

Notes from the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 12th April 2010

Public Forum

9 members of the public joined the Parish Council, several points were raised:

- *Regarding the format of the Grundons meeting on Monday 19th April to discuss new proposal with TEG - PC will introduce the meeting which will then be run by Grundons.*
- *Why monies were to go to Padworth for tennis courts - PC confirmed this was only an agreement in principle to support the project and that no amount of money had been agreed.*
- *Parking of cars on the grass by Wickens Corner is causing a mess - PC to speak to garage.*
- *Vehicles are parking too frequently on footpaths - will be brought to the attention of the police.*
- *Large tractors are too large and laden to be driven so fast through the village, intimidating other road users - local farmers will be reminded of the need for care on public roads.*
- *Quad bikes have also been driving too fast through the village. It is unclear whether these have road licences.*
- *Motorbikes have been seen using a makeshift track through High Wood.*
- *Vehicles are parking overnight along Bourne Lane causing concern as the road narrows at this point and an accident may occur. Parking should only be permitted in the Bourne Lane Cottages parking area, which was part of the original design for this safety reason.*
- *PC was thanked for their efforts in getting Clay Lane's potholes repaired.*
- *The allotment initiative was also praised.*

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not covered elsewhere

- Youth offenders - cleaning of the bridge at Aldermaston is scheduled to start on 21st April.
- Cllr Berry - has resigned with effect from the close of meeting. The PC gave thanks for his contribution on behalf of Wharf residents. Notice of vacancy will be given to WBC.
- The PC co-opted Sonia Buchanan as a new councillor to fill the existing vacancy.

Planning Matters

Decisions

10/00005/FULC	Field Barn Farm, Beenham. Change of use	Approval
09/02288/FUL	Caravn Co, Bath Road. Extension for offices etc.	Approval
10/00215/HOUSE	Baywood Cottage Extension	Approval

New Planning Applications

10/00433/HOUSE	14 Heron Way, Aldermaston Garage conversion	No Objection
10/00215/HOUSE	Baywood Cottage, Beenham Dormer window to velux and external door	No Objection

Adjoining Parish

Woodlands, Cods Hill Woolhampton Porch replacement and sun room	No Objection
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- S106 - additional open spaces money of £10.7K from Tower Café and Stoneyfield sites have been received by WBC.
- Grundon proposal - meeting on 19th.
- Major incident plan - Cllr Leitjen had identified some practical issues which had been passed to WBC.

Highway Matters

- Weight limits - no further progress.
- Station Road and Pedestrian crossing over A340 - positive meeting with WBC was held on 12th March. The white lines will be redone on Station Road and the yellow lines during the summer.
- Bourne Lane needs tidying and its lines restated. This will be done as soon as the weather is dry enough.
- Speed Limit task Group. Cllr Russell will attend and speak on behalf of the PC re A4 limits.
- Clay lane - potholes have been filled but the Council will canvas opinion of local residents on a more permanent solution.
- Beenham Primary School Class 2 has proposed the need for a "lollipop" crossing person. Unfortunately this is not considered practical.
- S106 - the PC approved the spend for a sign at the bottom of the hill warning lorries that there is no through route to the industrial estate, to be discussed with WBC.

Environmental Matters

- Community Room kitchen refurbishment - Kitchen refit has been completed over the Easter holidays. Thanks to Cllr Whittenbury for her efforts on this matter.
- Scrapyard - A meeting was held with WBC and more advice will be given to local residents on the detail needed within an incident log and how this can then be used to further their cause.
- Allotments - layout organised, draft agreement with landowner's solicitors and planning consent applied for. An estimate for initial ground preparation of approx £18k has been obtained. The PC hopes the cost will come from various grants and some S106 open space money. Tenders will be sought for the work.
- Dog bins - the PC confirmed non tamper proof bins will be sufficient.
- The Phone Box - the PC deliberated the ongoing cost of keeping this non working facility and decided not to take up BT's offer.
- Aldermaston toilets - outside sign still shows Beenham PC being responsible when WNC took over several years ago. WBC would like to close the facility but British Waterways do pay towards its provision.
- Tennis courts at St Luke's Padworth - the Wharf group have postponed their grant applications for this idea as Padworth PC is not currently in favour of the concept.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday May 17th at 7.30pm in the Community Room.

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