

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 16th November 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present

Bill Graham (Chairman), Chris Byng (CB), Mary Carter (MC), Chris Fenwick (CF), Tony Harris (TH), Elizabeth Nonweiler (EN), Dawne Stephens (DS). and Vicky Schollar (VS)

In attendance: Paul Bryant (West Berkshire Councillor)(PB), John Austin (Clerk)

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Apologies

Apologies were received from Julia Owen (JO)

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Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

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Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2016 were approved and signed as a true record.

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Matters arising

3677/4. The fly-tipping at Owen Road seems to be increasing. Lynda Tull from NAG is liaising with Sovereign to find a resolution.

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Correspondence

1. Diary date: Training Course 'The Planning Framework', Calcot Centre 07/03/2017. CF & EN to go. Clerk will book.
2. E-mail from WBC giving a deadline for end of February 2017 for Parish Plan Grants.
3. A letter from WBC informing the council that there were no Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments due to the council up to 28th October.
4. An e-mail from WBC about a CIL Regulation 123 List consultation taking place between 11/11/2016 and 23/12/2016.
5. A e-mail from WBC about a library service review consultation taking place between 24/10/2016 and 11/12/2016.
6. An email from Lynda Tull of NAG updating the council that she is still trying to contact the Castle pub landlord in respect of the Recreation Ground entrance.

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Finance

1. The following payments were agreed:

Michael Gurr	Litter picking November 2016	62.40
John Austin	Salary & expenses October 2016	572.41
James Snelling	Groundsman's pay & Petrol October 16	87.79
Came & Co	Mower insurance	110.00
Bill Graham	Hedge cutting, street light mtce	99.00
ScD Village Hall	Hall Hire Nov 2016 – Oct 2017	315.00
Thames Water	Pavilion July – Oct 2016	22.55
Royal British Legion	Wreath and S.137 donation	40.00
Bill Graham	Property repairs	85.00
HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	135.92
Veolia	Bin emptying Oct/Annual documents	77.10
		<u>£1,607.17</u>

N.B. SSE pavilion electric in credit by £16.78 due to previously estimated bills

2. Budget 2017/18.

There were no further additions or suggestions for the budget at this stage.

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District Councillor's comments

- The Government Inspector's preliminary report on WBC's HSA DPD had been received. The main modifications concerned the method of calculating areas. Otherwise there were only minor comments.
- Money is tighter than ever hence the proposals to devolve some services to parishes.
- Trees were being grown on WBC property by the Balholme development. This was being looked into.

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Planning

1. Applications

- 16/02738/HOUSE 30 Kingsley Close, RG14 2EE
Extension & internal alterations
Council decision: No objections
- 16/02745/LBC2 Donnington Grove RG14 2LA
Conservatory
Council decision: No objections
- 16/02756/HOUSE 37 Regnum Drive RG14 2HF
Extension & garage (Out of parish)
Council decision: No objections
- 16/02823/HOUSE 9 Lampacres RG14 2EH
Rear extension
Council decision: No objections
- 16/02867/HOUSE Berry Cottage, Long Lane RG14 2TA
Drop kerb
Council decision: No objections
- 16/02733/HOUSE Luccombe, Love Lane, Shaw RG14 2DY
2 Storey extension
Council decision: No objections

2. WBC Decisions

No decisions were presented to the meeting

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Website

It was agreed that the new website would go live on 17th November.
Tony Harris was thanked for all his hard work in developing the website.

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Churchyard paths

A pre-circulated draft of an e-mail to be sent to WBC concerning proposals for the level of costs of the paths was discussed at length. It was agreed to send the e-mail by 5 votes to 0 with 3 abstentions.

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Devolution from Unity Authority

It was agreed to ask Marcus Franks, WBC Councillor responsible for devolution, and/or a Council Officer to come to a meeting to explain and discuss devolution.

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Review of Councillors' Code of Conduct

This was delayed to the December meeting so that Councillors could have further time to digest the proposed new code. In the meantime an amendment drafted by VS concerning the Equality Act was agreed to be incorporated into the present code.

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Proposal for Newbury Town Plan Representative

It was agreed that the council should be represented on the Newbury Town Plan Steering Group. EN was nominated to be the ScD representative.

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Amenities

1. Recreation Ground signs. It was agreed to use the Parish Notice Board Company for the new signs at a cost of £1,125 ex VAT. EN would circulate proposed wording by e-mail for comment and agreement if possible.
It was agreed that a WBC Members Community Bid be lodged to defray the cost.
MC will draft.

2. Old pavilion. 3 quotes had been received ranging from £495 to £1,685. It was agreed to award the job to David Wilkinson with a quote of £680 as it was felt it was the best value for money.
3. Goal posts. The posts cannot be physically stored in the old pavilion without dismantling them. It had been agreed that they would be stored and locked into cradles behind the current pavilion.

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Footpaths

The bridge carrying the footpath over the B4494 had now been repaired satisfactorily and 'Take care' signs had been erected.

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Highways

There had been considerable problems with the Council's street lights in recent weeks. Responses by SSE, both Contracting and Power Distribution, had been less than satisfactory.

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Members Reports and Questions

1. The Castle pub was proposing to fell the trees in its overflow car park to make it less easy for drug users to conceal themselves.
2. BBOWT had now devised a dog walk route on Snelsmore Common.
3. MC, DS and the Chairman had been carrying out SID checks in Long Lane, Love Lane and the Oxford Road recently.
4. The Village Hall was concerned about unauthorised use of their car park. A vice-Chairman and a booking clerk were required. There is an asbestos survey pending.

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.