

NOTES FROM THE BEENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 6th SEPTEMBER 2021

FAMILY FUN DAY

The Chairman thanked everyone involved in the Fun Day held on the Rec on 4th September. Everyone had a great time.

VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

There is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you would like to get things done in Beenham then please consider joining the council. Please get in touch, or come to the next meeting for a chat.

PLANNING

➤ *21/01798/FULEXT Comfort Inn, Bath Road.* Development of the Comfort Inn site with 16 flats in the existing building and 18 in a new 3 storey block. This application replaces a previous application, with a smaller number of flats.

This application is similar to a previous application on the site, but with fewer flats. The council objected to this proposal on the grounds of:

- Overdevelopment
- Limited open space for families, and no open space in the vicinity
- Insufficient parking space
- Increase in traffic at the dangerous A4 Junction.

The council requested that the application should be considered by the Planning Committee. If you would like to comment on the application you can do so on the WBC Website, or by email to Planapps@westberks.gov.uk.

➤ *21/02005/HOUSE Deerbourn, Clay Lane.* Single storey extension. No objection.

➤ *21/01999/FUL Northway Porsche, Grange Lane.* New workshop. Support.

➤ *21/02059/HOUSE The Old Coach House, Webbs Lane.* No objection.

HIGHWAYS

John Steele will be the lead Councillor for the Speed Monitoring Device, registered with WBC. The risk assessments for the proposed locations will be submitted to WBC,

RECREATION GROUND

The council agreed that the various work should be carried to the equipment on the Recreation Ground by the selected contractor (based on the quotations that have been received). The work is in line with the latest safety inspection, and will include:

- New safety surfacing in areas presently covered by rubber tiles.
- New safagrass matting around gym equipment and zip wire.
- Replace timber logs and matting on multi-play platform
- Two new swing seats and one baby swing seat.
- New anti-bird defences on swings
- Repaint/touch up equipment, including goal posts.

It was decided to obtain quotes for repair to the fence around the playground, rather than replace the entire fence.

The project will be advertised on The Good Exchange, to attract funding and public donation. The council has agreed to commit £919 from CIL Funds and £10,000 from council reserves.

GREENING CAMPAIGN

WBC is supporting a nationwide campaign to make our communities greener, and responding to the challenges of climate change (see <http://www.greening-campaign.org/>). The Parish Council and Greener Beenham will liaise with WBC on this campaign. If you would like to be involved then please get in touch,

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated 2-5 June next year. There are already nationwide plans for various events (eg bonfires or beacons). If you (or your organisation) would like to be involved then start thinking about it now. There may be funding available from the PC.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Community Room or School Hall on Monday 4th October, starting at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend, but please wear a mask if possible and observe social distancing.

Full details of the Councillors are on the website at beenham-pc.gov.uk/councillors/ .

All correspondence to the council should be addressed to the Parish Clerk.

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New Parish Council website:

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Beenham Community Website:

<https://www.beenhamonline.org/>