

Shaw-cum-Donnington Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at Shaw-cum Donnington Village Hall on Wednesday, 15 December 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present

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

In attendance: Parish Clerk Gillian Durrant (GD) plus 1 member of the public

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

4611 **Apologies** Cllrs Sean Doherty and Steve Masters (WBC)

4612 **Declarations of Interest** there were none

4613 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November were approved as a true record (P – CY, S - MC), with the change to Minute 4600 'SD said 62% of residents surveyed *two years ago*'.

4614 Matters arising

PB attended the West Berkshire Parish Climate Forum on zoom on Wednesday 24th November and will send round minutes.

School poster competition – councillors enjoyed looking at the entries created by the pupils of Shaw-cum-Donnington Primary School, and chose a winner. GT will liaise with the school to present the prize, and forward the electronic image to GD who will obtain a quote for creating a sign for the play area.

BG to look into the cost savings of dimming streetlights.

4601 Correspondence

- Three cherry trees from WBC have been planted in the churchyard.
- WBC are having Zoom sessions to discuss ideas for the library service. GD to forward email to Councillors and the participant will be decided at the next meeting.
- Overflowing dog bins have now been sorted.
- Give Way sign in Love Lane has now been moved to the correct place.

4602 Finance

The following payments were approved (P - TH, S - MC). BG and GT will authorise the payments. Payments for October.

Payments for November

Rt Walker	Litter picking November 2021	64.45
G Durrant	Salary and expenses November 2021	833.16
James Snelling	Groundsman	86.78
HMRC	PAYE/NIC	45.18
Bill Graham	new padlock and keys for noticeboards	49.75
WBC	Contribution to library service	1600.00
British Legion	Contribution for poppy wreath	50.00
NEST (DD)	Clerk's pension November	122.92
Veolia (DD)	Bin emptying November 2021	90.96
		<u>£2,943.20</u>

Total payments authorised for November (excluding Direct Debits): £2,729.32

GD agreed to look into the invoices from Veolia as the costs appear to increase each month despite the costs being part of a contract.

The 2022/23 budget was considered and a number of amendments made. GD has requested the amended tax base from WBC. The amended budget will be discussed again in the January meeting, and the precept will be agreed.

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District Councillors' Reports

Lynne Doherty's report was noted.

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Planning

a. Applications

1. 21/02756/HOUSE 66 Kingsley Close, side extension and disabled access Approved subject to obscure glazing in window. (P PB, S CY – BG).

b. Decisions

1. 21/01610/HOUSE Kiln Copse House, Wantage Rd, replacement rear extension, Approved

2. 21/02263/FUL Land adjacent to Hilltop, erection of 7 flagpoles, Approved

3. 21/02837/PASSHE 38 Kingsley Close, new side extension – approval not required

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Amenities

- a. A defibrillator for the Cricket Pavilion was discussed. Concern over vandalism was expressed, but all agreed that an outdoor defibrillator, useable by all was preferable. It was agreed that an application should be made on the Good Exchange. BG to look into setting up a page on the Good Exchange website.
- b. Vandalism at the Pavilion. A window was broken, but access was not gained. BG is organising the repairs.
- c. GD is still awaiting quotes from one grounds maintenance contractor and WBC for the scarifying of the ground, but a quote of £375 plus VAT has been received, and the contractor has also been asked to quote for mowing the meadow and removing arisings in the autumn. GD to provide full costings at next meeting.

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Footpaths – WBC have agreed to cut back trees to the boundary of the footpath. This will be done in sections over the winter.

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Community Steering Group – report of revived inaugural meeting

The first meeting has been held this week. The parish primary school is the main issue. David Willetts will circulate the 'Doddle', a means of communicating with the community. GD to make two changes to the terms of reference, subject to these, they were agreed.

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Response to Parish Letter

We have potentially gained a new councillor. Only one other response, which was an enquiry regarding the closure of the primary school.

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Members Reports and Questions

GT mentioned the website was out of date on Members Interests page. TH to delete previous members. GT has noticed that David Wilson Homes are still using the Love Lane gate occasionally.

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Co-option of New Councillor

Margo Payne has volunteered to be co-opted as a new councillor, but was unable to attend the meeting due to the current Covid situation. The councillors unanimously agreed to co-opt Margo as a councillor (P PB and S GT).

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

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