

Shaw-cum-Donnington Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Love Lane, Donnington on Wednesday 15th February 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present

Bill Graham (Chairman), Chris Byng (CB), Chris Fenwick (CF), Tony Harris (TH), Elizabeth Nonweiler (EN)

In attendance: John Austin (Clerk), Sean Doherty (Parishioner).

3737 The Chairman confirmed that Dawne Stephens had stepped down after 15 years on the Council. The Chairman expressed the Council's great appreciation for her long and excellent service, which was unanimously endorsed by all members present.

3738 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mary Carter, Julia Owen and Vicky Schollar.

3739 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3740 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2017 were approved and signed as a true record as were the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 20th January 2017.

3741 Matters arising

There were no matters arising

3742 Co-option of Councillor

Sean Doherty was unanimously co-opted onto the Council

3743 Appointments

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| i. Vice-Chairman - Chris Byng | ii. Amenities Officer - Bill Graham |
| iii. Snelsmore Common rep - Sean Doherty | iv. PAG member - Chris Byng |

3744 Correspondence

1. Notification of an Electoral Review of West Berkshire warding arrangements by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. As this did not initially directly affect parishes no comment was felt to be necessary at the present time.
2. A letter and information from Berkshire Local Nature Partnership. It was agreed the Clerk would circulate the information which will be discussed at the March meeting.
3. An e-mail from Janet Wood warning of two incidents in and around the Village Hall. One the theft of a handbag, the other of verbal abuse.

3745 Finance

The following payments were agreed:

Michael Gurr	Litter picking February 2017	62.40
John Austin	Salary & expenses January 2016	589.91
James Snelling	Groundsman's pay + materials for replacement gateposts - January 2016	230.36
Southern Electric	Pavilion Nov 16 – Feb 17	60.84
David Wilkinson	Repairs to wooden pavilion	680.00
HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	135.92
Veolia	Bin emptying January 2016	29.69
		<u>£1,789.12</u>

- 3746 **District Councillor's comments**
 There were no District Councillors comments.
 The Parish Council expressed its sincere condolences to WBC Council leader, Cllr. Roger Croft, on the death of his wife in a car accident in which he was also seriously injured.
- 3747 **Planning**
1. Applications
16/03414/HOUSE 43 Dene Way, Donnington
 First floor extension
 Council decision: No objections
 2. WBC Decisions
16/03370/HOUSE 11 Lampacres, Shaw
 Rear and side extensions Approved
16/03368/FUL Newbury Tennis Club, Poplar Place, Shaw (adjacent parish)
 Floodlight extensions Approved
16/03414/HOUSE 43 Dene Way, Donnington
 First floor extension Approved
16/03742/FUL 3 Love Lane, Donnington
 Change of use to multi-occupancy Refused
- 3748 **Website**
 All was running well. TH felt the pages had too much text and lacked pictures/graphics. This created less impact. TH would tweak current entries to enhance them. He will circulate councillors with instructions on how to add content to the website.
- 3749 **WBC Library review and proposed request for parish funds**
 Further correspondence had been received from both WBC and BALC re-iterating their opposing positions on the legality of parishes making financial contributions to libraries. The Council felt it was unable to make a decision until it could be agreed by all parties that it was within the parish council's powers to make such a contribution.
- 3750 **Parish Assembly 3rd May 2017**
 Topics to include on the agenda to add interest were discussed but there were no firm conclusions. Further discussion was agreed for the March meeting.
- 3751 **Review of Standing Orders**
 The Standing Orders were reviewed and re-adopted with no amendments.
- 3752 **Amenities**
 Two streetlights, one in Donnington Village and one in the Oxford Road, were on permanently. The same five lights in Kingsley Close were not working again.
- 3753 **Footpaths**
 There were no formal reports.
- 3754 **Highways**
 There were no reports.
- 3755 **Members Reports and Questions**
1. NAG meeting 26/01/17. Parking on pavements had become a problem and NAG has produced a leaflet concerning this. Speeding in Grove Road area is an increasing problem and Speen Parish Council has submitted a Members' Community Bid Grant application for a permanent speed indicator device.
 2. The meeting of the Newbury Town Plan Steering Group has again clashed with the Parish Council meeting despite a request to avoid this where possible. EN has volunteered to join the working group on education.
 3. There is a lot of litter about in the parish. A repeat of last year's litter picking event was a possibility and would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 3756 There being no other business the meeting closed at 08.57 pm.