

Shaw-cum-Donnington Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held by video conference on Wednesday, 21 April 2021 at 7.30pm.

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 Lynne Doherty and Steve Masters, acting Clerk Gillian Durrant plus 4 members of the public

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

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Apologies

John Austin, Clerk

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Declarations of Interest

Paul Bryant – re planning application 21/00830/HOUSE
Glyn Thomas – re 4517 (2), the sewage pipeline is by the side of his garden.

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Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 February were approved as a true record. (P–PB, S–GT)

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Matters arising

Steve Masters' contact is unable to attend as the speaker for Annual Parish Meeting from the Ramblers Association. TH offered to ask to Tony Vickers to be a replacement speaker.
4506 Highways; the WBC members bid grant for the SID is shown as £1600, which represents half the cost of the SID.

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Correspondence

- Email – from resident re speeding in Long Lane. He has been advised of the imminent purchase of a SID device.
- Email – from resident of Donnington Village re overflow of Sewage from Oxford Road. The sewage pipe has been repaired and the gulleys swept today. However the second drain from the top of Shop Lane is still blocked, and the nearby verge is overgrown. Lynne will report this to WBC.
- Survey from WBC for the Rights of Way Improvement Plan, to be looked at by members with a response required by 30 May.
- WBC request for politically independent volunteers for their Ethics Committee. GD to find the form and nominate BG.

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Finance

The following payments were approved (P- MC, S- CY). GT and PB will authorise the payments.

Rt Walker	Litter picking March 2021	64.25
John Austin	Salary and expenses March 2021	697.79
G Durrant	Charge	466.98
James Snelling	Groundsman	56.00
Plank Brothers	Hedge Cutting	540.00
Bill Graham	website and email charges for 2020/21	261.13
WBC	Annual charge for grounds maintenance	1,103.46
SSE	Quarterly light repairs	196.66
SSE	Quarterly charge for street lights electricity	455.32
SSE	Pavilion	-101.95
Paul Bryant	Replacement bulbs for street lamps	31.98
HMRC	PAYE/NIC	205.24
Veolia	Bin emptying February 2021	36.38

£3,923.24

Total payments authorised (excluding Direct Debits)

£3,783.57

4514 **District Councillors' Reports**

Lynne reported that there was a court case today regarding on line council meetings after 7 May. Currently it would be against the law for Council Meetings to be held on line after 7 May. Members bid funding needs to be decided by mid-June – Lynne suggested play equipment for Owen Road – perhaps a basketball hoop. Bollards have been restored on a green space at Kingsley Close by WBC, but some residents don't want them as they want to park on the grass. Paul Hendry of WBC is looking into this issue. PB suggested a working group to consider the future use of Owen Field, starting with a site visit. Lynne, PB, BG and TH agreed to attend a site visit – PB to organise.

4515 **Planning**

a. Applications

1. 21/00830/HOUSE demolition of garage etc and 2 storey extension, St Francis Well Meadow. No decision taken in meeting – to be decided after further perusal. Councillor PB did not take part in the discussion or vote.

b. WBC Decisions

1. 21/00579/MDOPO Withdrawal of modification of planning permission 14/02480/OUTMAJ for Land adjacent to Hilltop Oxford Road
2. 21/00602/NONMAT amended plans for door and driveway, 60 Dene Way, Donnington – approved

4516 **Update on correspondence with English Heritage and Adventure Out regarding the trial of events at Donnington Castle.**

English Heritage reported back following the last Council meeting, responding to the Councils queries, and consequently the councillors informally agreed to support the English Heritage proposal. David Willets and BG met 'Adventure Out' at The Castle Pub to discuss their facilities. The publican has not heard anything more from 'Adventure Out'. Sir Christopher Gent had a Zoom meeting with Alex Sydney from English Heritage, who reported he had reached agreement with the Castle Pub to use their car park and toilet facilities. Alex advised Sir Christopher that attendees would be advised to use the Castle Pub car park in preference to the one at Donnington Castle. He also agreed to come and look at the difficulties of the site with the frequently overflowing car park. The project will be going ahead from the beginning of May.

David Willets offered to drop a note to John Swan from the pub, who is happy with the arrangement as long as the attendees have also been encouraged to use the pub.

Jennifer McCracken of English Heritage(?) had emailed Bill Ashton to say the Castle Pub car park is suggested to attendees as an alternative to the Donnington Castle car park. This email probably should have gone to BG. BG will get clarification from English Heritage on car parking and the portaloo.

4517 **Amenities**

1. There is now an explanation of the No Drones Policy on the website which refers to the CAA guidance.
2. GT expressed concern over the adequacy of the sewage pipeline for the new housing estate north of Love Lane. MC pointed out that there is paperwork in connection with this as part of the documentation on WBC's planning portal for the new housing estate north of Love Lane. MC to locate the document and forward it to councillors.

4518 **Annual Parish Meeting** –7.30pm on 5th May by Zoom. MC suggested updating parishioners on the result of WBC's 'call for sites' last year. Agenda to be finalised this week, and copies to be made by TH to put through letter boxes the week after.

4519 **Annual General Meeting** – 7.30pm on 19th May in ScD Village Hall, taking all reasonable Covid 19 precautions. This meeting will include election of the Chair and other positions.

4520 **Highways**

1. We will be unable to position the SID on lampposts, as it is too heavy, and may cause damage to the posts. We will therefore need to purchase a tripod initially. The order is been made.

2. Road closures: Love Lane, Dene Way and Oxford Road are now open again. Shop Lane is still closed for now, for emergency electrical works.

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Footpaths – BG has written and thanked Malcolm Morris of the Donnington Valley Hotel for improvements to the footpath at Nothing Hill.

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Members Reports and Questions

TH reported that cookies had now been enabled on the website, so users now need to click on the cookies message before using the site. On the left of the site is a disabled symbol for accessibility for those who are partially sighted/colour blind etc.

PB reported that the developers of the housing site north of Love Lane should only be using the Love Lane access for heavy machinery, and this agreement has not been adhered to, as many cars are being parked there.

PB was surprised to see many of the allotments are not being tended, as there is a waiting list at present. GT said the allotment holders have been contacted in regard to this.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.38pm

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