

## **Notes from Beenham Parish Council meeting- Monday 7th July**

### **Public Forum.**

-A question was asked about an update from WBC on the school bus parking dangerously on the corner of Stoneyfield. There has been no response from WBC to date.

### **Councillors areas of responsibility**

-As there is the potential for the vacancy on the Parish Council to be filled soon, and as this has to be put on the agenda, it was decided to discuss at the next meeting.

### **Councillors**

-Update on the new library scheme. Our District Councillor was due to report back on the question of payment for stock of books. As he did not attend the meeting, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

-Update of the Affordable Housing initiative. The PC is awaiting a response from WBC to identify all possible preferred sites. Dominic Boeck, District Councillor will be asked to assist in this.

-An explanation was given on the proposal for West Berkshire Council to merge with South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse councils to create a new unitary authority under announced Government plans.

-Community Room/School Hall security. It was reported that some hirers are not locking the doors and windows when leaving the premises. It was suggested that a charge be made when this happens, possibly in the form of a non returnable deposit. However, as new doors and locks are being fitted over the summer school closure, and as it has been mentioned that the current locks may be unreliable, this will be monitored.

-Rospa report on the play area on the Rec. The rope swing which was put up on a tree without permission should be removed on safety grounds. (post meeting note..it has now been removed). Quotes to be sought for other minor repairs and servicing of equipment.

-Maps of the footpaths and walks around Beenham have been produced. It was suggested that these be pinned onto the two village Facebook pages, if permission to do so is granted by the page owners.

-It was reported that a parishioner has requested permission to erect a bench, similar to the one by the School on the grassed area of Stoneyfield. The Parish Council does not own that land, but welcomes the suggestion. Permission will need to be sought from WBC, as it was for the one by the school.

### **Planning Matters**

-25/00933/FUL Norbek, Bath Road. 4 new terraced houses following demolition of existing bungalow. The Parish Council will object to this application on the grounds of over development of the site and subsequent increase in traffic.

The next meeting will be held on Monday August 4th 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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