJECTIONS subject to confirmation that the 4 roof lights on the north elevation are all obscured glass and cannot be open.
22/00321/HOUSE	Bath Road Farm, Bath Road, Padworth <i>Extension</i>	NO OBJECTIONS
22/00579/HOUSE	Forge House, The Green <i>Two storey extension to both sides and rear.</i>	The council had no objection to the principal of the development, but did object to the rear balcony due to the proximity of neighbouring houses.
22/00609/HOUSE	1, Broomhill, Bath Road, Woolhampton <i>Extension</i>	NO OBJECTIONS
22/00674/COMIND	Scaffolding Depot, Pips Way <i>Resolution of previous planning conditions</i>	This is a complex set of documents to clarify the resolution of conditions in the original planning application. It is understood that they do not amend the original conditions. The Parish Council noted the planting around the site which is a positive. The Council is still concerned that there will be a negative noise impact on residents of Beenham village which has not been addressed.

HIGHWAYS

- WBC has repainted the lines at the A4 junction, but they have not responded to our requests for more radical action to make the junction safe. The proposed developments on the south side of the A4 will make the matter worse.
- WBC has responded to our concerns about recent accidents at the Stocks Cottages roundabout. Officers would inspect the junction to assess whether there is scope to enhance the junction with additional signage and lining, so that approaching motorists would be made aware of the narrow and tight nature of the junction and that larger vehicles may be in the middle of the road.
- WBC have still not responded to our request for parking restrictions at the entrance to The Strouds.
- We are still working to complete the Risk Assessments for placing of the Speed Monitoring Device (SID) near the school, on Beenham Hill and Bourne Lane. The SID is shared with Aldermaston and Brimpton, and you may have seen details of its work in the Parishes Magazine.
- The possibility of having a 20mph limit around the school has discussed. The District Councillor said that the first step was to collect data.

RECREATION GROUND

The total raised through The Good Exchange is now £10,540. The latest contribution was £2,000 from The Englefield Trust. We have almost reached our target, with the balance provided by the Parish Council from reserves. If you would like to contribute via The Good Exchange your donation will be match funded by The Greenham Trust.

Refurbishment work has started, and will be completed after the Easter holidays. The painting of the electrical cabinets was done badly, and will be repeated.

You may have noticed that some joy-riders broke through some posts and caused damage to the grass. The broken posts have been replaced, and quotes are being obtained to replace some rotten posts. The council is reluctant to replace the posts with a more substantial barrier, but if vandalism recurs it may be reconsidered.

A contract has been agreed for work on some trees and shrubs on the Rec that was recommended by a tree survey. This will include the pollarding of one of the lime trees, which is diseased. Approval will be required for this work, as the lime trees are subject to a tree preservation order.

PLATINUM JUBILEE

There will be events in Beenham throughout the Platinum Jubilee weekend (2-5 June). Further details are on the back pages of these Notes. If you would be able to help with any of the events then please get in touch.

The Council agreed to buy some commemorative mugs to give to children in the school and preschool.

COMMUNITY ROOM

The sinks and cisterns will be replaced during the Easter holidays. The next step is to decorate the two rooms. If you know of anyone who would like to quote for this work then please get in touch.

FINANCE

- A grant of £600 to Beenham Church PCC was agreed.
- It was agreed to purchase 11 commemorative mugs at a cost of £513.
- It was agreed to contract Connick Tree Care to carry out the required tree surgery for the sum of £1,830 (subject to approval for the work).

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Community Room on Monday 9th May, starting at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Full details of the Councillors are on the website at beenham-pc.gov.uk/councillors/ .

All correspondence to the council should be addressed to the Parish Clerk.

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New Parish Council website:

www.beenham-pc.gov.uk

Beenham Community Website:

<https://www.beenhamonline.org/>

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN BEENHAM

- ❖ **Thursday 2nd June** - Beacon lighting in St Mary's Church Carpark.
This will be in the evening with something planned before the beacon is lit around 9.35pm in line with the rest of the country.
- ❖ **Friday 3rd June** - Platinum Jubilee Bridge building in Greyfield Wood, organised by Greyfield Wood CIC. For further details see greyfieldwood.blogspot.com .
- ❖ **Saturday 4th June** - BVE 1950s style Fun Day on the Rec, starting with the wheelbarrow race from the Six Bells. If you would like to enter please let us know. There will be refreshments and a bar.
- ❖ **Sunday 5th June** - Service of Thanksgiving at Douai Park (10.30), followed by fun and games from midday. In Beenham there will be a "Bring your own Picnic" at 2.30pm in the Victory Hall.
- ❖ Watch out for more details as they are confirmed.
- ❖ All these events need volunteers - often just for a short time on the day. If you can help please contact
Pat Owen for the Fun Day (patowen0@hotmail.com)
Peter McEwen for the beacon (p.mcewen@beenham-pc.gov.uk)
Nola Rice-Wood to confirm attendance at the picnic. 0118 9714822 .

FUTURE EVENTS

- Friday 24th June Band on the Rec
- Sunday 10th July Padworth and Aldermaston Craft & Produce Show
- Saturday 16th July School Fete