

BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
HELD ON APRIL 20th 2011.

Present.

Mr R. Russell. Chairman of the Parish Council.  
Seventeen members of the public.

**1. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly held on April 21<sup>st</sup> 2010.**

A motion to take the minutes as read was proposed and seconded from the floor.  
The minutes were taken as read and signed as correct by the Chairman.

**2. Annual reports.**

**The report from the Parish Council.**

The report is attached to these minutes.  
Questions were invited from the floor after each report.

*Why was the recent Parish Councillor vacancy not advertised.*  
The vacancy was advertised on both notice boards.

*What are the change of circumstances at the School.*  
Circumstances do change over the years and where premises are shared conflicts can arise.  
There will be a discussion to see what present concerns School has and how they might be addressed.

*There have been no problems up to now.*  
There have been problems and it is perfectly normal to look at arrangements from time to time.

*Has the Education Authority made any proposal to extend the Hall.*  
One thing that is perhaps possible is an extension for storage.

*Has the Parish Plan been published and does it include Parish Community Groups.*  
The Plan has been completed subject to comments from WBC and tries to cover all Parish activities.

*The S.106 agreements providing money for the Parish seem to be onerous.*  
The agreements work well for us.

*Did the Council find strings attached to the provision of money.*  
None at all for the Parish, because we claimed for Open Spaces. The money funding the pedestrian refuge on the A4 would come from the Highways part of S.106.

*Would you consider publishing the draft minutes.*  
This does not really seem appropriate – the minutes are on the website and drafts could be misleading.

*Will there be minutes of the meeting with School.*  
There will be through the Council for those matters which concern the Council.

*The Council should have presented or requested accounts from the Charities in the Parish for presentation at this meeting.*

This is not something for which the Council has been asked and does not appear mandatory.

*Did the Council make any representations about the deterioration in the bus service.*

No. The changes were minuted at the time.

The Chairman stressed that, if there are any matters of concern which you think should be addressed by Council do come to a meeting and tell the Council about them.

**3. The report from the District Councillor.**

The report is attached to these minutes.

*I ride my bicycle round the Parish and the potholes are a disgrace and dangerous on narrow roads. Utility Companies are very bad at repairing their work.*

There is no mechanism to enforce Utilities to repair the road better than they do. It may be possible in future to demand a performance Bond.

*It seems there is power within Local Authorities to ensure good repairs.*

The Council will welcome Government help to have repairs completed properly.

*The S.106 seems to be a way of getting planning permission.*

It is a contribution which is requested from a Developer.

*The light at the Winning Hand is a distraction to road users and the two refuges in the middle of the road are not lit properly.*

Mr Chopping would point this out to Highways.

*Are you in favour of the Grundon waste Planning application.*

It is necessary to be careful with opinions because, if the matter went to Committee at WBC, there might be a question of exclusion for bias. It is best to listen without comment at the moment.

*Does WBC intend to cut down on library services.*

Libraries will be maintained as they are and even improved.

*For processing planning applications do you use outside Contractors.*

In the main the processing is undertaken by WBC staff, but in very large or complicated applications outside help may be requested.

There was a comment from the floor thanking the Parish Council and Mr Chopping for the work which they had undertaken in the last year.

**4. The report from the School Governors.**

A report was not presented.

**5. Any other business.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.05hrs.

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Chairman

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Date