

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, 19 January 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present

Bill Graham (Chairman), Mary Carter (MC), Tony Harris (TH), Glyn Thomas (GT), Paul Bryant (PB) Margo Payne (MP) and WBC Councillor Lynne Doherty (LD).

In attendance: Parish Clerk Gillian Durrant (GD) plus 3 members of the public.

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

4625 **Apologies** Cllrs Sean Doherty (SD) and Colin Yates (CY)

4626 **Declarations of Interest** there were none

4627 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 December were approved as a true record (P – TH, S - GT),

4628 Matters arising

GD has obtained a quote for 2 metal signs for the winning 'dog pooh' poster; £258 to include metal poles. All agreed this was too expensive, so for the time being the signs will be laminated. GD to email sign to TH to print and laminate sufficient signs for both recreation grounds.

BG to look into the cost of dimming the streetlights and report back.

WBC is holding Zoom sessions to discuss the future of the library service 25 or 26 January. TH will be attending on 25th January.

GD spoke to Veolia and we are now back to the bin being emptied once a week.

4629 Correspondence

- Long Lane resident asking for an update on the deployment of the SID. WBC had confirmed that it would be installed by end of January, but post meeting advised the date had moved to March. TH offered to draft a press release for the new SID when installed.
- West Berks Heritage Forum we have been asked if we wish to make presentation at the AGM, GD to confirm that PB and David Willetts will organise a 5 minute presentation.
- The Council agreed there is no need to join in the WB campaign for rollout of the Gigabit
- PB will attend the WB Green Exchange on 2.2.22
- A resident has emailed the Council, concerned about Trinity parents parking cars on yellow lines in Stable Court. LD has agreed to take this up and ask for the police to attend.
- No one wished to attend the WBC budget zoom meeting on 6 February
- An enquiry was received regarding hiring part of the recreation ground on Saturday mornings for a children's boot camp.

4630 Finance

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

Payments for December

Rt Walker	Litter picking December 2021	64.45
G Durrant	Salary and expenses December 2021	833.16
James Snelling	Groundsman	56.00
HMRC	PAYE/NIC	45.38
Bill Graham	Repair to pavilion following break in	73.00
Glyn Thomas	Waterstones voucher for poster prize	20.00
Glyn Thomas	Deposit on Bouncy Castle for Jubilee Lunch	26.00
Castle Water	Water charges for pavilion	42.07
SSE	Quarterly charge for lampposts	636.01

SLCC	Annual Subscription	183.00
Lib Dems	Printing Christmas Letter	92.00
Bill Graham	Ionos Annual Fee	216.00
NEST (DD)	Clerk's pension December	122.92
Veolia (DD)	Bin emptying December 2021	72.77
		<u>£2,482.76</u>

Total payments authorised for December (excluding Direct Debits): £2,287.07

It was agreed to set up a new Direct Debit mandate for Castle Water payments (P – MC, S - GT).

Contribution to WBC library services of £1,600 for 2021-22 which is in the budget (P - PB, S - MP) TH voted against, and GT abstained.

The 2022/23 budget was considered. The precept of £47,000 was approved (P - PB, S - BG).

4631 **District Councillors' Reports**

Lynne Doherty reported that WBC was focussing on booster vaccinations. Covid numbers peaked here on 4 January with 1,600 people in the district with Covid. Currently we have 839 with Covid in the district. Everyone in ICUs from the district is unvaccinated. Additional grants for hospitality businesses have been distributed. The green waste service was suspended for a week because of the lack of staff at Veolia. There will be a change to waste collection days in February.

A household grant was distributed to those in need before Christmas. Free bus travel to support Christmas shopping, instead of free parking, was implemented. The Health and Wellbeing Board annual conference is taking place this Friday 10am – 12.30pm. WBC has received a planning application for the Pilgrims Guest House to become a care home, in addition to the HMO application already being considered. LD asked the parish council to consider adding a bin to The Castle pub car park. LD will share an email from a local resident who was kindly litter picking this car park recently, so BG can thank her. LD offered to help with the Jubilee event and the litter pick. LD has chased WBC re the trees on Shaw Hill footpath.

4632 **Planning**

a. Applications

- 21/03183/LBC2 Church End, Church Rd, replacement of unauthorised roof and UPVC windows No objection (P - PB, S - BG)
- 21/03178/HOUSE Red Farmhouse, Long Lane, Garage and Home Office No objection but condition that the new annex cannot be a separate dwelling (P - BG, S - BG)
- 21/03232/HOUSE Field View, Grange Farm, Long Lane, variation of lighting in ground floor extension No objection (P - PB, S - BG)
- 22/00003/HOUSE 4 Whitefields Cottages, Oxford Road, new front porch etc. No objection (P - PB, S - BG)

b. Decisions

- 21/02683/HOUSE St Annes, Love Lane, new dormers and garage conversion – Approved.
- 21/01485/COND4 Land adjacent to Hilltop – reserved conditions – Approved.
- 21/02756/HOUSE 66 Kingsley Close, new wet room and disabled vehicle access – Approved.

4634 **Amenities**

- Fundraising for a new defibrillator at the Cricket Pavilion. Members approved the application to the Good Exchange. GD to finalise the application and to send Mary the link to the Good Exchange for publicity
- GD reported on the progress of plans for the wildflower meadow at Owen Road Field. GD to look again at the wording for a letter to the public for distribution. GD to find out if yellow rattle will effectively eliminate the rye grass to enable the wildflowers to grow well.

4635 **Community Steering Group**

The next meeting will be on Monday 24 January. GT as chair will invite the two Village Hall reps to this meeting. GD to acquire the Land Registry entry for the Village Hall.

4636 **Welcome Pack for new residents**

GT was praised for writing a comprehensive welcome pack for residents of the new housing estate, incorporating comments from various members of the community. GT has obtained a quote from Ostrich Print for £95 to print 100 glossy A4 booklets. GT will add our copyright to the document and approach the developers again for a contribution.

Members approved the payment of £95 (P - GT, S - TH)

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Planning for the Jubilee Beacon on 2 June and the Jubilee Lunch on 5 June

GT has booked the bouncy castle for 5 June. GT to confirm with Kennet Radio.

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Litter picking day and street sign cleaning day

Litter picks have been booked by SD for 26 March. Litter pickers will meet in the Castle pub car park at 10am. Spread the word.

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Members Reports and Questions

GT reported that Thames Water are sending someone from Developers Services to his house to look at the site of the sewage problem in his garden.

CY and BG are meeting on Saturday afternoon to check the play equipment, following the RoSPA report.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

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