

# Shaw-cum-Donnington Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Love Lane, Donnington on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm.

## **Present**

Bill Graham (Chairman), Mary Carter (MC), Sean Doherty (SD), Chris Fenwick (CF), Tony Harris (TH), Elizabeth Nonweiler (EN) and Glyn Thomas (GT)

In attendance: Paul Bryant (PB) (WBC Councillor), John Austin (Clerk) and 7 members of the public

**Note:** P = proposed, S = seconded

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## **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Colin Yates (CY).

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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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 were approved unanimously (P – EN, S – SD) 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 notification of a Building Community Resilience Workshop on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10am at Shaw House. No takers.
2. An offer of dog fouling stickers. It was not felt the problem serious enough to warrant cost.
3. A notification that the final order for the double yellow lines at the junction of Kingsley Close/Love Lane had been issued.
4. A notification from WBC that they could refill salt bins for £99.72 each. The Clerk has asked the Groundsman to refill these as necessary as in previous years.
5. A notification of the change of name and new website for the SSD NAG to Shaw, Speen and Donnington Community Forum.
6. A letter to the Chairman from the Village Hall Committee requesting that consideration be given to using any CIL funds received by the Council towards maintenance/improvements of the Village Hall.

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## **Finance**

The following payments were agreed unanimously: (P – SD, S – CF)

Michael Gurr	Litter picking Apr 2018	62.40
John Austin	Salary & expenses Mar 2018	654.69
James Snelling	Groundsman's pay/petrol Mar 2018	121.03
Cllr. Chris Fenwick	Planning Officer's Allowance	25.00
SSE Contracting	Street Light maintenance March ¼	655.49
West Berks Council	New Dog Waste Bin Footpath 4/3	495.55
Castle Water	Pavilion Water Jan – Jul 2018	47.22
HMRC	PAYE/NIC on Clerk's salary	167.43
Veolia	Bin emptying Mar 2018	47.45
		<u>£2,276.26</u>

Chairman & EN to authorise

- 3975 **District Councillor's comments.**
- The Market Street development will be starting shortly with the move of the bus station back to the Wharf area.
  - Hungerford has produced a Neighbourhood Plan
  - Newbury's Town Plan was considered to be an excellent document and will carry considerable weight with the District Council
  - The Lambourn Flood Forum had produced Emergency Response Plans.
  - A 2% pay increase at WBC had averted a threat of industrial action.

3976 **Planning**

1. Applications

18/00441/FUL Land at Snelsmore House, Snelsmore Common

Construction of new wedding and function barn

Council unanimous decision: No objections (P – MC, S – EN)

18/00695/HOUSE 2 Monica Gardens, Newbury RG14 2ET (out of parish)

First floor extension over garage to create a music room

Council unanimous decision: No objections (P – GT, S – TH)

18/00513/FUL Three Horse Shoes, Donnington. RG14 2LB

Extensions and change of use of outbuildings to provide bed & breakfast accommodation

Council unanimous decision: No objections (P – Chairman, S – MC)

2. WBC Decisions

17/03525/FUL Vodafone, Telecoms mast, Western Avenue, Newbury

Replacement with higher pole

Granted

18/00216/LBC2 Gardener's Cottage, Castle House, Donnington RG14 2LE

Minor alterations

Granted

3. It was noted that a protest (action) group had been formed – Donnington Against Sandtrend Housing (DASH) – whose aims were to bring together all those in the community who were interested in opposing and rejecting the proposals of the owners to develop the so-called Christmas Tree Field. A member of the group present explained the reasons for the opposition maintaining there were no benefits of the development for the community. The group had circulated a flyer throughout the community. Councillors felt that the Council should and could not take a position at present as there were no firm proposals and no planning application had been submitted to WBC.

3977 **Parish Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**

A pre-circulated letter for distribution to households in the parish was unanimously approved (P – SD, S – EN). TH would arrange for the printing of 700 copies and delivery would be arranged between Councillors.

3978 **Community defibrillator**

A note about the defibrillator was printed on the back of the Parish Assembly letter (approved as above). Training on the use of the equipment will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> June, MC was thanked for her hard and tireless work in bringing the project to fruition.

3979 **Village Summer event 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018**

A meeting had been held on 5<sup>th</sup> April. The event will be free of charge. The Council will supply some refreshments, but in line with Council policy the event will be alcohol free. There will be a 'bouncy castle' supplied by the Council free of charge for children. Another organising meeting will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

3980 **Street Lighting – Love Lane**

The proposal by Vectos, on behalf of WBC, to replace four lighting columns in Love Lane and then pass ownership and responsibility to WBC was unanimously agreed (P – CF, S – MC)

3981 **Churchyard tombs – Funding application update**

The cost of a conservation condition report (In effect a schedule of works required) will be about £800. This will be a pre-requisite to progress the project as 3 tenders will be required. It was to be hoped the above cost can be split between the interested parties.

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**Amenities**

1. Improvements to Play Area.  
GT had contacted two further companies for ideas and quotes. The original company contacted, Playground Services of Hungerford were very expensive. Several funding streams were being investigated. The application to the Tesco Bags of Help scheme had been successful which will net a minimum of £1,000.
2. Owen Road Recreation Ground  
It was unanimously felt that a notice board of some sort should be erected to identify the ground as being in the Council's ownership. EN will investigate.
3. Cricket Club – wicket covers request  
Donnington Cricket Club had been promoted to a higher division and would consequently be playing more games. Permission was being sought from the Council concerning the possibility of using wicket covers although a firm decision was yet to be made by the Club. The Chairman and SD had investigated places where these covers could be stored when not in use.

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**Footpaths**

There were no official reports.

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**Highways**

There were no official reports.

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**Members Reports and Questions**

GT reported some branches overhanging on land at the end of Dene Way. This was unsafe as the land was used as a footpath. It was unclear who owned the land. The Chairman and GT will investigate.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.