

Notes from Beenham Parish Council meeting 3rd August 2026

Tributes were given to Dieter Hinke following the news of his untimely passing in Spain. He was a retired Parish Councillor who had given a great deal of effort, advice and support to Beenham and its Community. Our condolences were offered to his family and friends at this difficult time.

Public Forum

-It was reported that the edges to Church Lane had been cut back, but a great deal of debris had been left. It was agreed to ask WBC to clear this up.

-Junction with Bath Road. The dangers of this was brought up again and the WBC response to a complaint was explained. It was agreed that a meeting with WBC was necessary in order to escalate the matter further.

-It was noted that the lime trees alongside the recreation ground were now obstructing the path. It was agreed to take photographs to identify the work needed to resolve the issue.

Councillors

- Thames Water extended work. A report was given on the discussions that have taken place between the PC and TW's contractors regarding road closures and particularly the disputed use of the play area in Stoneyfield which is being used to store plant equipment and waste spoil. Although we have been assured that the area will be fully refurbished after the work has been completed, this does not resolve the issue of a recreation area being removed from use by Parishioners. As a result the PC will communicate its concerns to M Group/Thames Water and WBC and the need for restitution to be provided over the period that the facility cannot be used. As a reminder, this land is owned by the Parish Council, and no request was made to authorise this use by either WBC or Thames Water.

-Affordable Housing initiative. There was no further update on this.

Planning Matters

-There were no new Planning applications.

-Planning decisions.

-26/01100/CERTP Jayswood, Clay Lane. Fitting of PV panels. Granted.

-26/01066/CERTP 3 The Strouds. Application for Lawful Development Certificate. Refused.

Parish Councillors

-The quote for maintenance of the childrens play area on the Rec was discussed. After a site visit it was agreed that not all the issues identified in the quote indicated significant risk. It was decided that we would meet with the contractor to clarify the work needed with that in mind. It was also agreed that the PC should have a contingency put in place in its annual budget for ongoing maintenance costs.

-The matter of the PC acquiring its own Speed Indicator (SID) was discussed. It was agreed to ask neighbouring Parish Councils what their own solutions are, and whether we can share the use of them.

-Grants. It was agreed to provide grants totalling £1300 to the Parish Church (PCC) for the maintenance of the Church Grounds and acquisition of the necessary power tools.

The next meeting will be held on Monday September 7th in the Community Room at 7.00pm

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