Notes from Beenham Parish Council meeting 2nd November.

Public Forum

-On Sunday December 13th the Carol Service will be held at 4.00pm at St Mary's Church. A representative of the Parish Council will attend.

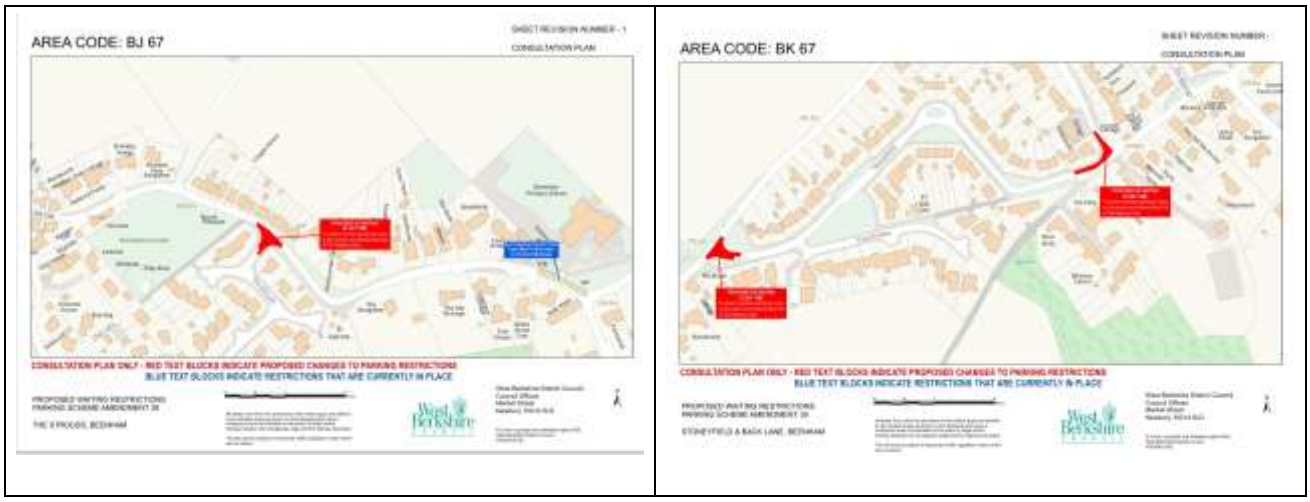
Minutes of previous meeting

-It was noted that the October Parish Council meeting did not take place due to illness and apologies for absence.

Councillors

-The proposed re-routing of the public footpath by the farmhouse to Butlers Farm was discussed.There was no objection as most people who use the footpath are now using the preferred and signed route.

-The proposed parking restrictions made by WBC were discussed. These focus on the junctions of Mount Pleasant/The Strouds..Stoneyfield/Back Lane by the school and Stoneyfield/Back Lane by the postbox.The restrictione were agreed as proposed.



-Thames Water works update. The PC held a Teams Meeting with M Group (the Contractors) regarding the ongoing disruption and safety issues to parishioners caused by access issues,traffic control issues and unauthorised use of the Stoneyfield recreation area. There were disappointingly no representatives attending the meeting from either Thames Water or West Berkshire Council. M Group were notified of the Parish Councils desire to seek compensation for the problems incurred and for any such compensation to be used for the benefit of the Beenham Community. Subsequently,at the PC meeting, it was agreed to write to Thames Water advising of our intention to charge them for the unauthorised use of Parish Council land in Stoneyfield.

Planning Matters

-26/02104/HOUSE...11,The Strouds,Beenham: Single storey side extension. No objection.

-26/01731/FUL...Butlers Farm Barn,Back Lane,Beenham: Conversion of existing barn to 3 bedroom dwelling.PC comment was regarding concern at the risk of opening up further development outside the village development envelope.

-26/01904/HOUSE..4 Herons Way,Aldermaston Wharf: Single storey rear extension. No objection.

-Planning decision: 26/01779/HOUSE..Highdown,Webbs Lane. 1st floor extension. Granted and noted.

District Councillor

- The proposal for the new unitary authority combining West Berkshire Council,Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire,which was suspended by central Government in August due to legal advice,has now been re-approved.

Parish Councillors

-As part of the decision to undertake necessary repairs to the childrens play area on the Recreation ground,it was suggested that a request for volunteers from the Community be made to help clean the play area surfaces of moss and algae. If anyone is willing to volunteer for this,please contact the PC Clerk...email address below.

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

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