



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Shaw-cum-Donnington Village Hall on Wednesday 15 July 2026 at 7:30pm

Present

Councillors Liam Anderson (LA), Richard Almond (RA), Stephanie Bovell (SB), Paul Bryant (PB), Mary Carter (MC), Ian Miller (IM) (standing in as Chair) and Glyn Thomas (GT). Gillian Durrant (Parish Clerk) and also 1 member of the public in attendance.

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

12 Apologies Cllrs Margo Payne (MP) and Colin Yates (CY).

13 Declarations of interest There were none.

14 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2026, were approved (P – GT, S – MC).

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

The soil pipe containing asbestos was removed. PB has volunteered to replace it with plastic one.

PB has repaired the water heater safety valve in the pavilion.

30 online surveys have been completed, 10 were handed in at the fete and 9 were delivered to the village hall. GD has advertised the survey on Facebook, and will put the results together over the summer.

GD awaiting measurements for the four CSW signs before ordering replacements.

Zoom call with Denise Gaines took place on 8 July, see below.

A meeting with DWH has been arranged for 29 July with DWH to discuss the planning application for the school. All to let IM if they can attend. GD to ask them for an agenda.

The next newsletter is to go out at beginning of September as we are advertising the Trinity and ScD Primary school's open days. The litter pick and bulb planting will also be included, along with a review of the fete.

GD will compile a lists of alternative places to invest the Parish Council's money for the Investment Advisory Group to consider before the next meeting.

16 Questions from members of the public There were none.

17 District Councillor's report

MV has arranged for RA and SB to send in details of the issue regarding the blue cycling signs in the new estates to a named WBC officer who will arrange to have the signs corrected.

MV reported that the potential convenience store owner is still finalising the offer and getting close to concluding the deal to take over the land on which the store will be built.

WBC Executive Members for Education and Planning, Heather Codling and Denise Gaines, are visiting Shaw-cum-Donnington Primary school on the last day of the summer term.

The Zoom call with Denise Gaines regarding the planning application from DWH to renege on their promise to give WBC land and money for the new school took place on 8 July. When WBC responds to

the planning application it be at a planning committee meeting. The PC will have 10 minutes to speak and other objectors will have their own time slots, including the school.

No update so far on the footpath, MV will look into this and see if it is still with WBC planning department.

18 Finance

- a. The schedule of payments was approved (P – GT, S – RA); IM and GT will authorise the payments.
- b. Review of the council's investments: CCLA interest rate on 15 July was 3.7% for the Public Sector Deposit Fund.
- c. The bank reconciliation for June 2026 was approved (P - MC, S - GT).
- d. The Budget to Actual report for the quarter to 30 June was noted.

19 Planning

Applications:

- a) 26/01193/FUL Vodafone – external alterations to buildings. No objection (P - PB, S - RA).
- b) 26/01194/ADV Vodafone – external alterations to buildings. No objection (P - PB, S - RA).

Decisions: 26/01273/AGRIC Stable Cottage, Long Lane. New agricultural building. Full application required.

20 Road safety in the parish

IM reported that it has been too hot to undertake any Community Speed Watch sessions. The camera was returned 8 weeks after being taken back to the manufacturers, with no battery. The battery has now arrived, but the equipment has not yet been used.

WE have had no update on the application to WBC for a VAS in Oxford Road. GD to chase Cheryl Evans at WBC.

21 To review the Data Protection Policy

This was reviewed and no changes were made (P – RA, S – LA). GD to put on website.

22 To agree dates for the autumn litter pick and bulb planting

bulb planting will be on 17 October.

Litter pick will be on 31 October. GD to book litter picking equipment from WBC, and IM can collect the equipment.

23 To discuss the fête and consider arrangements that could be improved for next year

Next year's fête will be on 20 June. Some key participants to be invited to attend earlier than they were this year. GD to share plan of fête with participants so they know in advance where to set up. MC suggested putting the stalls closer together – e.g. plant stall and WI nearer to the bouncy castle. SB suggested a climbing wall for children and will pass on details to GD. The first meeting of the Fête working group to be in November.

24 Members' reports and questions

SB mentioned that a new road sign has appeared at the entrance to Donnington Heights, signposted to 'North Newbury'. GD to email WBC highways department to point out that there is no such place and that the estate is a cul de sac.

GT said the sewer pumping station upgrade has begun in Shaw Recreation Ground and the man in charge has been very helpful.

RA reported that DWH is making various improvements on the estate to bring it up to standard for being adopted by WBC. The pumping station by the underpass has to be adopted first after running satisfactorily for 6 months. The earliest time is September/October.

25 Exclusion of Members of the Public

All agreed that the public and MV be excluded for purposes of a discussion of a personal nature (P - MC, S - GT)

26 A report regarding staff matters

GD brought the councillors up to date on the recruitment of a new litter picker.

Chairperson

The meeting closed at 8:04pm.