

Shaw-cum-Donnington Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held by video conference on Wednesday, 20 January 2021 at 7.30pm.

Visit of Laura Ferris MP

The following subjects were discussed with Laura Ferris:

The Need for Social Infrastructure

LF shares the Parish's concerns regarding the lack of social infrastructure and will bring this to WBC and HCKG's attention.

Rules of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Award

PB explained that the CIL for ScD Parish will be capped at between 4 and 9 percent because of the current CIL rules, which reduce the proportion of CIL awarded to parishes based on the timing and size of developments. This is currently under review by the Government, and LF will take this up on behalf of the Council.

Planning Consultation

LF explained that the new White Paper on planning should enhance the role of Parish Councils regarding consultation with all parties on planning applications. For instance in our case, the developers on both sides of the A339 have shown little intention of responding to the issues we have raised with them in a number of consultations. PB will write to Laura to highlight our concerns.

Devolution of Power/Responsibilities to Parishes

LF mentioned the devolution White Paper which has been delayed due to Covid. She said this paper will address these issues.

Green Considerations

LF explained the new Environment Bill is the most drastic 'green' legislation ever drafted in the UK.

Part 1

Present

Bill Graham (Chairman), Paul Bryant (PB), Mary Carter (MC), Sean Doherty (SD), Tony Harris (TH), Glyn Thomas (GT), and Colin Yates (CY).

In attendance: Ward members Steve Masters and Lynne Doherty, acting Clerk Gillian Durrant plus 8 members of the public.

Note: P = proposed, S = seconded (All decisions unanimous unless otherwise indicated)

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Apologies

Apologies: John Austin (Clerk)

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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 6 December 2020 were approved as a true record.
(P –TH, S – GT)

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Matters arising

4465 GT said that the removal of P4 lamp post at the junction of Love Lane and Northern Avenue required to build the entrance into DWH's site had led to a dangerous lack of street lighting there.

DWH subcontractor, Blaze construction, project manager Matt Anderson has said it is not in their plan to replace P4.

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Correspondence

1. Complaints from two residents by email to PB and TH that footpaths Shaw 4/1 and 4/4 have been blocked by David Wilson Homes. GT had received reports that people have removed the signage, which could be dangerous. BG will write to Blaze Construction to ensure the paths are safely closed off.
The footpaths were not originally planned to be closed during the building works. PB has spoken to John Winstanley at WBC as has SM, however it would be dangerous and not realistic to insist the underpass section should not be closed for six months of construction.
2. Telephone complaint to BG from a resident living close to the Donnington Recreation Ground about annoying drone flying. Drones should not be flown within 150 metres of homes or 50 metres from people. All agreed to install signs saying 'no flying of drones'. MC to provide a draft for BG. A member of the public said drones are also disturbing Donnington Castle.
3. Letter from WBC transferring ownership of Church Car Park Street lights to the parish council. See item 4476.
4. WBC consultation about school term dates. BG will respond to say the council has noted.
5. WBC consultation about mineral extraction. PB will respond that the council has noted the plans but has no response to make on this occasion.
6. London Hearts Charity offering £200 towards a defibrillator. Members agreed not to accept as currently there is no suitable location for a second defibrillator.
7. WBC Covid support scheme for lost income for Town and Parish Councils. Members agreed that the council had not suffered any loss of income as a result of Covid, so would not be claiming.
8. Greenham Common Trust is collecting for Laptops for Learning. BG and David Willets are going to consult with other SAFE stakeholders to decide whether to contribute. TH advised BG and DH should check required specifications with Greenham before donating.

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Finance

1. The following payments were approved – (P- MC, S- GT). TH and SD will authorise the payments at the bank.
2. The following payments were agreed:

Robert Walker	Litter picking December 2020	64.45
John Austin	Salary and expenses December 2020	697.59
James Snelling	Groundsman	56.00
Southern Electric	Oct – Dec Street Lights	446.26
HMRC	PAYE/NIC	205.24
Veolia	Bin emptying December 2020	54.58
		<u>£1,524.12</u>
3. Budget 2021/22
This was unanimously approved. P – BG S – PB
4. Agree and set Precept for 2021/22
The precept was unanimously agreed as £41,000 for 2021/22. P – BG S – PB.

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Planning

a. Applications:

20/02853 and 20/02845/LBC. Conversion of barn at Shaw Farm RG14 2HY
No objection P – PB S - GT

20/02945/ADV. Publicity Signs for Shaw Valley Development east of A339
No objection P –PB , S – BG

20/03065/COND1 Bracken Cottage Snelsmore Common Newbury RG14 3BG.
No objection P – PB, S – BG

21/00040 /COND1 Electric Vehicle Charging Points at Shaw Valley Development
Objection – Shaw Valley east of A339 should provide an equivalent number of charging points as are already planned for Donnington Vale west of A339 P – PB, S – GT

b. WBC Decisions

Elm Cottage Long Lane – extension. Approved, Council had no objection

Old Coach House – tree felling

Mobile home at 3 Yew Gate, Love Lane – approved.

PB has circulated his draft of the council's response to the WBC Local Plan consultation. It was agreed by all that this should be submitted by 5.2.2020 as required. P – PB, S – GT.

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Amenities

There were no official reports. WG will post No Drone signs at the Rec and Donnington Castle.

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Highways

Church Car park lighting – WBC have confirmed in writing that the lamps are to be transferred to ScD Parish Council. These now need to be added to the parish asset register. We will also need to inform SSE to add to their charging and maintenance records.

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Footpaths

BG will write to the Project Manager, Blaze Construction about the closed footpath 4/4 emphasising the need for robust clear signage, robust barriers and SAFETY! BG will urge completion of the underpass connection within the shortest time possible, which becomes essential now the two sites are building out concurrently.

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Members Reports and Questions

GT reinforced his point made in 4477 above. BG will contact WBC Highways to instruct that if their planned additions to the street lighting of the site entrance cannot be installed forthwith, they should make a temporary improvement by increasing the intensity of the existing lamp P1 Northern Avenue.

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Part 2 (Confidential)

Appointment of temporary Clerk and review of both Clerk's terms and conditions

It was unanimously agreed to appoint Gillian Durrant as acting clerk. The current clerk's terms and conditions will be subject to the NALC review for 21/22 P – BG, S – GT.

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Review of Litter Pickers Salary

Based on the Real Living Wage, it shall be increased to £9.50 per hour as of April 2021.

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Review of Groundsman's contractor rate

To be increased in line with the NJC rate once known. P – TH, S- CY

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm