

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, 16 March 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present

Bill Graham (Chairman), Mary Carter (MC), Glyn Thomas (GT), Paul Bryant (PB) 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)

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Apologies

Councillors Tony Harris, Margo Payne and Colin Yates

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Declarations of Interest There were none

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Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 February were approved as a true record (P – GT, S - MC),

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Questions from members of the public

Joely and Kelly Rice attended to present the results of their survey to the Council. Joely is a past student of Shaw-cum-Donnington Primary School, and on reading that the school building will probably be sold in the near future, has created a survey, promoted via Facebook, to find out how local people would like to see the building used in the future.

With her mother's help she has analysed the results received so far (over 70). The public overwhelmingly (84%) want the building to be used for the community, and the favourite use is as a café, with an estimated 3,500 visits per annum. Other popular uses are as additional space for Trinity School (perhaps for SEND pupils), a youth club, book exchange and movie club. Other ideas are pilates/yoga classes, adult education, knit and natter groups and eco education.

Responders to the survey believed it would be popular at all times of the day and week, and most said they would travel on foot to get there. 94% reported that the building was accessible to them.

The Newbury Weekly News has picked up the story and Joely and Kelly will be interviewed by the paper shortly. Joely has also been studying the history of the school and building, and has created an art project incorporating old photographs.

GD agreed to send Joely the list of potential uses of the school building suggested by the public in the parish plan refresh questionnaire.

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Matters arising

- Litter pick on 26 March at 10am to 12.30pm from The Castle pub car park. All to let GD know of areas that require litter picking in the parish.
- PB has erected a CCTV camera in the church car park.
- A date needs to be arranged for the Investment Committee to meet. CCLA are happy to attend.
- GD and TH to finalise the new system for saving council documents in the Cloud.
- GT has been advised by WBC that the playing fields of the new school will be finished to the Council's specification before ownership is handed over.
- TH still to hear from Sovereign re permission to repaint the goal post on the back of the block of Owen Road garages. LD offered to approach Sovereign on the Council's behalf.

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Correspondence

- Email from Swings and Smiles regarding their possible use of the future hub

- Email from WBC Digital Infrastructure Project. GD to publicise.
- Invitation to take part in a meeting to help steer WBC's new Environmental strategy on 29.3.22 1-4pm – David Willetts may respond.
- Email from WBC regarding the Eling Way Sustrans cycle route extension from Hermitage to Newbury. Councillors to consider this and discuss at the next meeting.
- Email from resident about a new crossing build-out on Oxford Road. PB not convinced of the safety of the crossing, but it has been assessed and approved by WBC Highways.

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Finance

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

Payments for February:

Litter Picker	Litter picking February 2022	64.45
G Durrant	Salary and expenses February 2022	917.82
Groundsman	Groundsman's duties	111.18
HMRC	PAYE/NIC	71.19
Bill Graham	defibrillator	1314.00
Bill Graham	Chairman's Allowance	70.00
Good Exchange	Fees for grant platform	39.48
HMRC	PAYE for February Salaries	71.19
Dash UK	Jubilee mugs	442.50
Castle Water (DD)	Water for pavilion	38.04
NEST (DD)	Clerk's pension February	137.03
Veolia (DD)	Bin emptying February 2022	19.24
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		<u>£3282.64</u>

Total payments authorised for February (excluding Direct Debits): £2991.14

It was agreed that GD would ask Traffic Technology if the Council can be invoiced each time the SID camera is moved. It was also agreed that St Mary's Church would be asked if they would accept a donation for the use of the Church room for CPSG meetings rather than pay a hirers fee, as these meetings are run by the community, not the Council.

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District Councillors' Reports

In addition to her report, LD mentioned that the WBC budget had been approved, and Council Tax is due to increase by 4%. The budget included capital expenditure for Shaw House and the Northcroft lido. There will be an additional WBC full council meeting tomorrow evening including WBC's response to the Ukrainian refugee situation. WBC will be responsible for vetting hosts, education and health of the refugees. The Community Support Hub will be reinstated.

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Review of the Emergency Plan This was approved (P - GT, S – MC).

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Letter to residents, including the Litter Pick, Annual Parish Meeting and Jubilee events

Several amendments were agreed, and the memorial tree planting was included. The letter will be printed tomorrow and delivered to residents over the weekend, along with Emergency Plan leaflet (Appendix 5 of the plan).

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Planning

a. Applications

1 22/00387/House 99 Kingsley Close, single storey rear extension. No objection (P - BG, S - PB).

b. Decisions

1 21/03183/LBC2 Church End, replacement of roof and UPVC windows – Approved
 2 21/01445/HOUSE Briar Lea, Long Lane, rear extension and front alterations - Approved
 3 22/00003/HOUSE 4 Whitefields Cottages, Oxford Road, new front porch etc. - Approved
 4 21/03178/HOUSE Red Farmhouse, Long Lane, Garage and home office – Approved

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Amenities

- We have received full funding from the Greenham Trust and the defibrillator has been installed.
- Grounds Maintenance - WBC will be changing contractors next year and prices will go up.
- Plans for Owen Road Field. Members approved the revised consultation letter to residents, PB will deliver this at the weekend, GD to print 150 copies. GD to apply to the National Lottery

Awards for All grant for the enhanced amount of £3308. If this is unsuccessful a members bid will be considered.

4670 **Community Steering Group**

Another meeting had taken place, and matters were progressing.

4671 **Planning for the Jubilee Events:**

Beacon Lighting on 2 June and Jubilee Lunch 5 June

The working group has met and a further meeting is planned for Thursday 7 April at 2.30pm.

6572 **Parish Plan Refresh**

MC and GD continue to work on the wording of a draft action plan

4673 **Members Reports and Questions**

MC suggested sprucing up the pavilion in readiness for the Jubilee events in June. MC and BG to discuss.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

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