

Notes from Beenham Parish Council meeting: 2nd February

Public Forum

-There were no parishioners present but some points were raised by Councillors.

-Road congestion caused by parking in the vicinity of The Six Bells due to private events. The PC will write to the Six Bells suggesting that alternative parking facilities be investigated for heavily attended events.

-Proposed 20mph speed limit through Beenham. As WBC have an extended plan to apply such limits to various villages, would early adoption by nearby villages lead to Beenham becoming a rat run? The PC is actively speaking to WBC to ensure that Beenham is given early permission for a 20mph limit.

-Junction of A4 Bath Road at Beenham. PC has asked our District Councillor, Dominic Boeck, to raise the matter of clarified road signage.

Councillors

-School security after vandalism incident. Quotes have been received for the installation of external CCTV. The PC is aware of the Police Commissioner Fund which has invited bids for financial support for community policing improvement projects. The PC will apply to this for funding of the school CCTV system.

-Grass cutting/Bin emptying tenders are being requested.

-Hire rates for the Community Room and Hall were discussed. The last increase was in 2023, and it was agreed to increase the rates as below, to be applicable from April 1st 2026.

Community Room: £7.00/hour (weekdays)...£8.00/hour (weekends): +7.7%

Hall: £8.50/hour (weekdays)...£9.50/hour (weekends) :+13.3%

-Date of APA (Annual Parish Assembly). The date for this was revised to Wednesday April 15th.

Planning Matters

-25/02769/HOUSE: 76 Mallard Way, Aldermaston Wharf. Single storey rear extension. The PC had no objection and left any further comments to neighbours.

The next meeting will be held on Monday March 2nd at 7.00 pm in the Community Room.

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

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