

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> March 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: John Austin (Clerk). One member of the public

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## **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Julia Owen and Paul Bryant (PB)

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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 15<sup>th</sup> February 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. An e-mail from Dawne Stephens thanking Councillors for the flowers sent to her.
2. The Street lights in Kingsley Close had now been repaired.
3. A notification of a consultation on WBC recommendation that the Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Development plan should proceed to referendum.
4. An invitation to Councillors to the opening of the story of West Berkshire permanent exhibition at the West Berkshire Museum on 27<sup>th</sup> March 7pm – 9pm.
5. News articles from NALC on rises in parish council precepts and unsafe memorials in cemeteries. It was also noted that S137 cap had been set at £7.57.
6. The Member's Community Bid Grant for the Recreation Ground signs had been successful.
7. An e-mail from the Village Hall detailing more abusive behaviour over use of the car park. It is important that someone attends the 22 Mar meeting when this will be discussed.
8. A notification that Greenham Common Trust is hosting a local running event on 15<sup>th</sup> October to raise money for local community projects.
9. Notification of the Extraordinary Meeting of WBC on 23<sup>rd</sup> March to discuss the Local Government Boundary Review.
10. A series of e-mails copied to the parish council detailing an accident with a lorry in Donnington Village and suggestions of parking restrictions. It was not felt this was anything the parish council should get involved in at this time.

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## **Finance**

The following payments were agreed:

Michael Gurr	Litter picking March 2017	62.40
John Austin	Salary & expenses February 2017	605.44
James Snelling	Groundsman's pay + salt for salt bins	147.50
Berks County Training	Planning course 3 delegates	144.00
Signs of Cheshire	Deposit on Recreation Ground signs	675.00

Philip Burgess	Fence repairs	123.00
Castle Water	Pavilion Oct 16 – Jan 17	16.93
HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	135.92
Veolia	Bin emptying February 2017	29.69
		<u>£1,939.88</u>

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**District Councillor's comments**

PB was unable to attend the meeting but had sent some written comments

- The number of WBC Councillors is likely to be reduced from 52 to 42 under the Boundary Commission review. Shaw-cum-Donnington will most likely be combined with Cold Ash. There will be no changes to parish council boundaries.
- PB has concerns over where the planning applications for 3 Love Lane will end. He thinks the applicant has gone or will go to appeal.
- As it was unclear who is responsible for the cutting back of vegetation in the church car park PB has taken direct action and so far has half done the cutting back himself.
- Council tax is increasing by 4.99%. 3% will be used for social services. Although painful WB Councillors are confident the budget will work. Cuts are now starting to have visible effects.
- WBC has been allowed to raise planning fees by 20%. This hopefully will allow more planning officers to be recruited and for planning to be self-funded.
- A number of planning applications have been received for sites in the SHLAA DPD.

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**Planning**

1. Applications

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

Two storey side extension

Council decision: No objections

17/00138/HOUSE & 17/00139/LBC2 112 Shaw Road RG14 1HR

Two storey extension and new workshop (Adjacent parish)

Council decision: No objections

17/00248/HOUSE Berach, Long Lane, Shaw RG14 2TA

Rear and side extensions, creation of first floor level to existing bungalow.

Council decision: No objections

17/00279/FUL Winchcombe School, Maple Crescent RG14 1LN

Extension to create additional classroom (Adjacent parish)

Council decision: No objections

17/00317/FUL Shaw Cemetery RG14 2EQ

Extension to create a disabled toilet (Adjacent parish)

Council decision: No objections

17/00371/HOUSE Briar Lea, Long Lane, Shaw RG14 2TG

Alterations, extension and remodelling

Council decision: No objections

2. WBC Decisions

16/03414/HOUSE 43 Dene Way, Donnington RG14 2JL

First floor extension

Granted

16/03392/Fuil & 16/03393/LBC2 Shaw House, Church Road RG14 2DR

Restoration work and replacement of 4 buttresses on existing wall

Granted

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**Parish Assembly 03/05/2017**

A Neighbourhood Plan was discussed but no firm conclusions were drawn. It was agreed the Chairman would compose a letter concerning the Assembly for approval at the next meeting which would be distributed in the last two weeks of April.

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**Website**

Very little to report. There was a technical problem with Facebook posting which TH was sorting.

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**Community Clean event 25/03/2017**

Posters had been put on the noticeboards and the website. 20 litter picking kits had been received from WBC. CF will act as first-aider. NWN had been notified.

- 3768            **Berkshire Local Nature Partnership**  
The BLNP were asking for a £100 membership contribution. Dr. Gustav Clarke, who was attending the meeting as an observer and has some knowledge of the partnership, gave a short talk on their aims and work. Dr Clarke was asked if he would let the Council know in writing more about the BLNP and its advantages to Shaw-cum-Donnington and what the Council could do to help. It would then be discussed further.
- 3769            **The Great Get Together 17/18<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
The aim of the event was to get the community together. It was agreed to put this into the Parish Assembly letter to see if any parishioners were interested in organising an event.
- 3770            **Amenities**  
The Recreation Ground signs would be ready in about 4 to 6 weeks which would be about the end of April. EN would organise a meeting to decide exactly where the signs would go.
- 3771            **Footpaths**  
There were no formal reports.
- 3772            **Highways**  
There were no reports.
- 3773            **Members Reports and Questions**  
The Church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary fete will take place at Shaw House on 20<sup>th</sup> May. The Church will have a stall there. Everyone is welcome.
- There being no other business the meeting closed at 09.20 pm.