

Notes from Beenham Parish Council Meeting: Monday January 6th 2025

Public Forum

- It was reported that the current Headteacher of Beenham Primary School, Amy Donnelly, who is currently on sabbatical, has resigned. The recruitment process for a replacement has started.
- Thanks were expressed for the successful events held by various organisations over Christmas.

Apologies for absence

- In the absence of Graham Bowsher, Peter McEwen was elected as acting Chair for the meeting.

Councillors

- Dates for 2025 PC meetings were agreed as follows. 3rd February-3rd March-7th April-12th May: Annual meeting of the Council-2nd June-7th July-4th August-1st September-6th October-3rd November-1st December.
- Clay Lane flooding. No progress from WBC as yet.
- Affordable Housing Project.
 - The next steps will be to contact WBC Planning for discussions and progression.
 - Discussion was held regarding the recent sale of two Sovereign properties in Beenham. The PC will write to them asking for clarification on their policy of property disposal and for notification to be provided to the PC if other properties become available in the future.
- New Bus service. No further information has been received.
- Proposed 20mph speed limit. PC to contact WBC requesting consideration of implementing this including the results of the survey taken by the PC.
- Councillors responsibilities. With the resignation of Dieter Hinke, Councillor individual responsibilities have to be re-allocated to replace those Dieter held. As there is a vacancy on the PC, it was decided to allocate these on an interim basis until the vacancy has been filled. Until then as follows-
 - Peter McEwen - Four Parish SID...Footpaths..Roads
 - David Hancock - Police liaison
 - Peter Hamblin - Victory Hall liaison
- Parking on footpaths. The wording for a notice to be placed on vehicles which are parked on footpaths will take guidance from the Highway Code with the addition that this is dangerous for pedestrians and those with disabilities.
- Vacancy for Councillor. One applicant has put their name forward for the vacancy. When the previously published notice period has passed, the PC will consider co-optation of that applicant, if no other applicants have come forward.

Planning Matters

- 24/02477/HOUSE: 7 Back Lane. Single storey rear and side extension. No objection.
- 24/02655/LBC and 24/02654/HOUSE: The Old Dairy, Webbs Lane. Single storey extension. No objection.

Approvals by WBC.

- 24/01478/LBC: Ferrises, Upper Woolhampton. Replacement of tiles.
- 24/02352/COND: Beenham Landfill site-permanent use of existing laydown area and new ancillary workshop.
- Proposed Ashamstead Road closure, Bradfield. It is likely that WBC Highways will not approve long term closure, but will consider closure as and when necessary.

Aldermaston Wharf

- Some progress appears to be made regarding location of a defibrillator and providing a power supply.
- Mallard Way parking. Over the Christmas period, parking problems were especially severe. WBC to be contacted as a matter of urgency.

Financial Matters

- The Parish Council decided to keep the precept for the next financial year at the same level as this year-£19,250.

The next meeting will be held on Monday February 3rd in the Community Room at 7.00pm.

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