

# 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> September 2017 at 7.30pm.

## **Present**

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

In attendance: John Austin (Clerk), 4 Parishioners.

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

## 3842 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mary Carter (MC) and Tony Harris (TH)

## 3843 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3844 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved unanimously (P – TH, S – SD) and signed as a true record.

## 3845 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

## 3846 **Co-option of Councillor**

Colin Yates was unanimously co-opted onto the Council (P – SD, S – EN)

## 3847 **Correspondence**

1. An e-mail from Newbury Town Council advising that their allotments were now available to applicants outside their parish but at double the rent charged to residents. SD will put on website.
2. A request had been received from the Reading Valuation Office who had been asked by WBC to value the Donnington Recreation Ground pavilion.
3. A notification of the BALC AGM on 28/11/2017 7.45pm at the Oakwood Centre, Woodley. The Chairman and CF will attend.
4. WBC Members' Community Bid Grants deadline is 27 October. There are no projects at present.
5. A request by Newbury YMCA Football Club to use the Recreation Ground for some matches for the coming season. The Chairman will consult with Newbury Ladies FC but it was felt that the logistics of use by a second club would probably not be practical.
6. Notification of BALC's Autumn Training schedule. This had been circulated. The Clerk will attend a 'Meet the new auditors and finance session' and the Chairman and Clerk will attend a General Data Protection Regulation session, both courses in November
7. A notification of a Counter Terrorism Awareness Briefing at WBC Council Offices on 10/10/2017 at 1pm. CF will attend.
8. Notification of Speed Indicator Device Training session on 25/10/2017 at 6.30pm at WBC Offices.
9. An e-mail advising that a consultation on WBC's proposed changes to the Street Cleansing and Litter Picking Service will take place between 20/09/2017 and 31/10/2017.

## 3848 **Finance**

1. The insurance quote for 2017/18 was discussed and accepted

2. The following payments were agreed unanimously:

August (P – GT, S – SD)

|                   |                                |                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Southern Electric | Pavilion 23/05 – 09/08         | 74.74          |
| SSE Contracting   | P4 Love Lane light replacement | 458.94         |
| Mazars            | External Audit 2016/17         | 240.00         |
| HMRC              | PAYE/NIC on Clerk's salary     | 167.43         |
| Veolia            | Bin emptying July 2017         | 29.69          |
|                   |                                | <u>£970.80</u> |

September (P – SD, S – GT)

|                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| Michael Gurr   | Litter picking Aug & Sept 2017          | 124.80           |
| John Austin    | Salary & expenses Jul & Aug 2017        | 1,330.99         |
| James Snelling | Groundsman's pay & exps. Jul & Aug 2017 | 514.19           |
| Castle Water   | Pavilion 26/04 – 07/09                  | 16.78            |
| Bill Graham    | Ground & property maintenance           | 43.10            |
| Chris Fenwick  | Planning Officer's Allowance Jul - Sep  | 25.00            |
| Mark Ulry      | Mower repairs                           | 284.00           |
| Came & Co      | Insurance premium 2017/18               | 1,464.81         |
| HMRC           | PAYE/NIC on Clerk's salary              | 167.43           |
| Veolia         | Bin emptying Aug 2017                   | 44.53            |
|                |   | <u>£4,015.63</u> |

3849 **District Councillor's comments.**

There were no District Councillor's comments

3850 **Planning**

1. Applications

- 17/01812/LBC2 Shaw House, Church Road. Recover existing entrance porch +  
Council decision: No objections (P – SD, S – GT)
- 17/01942/FULD 60 Dene Way RG14 2JW Sub-divide plot for new 3 bed dwelling  
Application withdrawn
- 17/01950/HOUSE 11 Lampacres RG14 2EH. S73 Variation of condition  
Council decision: No objections (P – SD, S – GT)
- 17/01988/FULD & 17/01989/LBC2 The Green, Snelsmore Common RG14 3BG  
Retrospective application for change of use to 2 flats  
Council decision: No objections (P – SD, S – GT)
- 17/02000/FULD & 17/02001/LBC2 Manager's Flat, Snelsmore House RG14 3BG  
Retrospective change of use.  
Council decision: No objections (P – SD, S – GT)
- 17/02005/FULD Jordans, Snelsmore Common RG14 3BG Change of use to multiple  
occupation  
Council decision: No objections. Condition: Not for letting (P – SD, S – GT)
- 17/02006/FUL Bethsaida, Snelsmore Common RG14 3BG Change of use to multiple  
occupation  
Council decision: No objections (P – SD, S – GT)
- 17/02092/OUTMAJ Land at covered reservoir, Bath Rd, Speen. Outline application for 93  
dwellings (Out of Parish)  
Council decision: No objections (P – SD, S – GT)
- 17/02093/OUTMAJ Land off Lambourn Road, Speen. Outline application for 14 dwellings  
(Out of parish)  
Council decision: No objections (P – SD, S – GT)
- 17/02107/COMIND Castle School, Love Lane. Three classroom single storey extension  
plus car parking and landscaping works.  
Council decision: No objections (P – SD, S – GT)
- 17/02272/HOUSE Donnington Hurst, Wantage Road, Donnington RG14 3BE  
Replacement garage with home office , storage etc. above  
Council decision: No objections (P – SD, S – GT)
- 17/02280/HOUSE 1 Yew Gate, Love Lane, Shaw RG14 2JG Single storey extension and  
internal alterations.  
Council decision: No objections (P – SD, S – GT)
- 17/02435/HOUSE Old Tannery, Donnington. Single storey rear extension + alterations  
Council decision: No objections (P – SD, S – GT)

2. WBC Decisions

- 17/00939/FUL The Barn, Highwood Farm. Change of use to garden + carport

Granted – area for change of use reduced  
17/01812/LBC2 Shaw House, Church Road. Recover existing entrance porch +  
Granted  
17/01950/HOUSE 11 Lampacres RG14 2EH. S73 Variation of condition  
Granted

3. Appeal

16/03472/FUL 3 Love Lane, Donnington RG14 2JH. Change of use to HMO  
An appeal has been lodged against WBC refusal decision

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**Land west of the Wantage Road (Christmas Tree field)**

- An update e-mail had been received from Stephen Davies of Homemade Properties Ltd.
- An e-mail had been received from the owners of Donnington Castle House confirming they had a covenant on the land restricting its use to agriculture,
- The Chairman suggested that the Council consider making an offer to buy part of the land to extend the Donnington Recreation Ground so that it could incorporate a full sized football pitch.

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**Website**

In the absence of the Webmaster there was no report.

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**Changes to Data Protection Law - May 2018**

The Clerk summarised the changes that would be taking place in data protection legislation next year with the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation. SD agreed to take on the responsibility of overseeing any changes necessary for the Council.

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**Boundary Review of West Berkshire draft recommendations**

It was felt no comment was necessary.

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**Amenities**

1. Discussion of pavilion solar panels was postponed to the next meeting.
2. There was general agreement that the council needs to employ a professional cleaner for the pavilion for a maximum of twice per month or possibly after each use.
3. It was unanimously agreed to replace the 4 wooden posts around the Owen Road Recreation Ground, which had been knocked down, with concrete posts. (P – Chairman, S – SD).

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**Footpaths**

There were no objections to the diversion of footpath 20/1 at Honeybottom.

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**Highways**

1. Several SID surveys had taken place during July. MC had pre-circulated the results in an e-mail to Councillors together with an extraction of data from a WBC survey of the B4009 at Long Lane in August. There was a request from a parishioner present for a speed survey to be undertaken of the Wantage Road.
2. It was unclear if the signs displayed in Castle Lane had made any difference to speeds or if WBC had been contacted as a result of the notice placed on the Donnington Village noticeboard.
3. It was unanimously agreed to erect a wooden post on the verge in Shop Lane to accommodate a similar 'Slow Down' sign as in Castle Lane. (P – Chairman, S – CF),

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**Members Reports and Questions**

1. SD will accompany the Chairman to a meeting in October of all interested parties concerning the restoration of the dilapidated tombs in the Churchyard.
2. GT had reported to WBC an overgrowth on to the pavement on the south side of Love Lane.
3. The Castle pub was reportedly re-opening on 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> October.
4. The draft Newbury Town Plan will be presented to WBC after formal approval. Photographs were wanted from parishes for illustrative purposes for the presentation.
5. It was noted at the recent NAG meeting that crime and speeding had increased in Speen but Shaw-cum-Donnington figures remain at a similar level as previously.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.42 pm.