

## Notes from Beenham Parish Council meeting Monday April 13th

### Public Forum

-The question was asked if the Police had been informed of the quantity of empty vodka bottles that had been dumped at the bottom of Beenham Hill, and cleared up by the WI. It was reported that they had been notified and the PC was awaiting a response.

-It was reported that the roadside posts at the village entry boundary were in poor condition. The WI asked if they could clean them up, which was agreed.

-Some parishioners offered their views on the proposed dog walking facility which is subject to a current planning application. This item was on the agenda under Planning matters, but some discussion took place including potential noise effects, traffic increase, access and impact on listed buildings...and benefits or otherwise for the Community. This was further discussed under the agenda item.

### Councillors

-The matter of a CCTV installation at Beenham School was further discussed. An application to the PCC (Police and Crime Commissioners) fund for financial support had been submitted, but unfortunately declined. It was reported that the PC had suggested matched funding to be sought, but no further information on this was available. It was agreed that further discussion between the school and PC be undertaken, and the PC might consider a proposal for a more basic system to cover the entrance gate and doors to both the school and Community Room to be accepted.

-Affordable Housing Initiative. West Berkshire Council recently issued a formal Call for Sites exercise for throughout the Council area, which effectively stops individual initiatives until this is analysed by WBC and completed. We expect this to take some considerable time. We will continue to monitor the situation.

-SID (speed monitoring system). Beenham shares the use of one of these systems with neighbouring Parish Councils. The current one was damaged whilst being used in Beenham, and it had been suggested that the PC might acquire one of its own. Aldermaston PC is currently claiming on their insurance for the damage. It was agreed that if this was successful, Beenham would continue to share the communal system.

### Planning Matters

#### Applications

-26/00439/FUL. Webbs Lane, Beenham. Application for a dog walking facility. Further to the discussion held in the Public Forum, the pros and cons of the facility as mentioned above were discussed. It was agreed that the PC would submit its views and opinion based upon concerns that were identified including potential traffic increase, access to the site, noise, potential further development, additional buildings being erected, impact on listed buildings adjacent to the site...and also the potential beneficial impact for the wider Community.

-26/00662/MINMAJ. Veola Environment Services, Padworth Lane. This application is within the boundary of an adjoining Parish Council so Beenham PC did not offer an opinion on that basis.

#### Decisions

-26/00013/COND. Pips Way. Variation of Conditions. Approved.

-25/02769/HOUSE. 76, Mallards Way, Aldermaston Wharf. Single storey extension. Refused. The applicant may appeal.

-25/02784/HOUSE. Highdown, Webbs Lane. First floor roof extension. Withdrawn.

### Parish Councillor reports

-The PC offered its thanks to Gavin Leach for funding replacement pads for the defibrillator.

-Freddie Brown. It was agreed to publish the details of Freddie Brown's funeral. Freddie owned Awberry Farm for many years and was a well known and liked parishioner. His funeral will take place at St Mary's Church, Beenham on 23rd April at 2.00pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th May at 7.00 pm in the Community Room.

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