

## **Notes from Beenham Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th April 2025**

### **Parish Council Annual meeting.**

-Although this was intended to be held concurrently with the normal PC meeting, the agenda had not been published so by a unanimous vote it was rescheduled for the next monthly meeting on June 2nd. The agenda will be posted on the notice boards at least 3 days before that date.

### **Public Forum.**

-WBC had visited the School and work on replacing the fire doors will commence over the Summer holidays.

-The subject of the slip road junction with the Bath Road was again raised as a dangerous junction after reports of some near misses recently. The PC has suggested contacting our MP, who is campaigning on this subject in relation to similar junctions on the A34 at East Ilsley and Beedon.

-The school bus drop off point has changed to the junction at Stoneyfield and Picklepythe Lane, creating dangerously blind situations for children crossing the road to Beenham school. It was asked who made this decision..the coach company or WBC? PC will raise this matter with WBC.

### **Councillors**

-The quote for repairs to the pre-school fence was agreed.

-Proposed pop up Library was discussed after it was reported that the Tearoom had agreed to allow the pop up library to use its facilities for this. However, as the PC has not yet confirmed its agreement to paying £1050 towards stock of books (as reported last month) it was agreed that our District Councillor, Dominic Boeck should update the PC on his offer to look into the cost matter before proceeding.

-Affordable Housing initiative. After a meeting with WBC, it was agreed that a landowner should be approached for discussions regarding availability of land for this project.

-Bus stop clearway markings. WBC has asked for comments on their plan to change the road markings. Agreed.

### **Planning Matters**

- 24/02808/FULMAJ. Grundon, Land East of Pips Way. Additional storage. The PC has previously asked for a master plan of this site as it has concerns over creeping development with numerous applications being submitted and amended. As this site encroaches upon the AONB the need for this master plan is essential.

-Noise Management Plan for Awberry Farm wedding events. Having received a copy of the NMP from WBC on this matter after reported noise at a private party, and as there have been no events held covered by the granting of planning applications for such events, there is no need for any discussion or action to be taken at this time.

### **Financial Matters**

-It was agreed to retain the auditor of the PC finances at the agreed cost.

-Insurance quotes have been received for the PC. Agreed.

### **Parish Assembly.**

-It was agreed to hold the annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday 28th May at 7.00pm in the Community Room. All parishioners are welcome.

The next Parish Council meeting, and the Annual PC meeting, will be held on Monday June 2nd at 7.00pm in the Community Room.

Full details of the Councillors (including email addresses) are on the website at [beenham-pc.gov.uk/councillors/](http://beenham-pc.gov.uk/councillors/) .

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