

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 21st March 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present

Bill Graham (BG), Sean Doherty (SD), Chris Fenwick (CF), Tony Harris (TH), Elizabeth Nonweiler (EN), Glyn Thomas (GT) and Colin Yates (CY).

In attendance: Paul Bryant (PB) (WBC Councillor), John Austin (Clerk), Stephen Davies (Sandtrend Ltd), Conor Flanagan (Origin 3) and 20 members of the public

Note: P = proposed, S = seconded

3949 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mary Carter (MC),

3950 **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman and EN declared an interest in the land west of the Wantage Road as their properties were close to the development.

3951 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2018 were approved unanimously (P – SD, S – GT) and signed as a true record.

3952 **Matters arising**

3933/1. The new dog waste bin for the NW corner of the Vodafone footpath had been installed.

The Clerk had written to WBC as it did not appear to be too stable.

3942. SD had ascertained from WBC that schools in the area had emergency plans in place and did regular practices.

3953 **Presentation by agents of the developers/owners of the land west of the Wantage Road**

Stephen Davies, representing the owners, and Conor Flanagan, a planning consultant, formerly introduced themselves and gave a brief update on what they'd done to date and what else was currently in hand, mainly in terms of their pre-app meeting with WBC and the consultant reports they'd commissioned and had in hand. They supplied an indicative plan of how a scheme may be presented onsite and invited ideas from the Parish on what it may wish to see as part of any development. They listened to queries, concerns and comments from Councillors and members of the public present which they promised to consider fully as part of any application.

3954 **Correspondence**

1. An e-mail advising of a police "Have Your Say" day in Burchell Road, Speen on either Sunday 18/03/18 or Sunday 25/03/18. . Councillors invited to take part.
2. A parishioner reported instances of noisy motorbikes going up and down Castle Lane late at night and in the early hours of the morning. This was confirmed by some members of the public present at the meeting. CF will speak to police colleagues to investigate.
3. An e-mail notifying of a large volunteering event taking place at Newbury Racecourse on 29/03/18. Many groups and organisations connected to the volunteering sector will be taking part.
4. An e-mail advising of the SSE Power Distribution funding system. Closing date for bidding is 15/05/18. It was not felt that the Council had any suitable projects to attract funding from here.

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Finance

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

Michael Gurr	Litter picking Mar 2018	62.40
John Austin	Salary & expenses Feb 2018	673.51
James Snelling	Groundsman's pay Feb 2018	48.00
Cllr. Bill Graham	Grounds maintenance	60.00
Cllr. Glyn Thomas	Deposit on 'bouncy castle' (summer event)	15.00
West Berks Council	Grass cutting, RoSPA checks, dog bins	1,222.19
Plank Bros Ltd	Hedge cutting – Recreation Ground	540.00
Colin Yates	Defibrillator purchase reimbursement	1,311.00
HMRC	PAYE/NIC on Clerk's salary	167.43
Veolia	Bin emptying Dec 2017	31.63
		<u>£4,131.16</u>

Chairman & EN to authorise

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District Councillor's comments.

- The WBC budget has now been agreed. This will see a 5.99% increase in Council Tax.
- WBC will go ahead as a pathfinder for the new business rate retention scheme as reported in previous minutes..
- The District/Parish conference was very successful.

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Planning1. Applications

18/00216/LBC2 Gardner's Cottage, Donnington Castle House RG14 2LE
Minor alterations

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

2. WBC Decisions

There were no decisions to report

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West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2036

The Chairman had drafted and pre-circulated a reply to the consultation. Nothing further was added by Councillors.

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Parish Assembly 2nd May 2018

It was suggested that the following should be added to the agenda for discussion

- Twitter
- Playground extension
- Land west of the Wantage Road
- Village Summer Event

It was also mooted that a talk could be given by one of the organisations involved in the Lambourn Valley and its environment.

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Community defibrillator

- The draft agreement between the Council and the Village Hall was unanimously agreed (P – TH, S – GT)
- It looked likely there would be a substantial surplus between donations received and actual costs due to various factors. This will be discussed at a future meeting when final figures are known and will be the subject of discussion with all donors.

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Village Summer event 3rd June 2018

A meeting will be arranged shortly to discuss details. A possibility was felt to be to involve the Castle School Café 16 project.

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Community Clean 24th March 2018

It will take place between 10.30am and 12 noon. Everything is now organised, SD will pick up the necessary equipment this week. A vote of thanks was given to SD for his hard work in organising the day.

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Street Lighting

An e-mail had been received from Vectos, Transport Planners, which stated that as part of road improvements to Love Lane as a consequence of the north Newbury development they would like to replace 4 of the parish council's lighting columns with better columns and LED lamps. The

responsibility for maintenance and ownership of these lights would then subsequently be passed to WBC. Agreement of the parish council was sought for this plan.

As this e-mail had come 'out of the blue' it was felt that WBC should be consulted. PB will speak to Highways. It was also felt that should the parish council agree to the proposal, the relatively new LED heads which had been fitted to some of the columns in question must be retained and returned to the council.

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Churchyard tombs

All joint applicants had now agreed to their names being on the Heritage Lottery Fund application. The initial application had subsequently been filed. There was still a great deal of work to be done to progress the application, especially on the heritage aspect.

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Amenities

1. Improvements to Play Area.
 - a. GT had just received ideas from years 5 & 6 of the ScD Primary school which will be studied.
 - b. Suggested plans had just been received from Playground Services at Hungerford. Costings were still being worked on.
 - c. Several funding streams were being investigated by GT in conjunction with the Chairman
2. Play Area slide steps. It was felt the problem with the slide can possibly be incorporated in any landscaping design that will be part of the improvements to the Play Area.

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Footpaths

A notification had been received from WBC that the official order to divert a portion of the footpath at Honeybottom had now been confirmed.

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Highways

Concern was expressed by a member of the public over the congestion at both the Oxford Road/Wantage Road and Love Lane/Oxford Road junctions during peak traffic times. A discussion ensued between Councillors and members of the public present. PB will consult with Highways about traffic lights at the Love Lane junction.

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Members Reports and Questions

1. The District/Parish conference went well. It would appear that West Berkshire is generally a healthy community but loneliness and community spirit needs some serious attention.
2. CF and CY attended the electronic planning training session. It all appears to be relatively simple.
3. The website peaked for hits during the recent snowy period. It must ensure that information is posted to the site during these times.
4. An increased number of very large lorries had been using the Wantage Road during the past 3 – 4 weeks. It was mooted that perhaps a width and/or a weight restriction may be required. Councillors were asked to monitor as far as possible this increase in large scale vehicles.
5. There are proposals by Thames Water to tap in to the sewerage system in Dene Way/Northern Avenue to accommodate the sewage/waste water from the north Newbury development. The extent and effect of the project is not yet clear but will need monitoring when plans are better defined.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.