

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 19th April 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present

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

In attendance: Paul Bryant (WBC Councillor) (PB), John Austin (Clerk).

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Resignations

The Chairman announced that both Chris Byng (from 30/04/17) and Julia Owen (immediate) had resigned from the Council. He thanked them both for their contribution to the Council but especially Chris Byng who had served the Council for over 30 years as councillor, chairman and vice-chairman. These thanks were fully endorsed by the meeting.

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Apologies

There were no apologies.

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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 15th March 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

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Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

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Correspondence

1. A complaint had been received by WBC concerning speeding in Castle Lane with a request for installation of road humps. WBC had replied that as there was no record of excessive speeds in the area no action could be taken.
2. An e-mail from PB advising that the next round of Members' Community Bids was due in June.
3. Further correspondence concerning WBC's library proposals had been received from both WBC and BALC re-iterating and updating their respective positions.
4. An e-mail from WBC advising of a Devolution of Services Workshop for Parish Clerks on Monday 12th June.
5. A notification of a new WBC website (<http://parish.westberks.gov.uk>) devoted to support of devolution of services to parishes.
6. An e-mail from a landlord in Donnington Village expressing concern over the potential that the Three Horseshoes pub and car park could be developed. The Clerk had replied that there was little the council could do unless firm proposals were made but if they were then the council would act in the best interests of parishioners.
7. Two training courses from BALC – Chairmanship skills 13/06/2017 and Fundamental Councillor Training 27/06/2017.
8. An e-mail promoting 'The Big Lunch' on June 17th/18th. It was noted that Andrew Sharp, a volunteer promoting the event, would like to give a short talk at the Parish Assembly. It was agreed that the parish council would not become directly involved in the event but that the pavilion and recreation ground would be made available for use on Sunday 18th May free of charge.

Finance

1. The following payments were agreed:

Michael Gurr	Litter picking April 2017 + Rubbish bags	120.95
John Austin	Salary & expenses March 2017	629.27
James Snelling	Groundsman's pay March 2017	121.00
West Berks Council	Owen Rd., RoSPA and Dog Bins	1,253.68
Southern Electric	Street Lights March quarter	570.78
SSE Contracting	Street Light maintenance March quarter	598.42
Chris Fenwick	Planning Officer's Allowance Jan-Mar	20.00
Nby & WB Liberal Dems	Printing of PA letter	140.00
HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	136.12
Veolia	Bin emptying March 2017	29.69
		<u>£3,619.91</u>

2. The Clerk presented and commented on the Budget Report for the 4th quarter.**District Councillor's comments**

- The North Newbury appeal had been allowed on the basis that WBC could not demonstrate a five year supply of land due to the Sandleford problems.
- The Site Allocations DPD has been approved by the Inspector and will receive final approval at WBC's next meeting.
- WBC is still under financial pressure. Attempts were being made to devolve some services to parishes. A new website for this had been set up. WBC together with Greenham Common Trust were making £400,000 available to help with this devolution.
- The leader of WBC, Roger Croft, had died following his car accident in France.
- In the boundary review it was proposed that Shaw-cum-Donnington be combined with Cold Ash to create a new ward with a possible name of Castle ward.
- There will be a police 'have your say day' in Kingsley Close on 27th April.
- The resurfacing of the Churchyard paths had now been agreed and was likely to be done in May.

Planning1. Applications

17/00360/HOUSE 3 Love Lane, Donnington RG14 2JH

Loft conversion

Council decision: Objection on grounds of lack of car parking space

17/00420/FUL Fox & Hounds, Oxford Road, Donnington RG14 3AP

Replace existing barn with building to provide 7 bedrooms + extension to restaurant (Adjacent parish)

Council decision: No objection

17/00583/HOUSE 2 The Chase, Donnington RG14 3AQ

Side & rear extensions

Council decision: No objection

17/00660/HOUSE White Lodge, Donnington Grove RG14 2LA

Two storey extension

Council decision: Objection on grounds of loss of light to kitchen

17/00858/HOUSE Top Barn, Donnington Grove RG14 2LA

Building for swimming pool, sauna & gym

Council decision: No objections

2. WBC Decisions

17/00074/HOUSE 8 Link View, Donnington RG14 3AD

Two storey side extension

Granted

17/00279/FUL Winchcombe School (Adjacent parish)

Extra classroom

Granted

17/00317/FUL Shaw Cemetery (Adjacent parish)

Construction of disabled toilet

Granted

- 3783 **North Newbury Development**
At present there is only outline planning consent, a detailed application will presumably follow. In due course. The parish council will get a percentage of the Community Infrastructure Levy (S.106 replacement) for each house built. PB will investigate the exact percentages.
- 3784 **Devolution**
This has been discussed previously and there is little to add until more is known.
- 3785 **Parish Assembly letter**
The Chairman thanked TH for arranging the printing. A distribution plan was agreed.
- 3786 **Website**
- It was unanimously agreed that SD be appointed Postmaster for the site.
 - The publication scheme was now on the website and the Clerk asked all Councillors to test out the links and information.
 - TH reported that the previously noted Facebook problem seems to have gone away.
 - All Councillors were asked to consider using the e-mail posting facility for the website.
 - TH had produced a press release about the new website which was unanimously agreed.
- 3787 **Amenities**
1. The litter picking day had gone well. SD was thanked for his hard work in organising the event.
 2. The Amenities Advisory Group had agreed the position of the new Recreation Ground signs.
- 3788 **Footpaths**
There were no formal reports.
- 3789 **Highways**
There were no reports.
- 3790 **Members Reports and Questions**
1. The alteration to the Oxford Road entrance of the Recreation Ground was discussed. It was felt further investigations were needed.
 2. SD had attended his first meeting of the Snelsmore Common Management Committee. There was little of note to report.
 3. CF would take over from CB as the parish council's NAG rep.
 4. The Village Hall car park problems appear to be mostly hearsay. Practically, very little can be done.
 5. The Chairman will look at the noticeboards with a view to having them re-painted.
 6. The Chairman had attended a defibrillator training course.
 7. The Chairman and EN had attended the District/Parish conference where the main topics had been adult social care funding, business rates and planning enforcement.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 09.35 pm.