

# 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, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm.

## **Present**

Bill Graham (Chairman), Mary Carter (MC), Elizabeth Nonweiler (EN), Glyn Thomas (GT) and Colin Yates (CY).

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

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

## 4024 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Sean Doherty (SD), Tony Harris (TH) and Chris Fenwick (CF),

## 4025 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

## 4026 **Minutes**

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved unanimously (P – GT, S – CY) and signed as a true record.

## 4027 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising

## 4028 **Correspondence**

1. An e-mail from Newbury Town Council advising that the Town Plan had been adopted by the Council on 25<sup>th</sup> June and thanking all involved for their support and assistance. The Plan had been sent to WBC. The meeting recorded thanks to EN, the Chairman and PB for their involvement in the project.
2. The West Berkshire Libraries' Annual Report had been received and distributed to Councillors.
3. Notification of increased rates for Street Lighting and for electric supply to the pavilion had been received.

## 4029 **Finance**

The following payments were agreed unanimously: (P – MC, S – EN)

Michael Gurr	Litter picking July 2018	62.40
John Austin	Salary & expenses June 2018	684.93
James Snelling	Groundsman's pay & expenses June 2018	221.38
Southern Electric	Street Lighting Feb – June 2018	927.76
SSE Contracting	Street Light Maintenance Apr - Jun	636.25
Chris Fenwick	Planning Officer's Allowance Apr - Jun	25.00
Mark Ulry	Mower repairs/service	215.00
HMRC	PAYE/NIC on Clerk's salary	174.88
Veolia	Bin emptying June 2018	31.63
		<u>£2,979.23</u>

Chairman & EN to authorise

## 4030 **District Councillor's comments.**

- Government Rate Support Grant is now at zero and could conceivably go negative in future years. The income received from the new Business Rates has not been guaranteed for next year.
- Money has been received to assist with rough sleepers.

- The new housing sites list may be consulted on in November. The number of houses required for the district in the coming years will be known in August.
- 9 Parish Councils are thinking of developing Neighbourhood Plans. However there is only funding for 5.
- WBC is attempting to reduce the number of expensive agency staff in Social Services who at present make up 48% of personnel.
- Funding has been received to improve the cycleway between Thatcham and Newbury.
- There are at present 149 children in care.
- 13 schools are currently in deficit.
- WBC are supporting the plans for a 3<sup>rd</sup> runway at Heathrow.
- Speen Parish Council is currently considering buying the Rising Sun at Stockcross.

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### **Planning**

1. Applications

18/01021/ADV Donnington Grove Country Club, Donnington RG14 2LA

3 vinyl banners on perimeter fence

See decisions

18/01404/HOUSE 46 Dene Way, Donnington RG14 2JW

First floor extension over existing single storey ground floor extension.

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

18/01488/HOUSE Foxdene, Long Lane, Shaw RG14 2TA

Convert existing front conservatory to habitable room

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

2. WBC Decisions

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

Construction of new wedding and function barn

Granted

18/01068/HOUSE 77 Dene Way, Donnington RG14 2JN

Two storey side extension, replacement doors and windows and internal alterations

Granted

18/01021/ADV Donnington Grove Country Club, Donnington RG14 2LA

3 vinyl banners on perimeter fence

Refused

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### **Mini Book Hub**

Due to holidays this was currently on hold

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### **Revised Parish Plan**

.As SD was unexpectedly absent this was delayed until September.

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### **Churchyard tombs update**

The deadline for the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund is 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019. One of the big difficulties is the spending on the heritage aspect (only 50% of the grant will be for restoration) and a demonstration of a community interest in the restoration. WBC is setting up a project for a Conservation Management Plan for the Shaw House and Church Conservation Area (CAMP). Part of the project will include the restoration of the tombs. It is hoped that the CAMP project can be joined with to provide the spending on the heritage aspect for the application.

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### **Amenities**

1. LED Street Lighting. Deferred until September.
2. Playground equipment repairs. Spare parts have been received from Wicksteed. The Chairman has fixed the Rotaplay and will shortly replace the bearing on the Big Swing.
3. The vandalism at Donnington Recreation Ground was raised at the recent meeting of SS&D Community Forum. The Forum decided to put the Rec on their watch list for the coming months. There was also an offer from the police for the loan of a covert camera which may involve a small cost for setting up.

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### **Footpaths**

Any problems and overgrowth on footpaths should be reported via the WBC website facility.

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### **Highways**

The double yellow lines had now been installed at Kingsley Close/Love Lane junction. Cars are now reportedly parking on the pavements and grass verges which needs monitoring.

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**Members Reports and Questions**

.GT reported that several litter bins (not ScD ones) were overflowing. He will report to WBC via the website facility.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 08.35 pm.