

**NOTES FROM THE BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023**

The new council met for the first time after the elections. The five councillors were re-elected. There are still two vacancies – do come and join us! Graham Bowsher was re-elected as Chairman.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

- A parishioner said that several people have felt intimidated by recent events surrounding the application for Change of Use at Awberry Farm.
- It was reported that some neighbouring parishes now have “Slow down” stickers for their waste bins.
- 20mph speed limits are becoming more common, and WBC is now more open to applications for villages for 20mph zones. Can Beenham look into this?
- It was suggested that notices should be put up in the parking area outside the Victory Hall asking drivers to switch off whilst stationary. This area is not PC land, but the PC will write to Victory Hall and the School offering some funding.
- A councillor noted that diversion signs are being put that are wrong, and sending people the wrong way. The PC will write to WBC asking them to take more care that the signage is correct.

**PLANNING**

The following planning applications were discussed:

**22/03038/FUL Wayround – *New House (Amended details)*** No objection

**23/00807/CERTE Malthouse Farm, Cods Hill. *Use of existing building as separate dwelling.*** No comment.

**23/00819/LBC St Mary’s Farm – *Reinstatement of former lightwell.*** Support.

**23/00895/HOUSE Araret – *New garage.*** The PC objected on the grounds that this was incremental development that should have been in the original application, a more suitable location should be found and the size of the garage was excessive.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Dominic Boeck was re-elected as our District Councillor on West Berkshire Council. He said that he was looking forward to working with the new Liberal Democrat administration. He has been appointed deputy leader of the Conservative group, with responsibility for children and young people.

**CORONATION MEDALLION**

The school PTFA arranged to give the children in Beenham School and Pre-school a medallion to mark the coronation. This was funded by the Parish Council. If any primary age children living in Beenham (but not attending Beenham School or Pre-school) would like a medallion then please email Beenham PTFA on [treasurerbeenham@hotmail.com](mailto:treasurerbeenham@hotmail.com) before 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**CORONATION MEMORIAL**

It has been suggested that something should be provided in Beenham to mark the coronation. The suggestions are:

- A clock over the entrance to the Victory Hall. Cost of a fully automatic clock would be £1,200 to £1,600.
- A village sign like a pub sign on the grass outside the school, with scenes of Beenham. Cost might be in range £6,000 to £12,000, but this is subject to more investigation.

Funding would be from PC and local sponsors. Some funding might be available from WBC.

It was agreed that PC would discuss the feasibility of these options with the landowners and authorities, and also develop the proposals further.

***We would love to hear from businesses or individuals who would like to sponsor either option.***

#### **FINANCE**

- Grant of £150 was agreed to PTFA for cost of coronation medallions
- A grant of £200 to Beenham Village Events was agreed for cost of band at the Coronation Picnic.
- Support for a proposed defibrillator on Heron Way was agreed in principle. More details required.

***The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Community Room on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.***

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