



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Shaw-cum-Donnington Village Hall on Wednesday 17 June 2026 at 7:30pm

Present

Councillors Margo Payne (MP) (Chair), Liam Anderson (LA), Richard Almond (RA), Stephanie Bovell (SB), Paul Bryant (PB), Mary Carter (MC), Glyn Thomas (GT), Colin Yates (CY). Also 1 member of the public in attendance.

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

1 Apologies Councillor Ian Miller (IM). Minutes taken by GT in the absence of Gillian Durrant (Clerk – GD).

2 Declarations of interest There were none.

3 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2026, were approved (P – RA, S – CY).

4 Clerk's report and Matters arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

The asbestos survey was received, and there is possibly asbestos present in the downpipe on the outside wall of the pavilion. GD agreed a quote for its removal which was undertaken last week. Councillors agreed that PB should go ahead and replace the lower part of the "stink pipe".

PB, RA, MP, GD and John Payne redecorated most of the pavilion interior rear wall. Thanks were expressed for this. Some of the cementing needs replacing prior to the painting being completed.

GD has created the parish survey on Microsoft forms on the Parish Council website, and the newsletter and survey have been printed. Most have now been delivered and there have even been some responses to the survey.

GD awaiting measurements for the three missing CSW signs before ordering replacements.

MC suggested the need for a small fourth CSW sign for Shaw Hill.

GT gave an update on ARK's feedback on the breach on the River Lambourn.

5 Questions from members of the public There were none.

6 District Councillor's report – read out in the absence of Cllr. Martha Vickers (MV)

DWH planning application for the footpath at Donnington Heights has been submitted. See item 8 on the agenda.

The school visit by Heather Codling (WBC Executive Member for Education) has had to be postponed until end of June/early July as dates proposed by Heather and Denise were not possible for the Headteacher.

As regards the Zoom call with Denise Gaines (WBC Executive Member for Planning), this has been put on hold as Denise has been unwell. RA would like MV to confirm that these two meetings will be taking place before the end of term.

7 **Finance**

- a. The schedule of payments was approved (P – LA, S – MC); CY and GT will authorise the payments.
- b. Review of the council’s investments: CCLA interest rate on 10 June was 3.7% for the Public Sector Deposit Fund. An online meeting is required when GD is back in the country to review the investments.
- c. The bank reconciliation for May 2026 was approved (P - PB, S - RA).

8 **Planning**

Application: 26/01195/RESMAJ– DWH application for a new footpath linking the estate to Oxford Road. Councillors were reminded by PB of the history of the matter and the details of Option A (serpentine, stepless path, likely to suffer from subsidence in the future) and Option B (preferred by DWH – straight stepped path with a ramp for pushchairs and bicycles) and then considered the application. They unanimously supported the application for Option B (P – PB, S – MC). However, a caveat was requested that, in addition to providing the footpath as soon as possible, the narrow neck at the bottom of the slope should be widened (by moving part of the gabion basket retaining wall) to facilitate movement up and down the path by users of pushchairs or bicycles.

9 **Road safety in the parish**

It was reported that one session of Community Speed Watch had taken place since the last meeting. There will be a national CSW day of action in mid-July.

10 **Thames Valley Police Have Your Say Meeting on Thursday 9 July (5:00 – 6:00pm)**

Councillors agreed that the Parish Council would fund the cost of hiring the Village Hall for this meeting (P – GT, S – SB).

11 **Members’ reports and questions**

SB reported that the new blue cycling signs which have appeared on the Shaw Valley estate don’t always appear to be pointing in the right direction! RA agreed with regard to the signs on the Donnington Heights estate. The suggestion was made that signs between the two estates should clearly indicate the safe route through the underpass.

PB reported that a water heater safety valve in the pavilion needs repairing; he will undertake this repair.

GT would like to be kept updated by MV about progress regarding the convenience store.

MP & RA helped judge the First Give event at Trinity School recently. Students spoke in favour of different charities and explained why they felt their chosen charity should win the prize money. In the end, £1,000 was awarded to the team supporting the mental health charity, the Charlie Waller Trust. MP had received an email from MV who had heard of increased antisocial behaviour around the Owen Road Field since the installation of the table tennis table. It was felt that this was purely coincidental. The police would be asked to increase their patrols in the area.

MP had received an email from Miranda Gunn, a resident of Donnington Heights, complaining of excessive vehicle speeds and asking for a 20 mph speed limit to be implemented. GT pointed out that there is a 20mph sign at the Love Lane entrance to the estate (but 30mph at the Vodafone roundabout entrance!).

Chairperson

The meeting closed at 8:09pm.