

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm.

## Present

Tony Harris (Vice-Chairman), Mary Carter (MC), Sean Doherty (SD), Chris Fenwick (CF), Elizabeth Nonweiler (EN), Glyn Thomas (GT) and Colin Yates (CY).

In attendance: Paul Bryant (PB) (WBC Councillor), John Austin (Clerk) and 1 Parishioner.

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

## 3894 Apologies

Apologies were received from Bill Graham (BG)

## 3895 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

## 3896 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved unanimously (P – SD, S – MC) and signed as a true record.

## 3899 Matters arising

3880. The Clerk had e-mailed Paul James concerning payment of the agreed contribution but had not yet heard back. A discussion took place concerning the ring-fencing of the contribution. Figures supplied by WBC seemed to make any decisions in this area difficult.

3890/3. Contact had been made with WBC and Newbury Town Council over the Shaw Park area. Progress appears to be being made.

## 3900 Correspondence

1. A public consultation on WBC's budget was taking place until 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
2. Veolia had increased their waste collection prices by £0.81 per lift with effect from 01/01/18
3. The Clerk had received an e-mail from a parishioner in Church Road concerning the wooden posts on the grass verge opposite the Church, many of which had rotted. The Clerk had passed this onto PB as the posts were WBC's responsibility. WBC was prepared to replace the posts if required. It was unanimously agreed to ask WBC to replace with metal posts (P – MC, S – SD).

## 3901 Finance

1. The following payments were agreed unanimously: (P – SD, S – EN)

Michael Gurr	Litter picking Dec 2017	62.40
John Austin	Salary & expenses Nov2017	759.83
James Snelling	Groundsman's pay Nov. 2017	72.00
Royal British Legion	Wreath & Donation*	40.00
Bill Graham	Grounds maintenance	168.61
SSE Contracting	Number/painting lighting columns	347.18
BALC	Training courses November	144.00
SLCC	Clerk's membership 2018	128.00
Chris Fenwick	Planning Officer's Allowance Sep - Dec	25.00
HMRC	PAYE/NIC on Clerk's salary	167.43
Veolia	Bin emptying Nov 2017	29.69
		<u>£1,944.14</u>

\*The donation to the Royal British Legion was unanimously approved (P-CY, S-CF) under the powers granted to the Council under S.137 of the LGA 1972.

2. Budget 2018/19  
The draft budget had been pre-circulated and was presented to the meeting by the Clerk. It was discussed at length and a few minor amendments made. It was noted that the Government had announced it intended to defer the setting of referendum principles for town and parish councils for the next three years.

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**District Councillor's comments.**

- WBC does not have any details of the traffic measurements being taken on the Wantage Road. It is assumed this is being done by the developers of the 'Christmas Tree field'
- An increase of up to 6% in Council tax is being allowed by the Government for 2018/19.
- WBC will be piloting the scheme for local councils retaining business rates collected. This will not be as much as first anticipated.

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**Planning**

1. Applications  
.17/02973/COMIND Copse Barn, Bagnor  
Grain store/workshop. Partial demolition of existing grain store (Out of parish)  
Council unanimous decision: No objections (P-SD, S-EN)  
17/03068/LBC2 The Green, Snelsmore Common ,RG14 3BG  
Replacement of rainwater goods  
Council unanimous decision: No objections (P-EN, S-CY)  
17/03069/LBC2 Meadow Way & the Green, Snelsmore Common RG14 3BG  
Replacement of rainwater goods and pipework  
Council unanimous decision: No objections (P-EN, S-CY)
2. WBC Decisions  
No decisions were reported
3. Notification of planning applications  
An e-mail had been received from WBC to the effect that no paper copies of planning applications would be sent out after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Hard copies could be obtained but with copying and postage costs and no guarantee of a time frame. CF stated that the PAG would discuss and report back to the next meeting.

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**Churchyard tombs**

- A report from BG outlining the background concerning the restoration of the tombs was read to the meeting.
- PB had done some preliminary investigation into the history of the tombs and also sources of funds for their restoration.
- BG and AH had met with David Willetts from the church, who it seems would be willing to help with obtaining restoration funding.
- It was hoped to move the search for funding forward in 2018 so that the project could progress.

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**Community defibrillator**

MC and Gill Lutterloch from the Village Hall/Women's Institute had met with representatives from Heartstart, Thatcham. Quotes had been obtained from Heartstart and from local company, Stryker for supply and installation of a defibrillator. These varied between £1,900 and £2,100 although they were not directly comparable. MC would come back to the next meeting with a proposal. It was agreed an appeal be put on the parish website for donations towards the cost.

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**Conversion of street lighting to LED**

A report was delayed until the January meeting..

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**Village Summer event**

MC, CF, GT and EN will form an 'event' sub-committee and try to involve other parishioners. A meeting would be held in early 2018.

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**General Data Protection Regulations**

The Clerk gave a brief report on a training course he and BG had attended but as the regulations were still passing through parliament any discussions were deferred until a future meeting.

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**Amenities**

1. It was noted that vandals had broken off several waste-pipes from the outside of the pavilion. It was agreed to leave any repairs until the changing rooms were being used more extensively.
2. It was unanimously agreed (P-GT, S-EN) to install a new dog waste bin at the northern end of footpath 4/3, 4a/1 by the main Vodafone entrance providing this was acceptable to WBC contractors who emptied the bins.
3. It was agreed to postpone any discussion of a new car park for the Recreation Ground as it was felt an arrangement could be made with the Castle landlord. SD agreed to take this forward with the landlord.

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**Footpaths**

There were no formal reports

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**Highways**

1. It was noted that a recent accident at the junction of Love Lane/Oxford Road had caused traffic chaos. PB agreed to talk to WBC Highways as to what could be done about this junction to mitigate future problems.
2. WBC's Community Speedwatch was at present suspended due to the long term absence of a vital member of the team. This suspension will be reviewed in January.

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**Members Reports and Questions**

GT was keen on expanding and improving the Recreation Ground play area. A discussion took place concerning funding which GT will take forward.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.