

Notes from Beenham Parish Council meeting Monday 7th September

Public Forum

- Thanks were given for the grant provided to Beenham Church for ground maintenance.
- The many issues associated with the Thames Water works in the village were raised.As this matter is on the agenda it was agreed to discuss later.
- A reminder was given that the Giant Vegetable Show is being held this coming Sunday 13th September at the Victory Hall.

Councillors

-The main item was the many issues with the Thames Water works though the village.It was considered that communications to the Parish Council and Parishioners by TW,WBC and M Group (who are the contractors) has been appalling. The notifications of water cut off to properties has been patchy and in some cases absent. Whilst traffic coped with the initial driving difficulties,the introduction of the 5 way traffic light system had caused chaos ,especially for those residents between the light locations,who couldn't know if they had right of way.It was noted and agreed that the safety issues which had arisen especially in the vicinity of the school could not be ignored. It was agreed that Dominic Boeck,our District Councillor, would take these up with WBC,and it was also agreed that the PC continue to urgently seek a meeting with all parties to establish a single point of communications to the Parish Council,in order to avoid conflicting information and allow the PC to advise residents.It was noted that the 5way traffic light system had been changed which has alleviated some of the traffic issues.

Planning Matters

- 26/01439/HOUSE. 4,The Warings,Beenham. Rear conservatory. No objection
- 26/01779/HOUSE.Highdown,Webbs Lane. First floor roof extension. No objection.

Councillor Reports

- District Councillor

- Our District Councillor reported that the planned re-organisation and merger of West Berkshire Council with South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse to form a new unitary authority which had been authorised by the UK Government in July had suddenly been paused by the Government after they received legal advice. A great deal of time and money has been spent on planning this change and we will have to wait and see what the outcome will finally be.

-Parish Councillors.

-Mallard Way,Aldermaston Wharf parking issues. No further news.

-Recreation Ground play area repairs. A meeting with the contractor to establish which repairs to carry out is pending.

- A grant request from Bucklebury Community Group which provides services for the elderly and disabled to and from medical appointments was discussed and approved.

The next meeting will be held on Monday October 5th at 7.00 pm in the Community Room.

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