

Notes from Beenham Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026

Public Forum

- The advertising board outside the Six Bells was mentioned for displaying offensive language. It was noted that the offensive word had been modified, but it was still obvious what it actually meant. It was also reported that the Six Bells is a pick up/drop off point for the school bus and therefore the board is in full view of children. The PC undertook to request the Six Bells to remove it.

-It was reported that the pre-school was celebrating its 40th anniversary, and that over this time some 1600 children had attended it.

Councillors

-The suggested CCTV system for Beenham School was further discussed. The PC felt it was waiting for the school to respond to its suggestion of a self contained camera being installed to cover the gates and entrances to both the school and Community Room. It was suggested that some cost sharing could be agreed. To be discussed next month.

-In response to the problem of large numbers of empty vodka bottles being dumped at the bottom of Beenham Hill, the PCSO has requested that they attend to next litter picking session with the WI.

-The issue of a Beenham SID (speed monitoring system) being sourced was discussed further after the shared unit was damaged whilst being operated in Beenham. Aldermaston PC has advised that it will no longer offer a shared unit as they cannot claim on their insurance due to the damage occurring outside their jurisdiction. The PC will seek to apply for a Members Bid funding from our WBC District Councillor.

-The annual Rospa safety report for the play area on the recreation ground was discussed. The PC will seek a quotation for the recommended repairs to be carried out.

-WBC has said that it will carry out repairs to fix the flooding on both Clay Lane and Church Lane. When this can be done will be decided by WBC.

-Car parking issues. Further discussion was carried out regarding parking issues near road junctions and lack of parking facilities elsewhere. 5 locations have been identified as needing action.

Planning Matters

-26/00710/HOUSE. New Hope, Picklepythe Lane, Beenham. Erection of greenhouse. No objection.

-26/00352/HOUSE. 1 Mulberry Cottages, The Green, Beenham. Erection of single storey conservatory. Granted.

26/00343/HOUSE. Russetts, Webbs Lane, Beenham. Two storey side extension. Granted.

Parish Councillors

-The issue with the hot water supply in the Community Room was raised. This is a shared water system with the school. Our District Councillor will be asked to raise the matter with WBC.

-The Parish Council was notified on the 11th May of a weekend road closure at The Warings and the junction with Back Lane/Stoneyfield between 23rd/24th May, which will most likely block access to the Bath Road junction. It was suggested that a notice be put on both the Beenham Village and Beenham Community Facebook pages to notify parishioners. (post meeting note...this has been done)

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday June 1st at 7.00pm in the Community Room.

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