

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm.

## **Present**

Bill Graham (Chairman), Chris Byng (CB), Chris Fenwick (CF), Elizabeth Nonweiler (EN), Julia Owen (JO), Vicky Schollar (VS) and Dawne Stephens (DS).

In attendance: John Austin (Clerk), Marcus Franks (WBC Councillor) and 8 parishioners.

## **PART 1**

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### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mary Carter and Tony Harris

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### **Declarations of Interest**

Chris Fenwick and Julia Owen declared an interest in Agenda item 10 (a) (i).

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### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

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### **Matters arising**

1. 3709. It was noted that all Councillors required an electronic copy of the Code of Conduct, a printed copy of which was distributed at the meeting.
2. The application for a Member's Community Fund Grant had been submitted by the Clerk.

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### **A Presentation on WBC Devolution to Parishes by Marcus Franks (WBC Councillor)**

Marcus explained the thinking behind the devolution to parishes initiative and gave some examples of likely candidates for devolution e.g. verge way maintenance, open spaces, use of WBC assets. Marcus was unable to give any further insight into the powers that parish councils could employ to justify any expenditure on devolution in light of the advice received by councils from BALC in respect of the proposed library funding request.

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### **WBC Library review and proposed request for parish funds**

It was decided no decision could be taken until WBC had satisfactorily answered the BALC advice received and that there were sufficient legal powers for the Council to contribute to the library initiative. However it was agreed that a provision for the full amount suggested by WBC should be included in the budget.

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### **Correspondence**

1. Speed Indicator Device Training course. Wednesday, 8 Feb 2017 at WBC Offices 6.30pm. JO will attend. Clerk to book.
2. Royal Berkshire Fire Authority Redesign Consultation running from 12/12/16-13/03/17.
3. District Parish Conference confirmed for Tuesday 21 March 6pm – 8pm WBC Offices. Chairman, CF and EN will attend. Clerk to book.
4. Consultation on School Term dates for 2018/19 running from 09/01/17-24/02/17.
5. WBC would like to run a trial of speed awareness stickers on wheelie bins in Long Lane. Council agreed to lend support but have no resources to help roll out.
6. An invitation from St. Mary's Church to Parish Council to take part in their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. JO would attend a meeting of a committee, planning a community event to mark the occasion, on 21<sup>st</sup> February in the Church Centre.

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**Finance**

1. The following payments were agreed:

Michael Gurr	Litter picking January 2017	62.40
John Austin	Salary & expenses December 2016	694.84
James Snelling	Groundsman's pay December 2016	55.00
Chris Fenwick	Planning Officer's Allowance Sep-Dec 16	20.00
Tony Harris	Website setup costs	600.00
Southern Electric	Street Lights 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2016	558.78
SSE Contracting	Street light maintenance 3 <sup>rd</sup> ¼ 2016	732.12
HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	136.12
Veolia	Bin emptying December 2016	29.16
		<u>£2,888.42</u>

2. The Budget Report for the third quarter was presented by the Clerk and discussed.

3. Budget and Precept 2017/18.

The draft budget, as presented to the previous meeting, was unanimously agreed with the addition of the provision for a contribution to the WBC Library service (see minute ref 3720) plus any adjustment necessary after discussion of the Clerk's pay and allowances in Part 2 of the agenda. In view of the provision for a library contribution and other possible devolution initiatives it was unanimously agreed to increase the precept to £38,000.

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**District Councillor's comments**

There were no District Councillors comments

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**Planning**

Chris Fenwick and Julia Owen left the meeting at this stage

1. Applications

16/03370/HOUSE 11 Lampacres Shaw RG14 2EH

Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension.

The PAG had recommended objecting to the application on several grounds.

Representations were made to the Council by the applicant and several residents of neighbouring properties. CB felt he could not contribute to a decision on the application as he had not seen the site. A decision was deferred until a site visit could be made which was arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am.

Chris Fenwick and Julia Owen re-joined the meeting.

16/03742/FUL 3 Love Lane Donnington RG14 2JH

Change of use from single to multiple occupancy

Council decision: Object on grounds already enumerated for previous application

16/01874/HOUSE. EN would draft letter of objection.

16/03368/FUL Newbury Tennis Club Poplar Place RG14 1 NA (Out of parish)

Extension of floodlighting

Council decision: No objection

16/03392/FUL/16/03393/LBC2 Shaw House Church Road RG14 2DR

Replacement of buttresses and restoration work to existing wall

Council decision: No objection

2. WBC Decisions

No decisions were presented to the meeting

3. North Newbury Development Appeal

WBC Highways department raised no objections to increased traffic in Love Lane, citing that it considered the development would only generate 5–10 extra vehicles per day. WBC was upbraided over its housing stock policy especially in light of its admission that the Sandleford development was not likely to receive planning consent or go ahead within the foreseeable future. The Inspector's report would be made by the end of March.

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**Website**

.The Clerk urged Councillors to try out the e-mail system to add events to the website.

- 3726           **Churchyard paths**  
St. Mary's Church had written to WBC stating that the diocese had agreed to the surfacing materials suggested. WBC Grounds maintenance was awaiting confirmation on several issues from the Finance department before placing the order with Volker.
- 3727           **Amenities**  
The repair of the old pavilion is still awaited. The contractor is presumably awaiting better weather.
- 3728           **Footpaths**  
There were no formal reports.
- 3729           **Highways**  
There were no reports.
- 3730           **Members Reports and Questions**  
1. The Relief in Need Charity had had their statutory January meeting. There was a small amount of funding available for distribution when required  
2. The wording for the Recreation Ground signs was agreed as previously presented but with a slight change to the wording for booking the Ground and/or Pavilion.  
3. EN had attended the meeting of the Newbury Town Plan Steering Group on 11/01/2017. The plan was to be a vision for the Town and surrounding area until 2036 and it was hoped it would influence WBC's core strategy. More volunteers are required for the several working groups.

**PART 2**           **(Confidential)**

- 3732           There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.07 pm.