

BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING NOVEMBER 7TH 2011.

Present.

Mr A. Rolfe	Chairman
Mrs S. Buchanan	
Mr A Cother.	
Mr P. Leijten	
Mr J. Thurley.	
Mr K. Chopping	District Councillor.
Mr C.W.Goudge.	Clerk.

There were two members of the public present.

67 Public Forum.

There will be a problem if gates are put across paths particularly with motor bikes.
The subject was really the access for mobility scooters.
Motor vehicles and horses are not allowed to use paths, they break the law
Council has asked WBC for advice and WBC is looking into the whole aspect of access.

The Heart of Beenham is a start in helping the Community to come together in Beenham. The Band is having a Christmas event.
Perhaps the ideas will fit into the Parish Plan concept and take it forward. The idea of a Christmas event is welcomed.
Council decided to provide a budget of £400 to fund a Christmas event.

There is a humming noise which pervades the Village at night. Could there be a comment in the Parish Notes asking whether this is a wide spread phenomenon.
Not everyone can hear it, but a comment will be put in the Notes.

There is a particularly bad pothole opposite Fairview Cottages, and there are other potholes in the Village roads.
This had not been reported to Streetcare. Mr Chopping asked that any such road defect problems should be reported so that the item could get on the system.
What do WBC Road Inspection vehicles do.
Mr Chopping said that these vehicles are the technical arm of Highways and determine whether roads are up to standard.

68 Apologies for absence.

Marian Hart from Sovereign Housing had presented an apology and asked to come to the meeting in January.

Mr Russell and Mrs Whittenbury had presented apologies for absence.

69 Minutes of the last meeting held on October 3rd 2011.

The minutes had been circulated were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

70 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Minute 58.

i Broadband.

Mr Cother reported that there is a small group in the Village expressing interest, and there is a Facebook page. One difficulty is that the Woolhampton exchange is small by today's standards, though there may be some upgrade in the New Year.

Mr Chopping mentioned the Government grant of some £1.9m for cover in the whole of Berkshire. WBC would be asking Parishes to raise their Precept to finance the perceived gap for West Berkshire. The increase suggested for Beenham would be about £5,572 spread over three years from 2012, representing about a 12% increase in the yearly Precept. It is believed this programme would provide access to broadband services to each house.

71 Comments from the West Berkshire Councillor.

Mr Chopping discussed the proposed pedestrian crossing on the A4 by Grange Lane – there are two possible sites for the crossing. It would be valuable if Council would consider which was most suitable.

The new Padworth waste site at Padworth Lane is up and running. The site takes recyclable materials and green waste only.

72 Planning.**New planning applications.**

11/01812/HOUSE	41, Mallard Way, Aldermaston. Conservatory & bedroom.	No objections
11/02064/HOUSE	Grange Cottage, Grange Lane. New garage	No objections

Adjoining Parish.

11/02033/FULD	Former site of Manton, Bath Road. Four new dwellings & access.	No objections
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Amended plans.

11/01471/HOUSE	45, Abbey gardens, Woolhampton. Roof lantern alterations.	Noted
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Other matters.

- i A4 Breakers.
Ongoing
- ii Wasing Estate proposed gravel extraction.
Mr Lindsay will be coming to the December meeting.

73 Highways**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 61.

- i Salt bins.
Installations completed.
- ii Clay Lane.
Ongoing.

74 Environment.**Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

Minute 62.

- i Recreation Ground play area.
Quotes are being examined.
- ii Dog matters.
Ongoing.
- iii Thatcham Sorting Office.
A letter of support has been sent to Bucklebury Parish Council.
- iv Parish Plan.
This has momentum and there will be a meeting recognizing the Heart of Beenham.

75 Councillor's reports.

Mr Cother has inherited the task of emptying the rubbish bin at the Wharf which will stop once the development is handed over to WBC.

Webbs Lane name signs have not been reinstated and it was decided to remind WBC.

76 Correspondence received since the last meeting not referred to elsewhere.

The correspondence was discussed and where appropriate placed into circulation.

77 Finance.

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| i | Receipts. | | |
| | Lloyds TSB | Interest | £1.21 |
| | Lettings | | £742.25 |
| | West Berkshire Council | Precept 50% | £7,500.00 |

ii	Payments by S/O Staff salaries.	£427.57
iii	Payments authorized.	
	Double Dawes	Grasscutting £1,062.00
	HMRC	PAYE £107.60
	Axxell Ltd	Website maintenance £150.00
iv	Other matters.	
	i	The Statement of Receipts and Payments to date was noted.
	ii	NatWest are looking for time deposits. It was decided to investigate.

78 Date of the next meeting.

Monday December 5th at 7.30pm in the Community Room.

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Chairman

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Date