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Shaw Residents' Association

Minutes of meeting held on

9th January 2012

Present:	Gail Reeve	Apologies:	Guests:
Andrew Snowden	Alistair Haney	John Reeve	David Scott
Mike Godfrey		Sheridan Fisher	Nick Down
Marian Godfrey			
Keith Williams			
Claire Walker			
Kevin Fisher			

Meeting held at Ramleaze Community Hall @ 8:30pm.
The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Previous Minutes:

Proposed by Alistair Haney

Seconded by Kevin Fisher

1. Proposed Car Dealership at Hillmead (bordering Shaw Forest site).

We were joined at the meeting by guests David Scott Managing Director of T H White Gp and Nick Down, Director of their motor division.

Mr Scott gave us a brief history of the TH White Gp, from their Wiltshire roots, into agricultural machinery and more recently branching into motor dealerships. Within the last few months they have exchanged contracts on a SBC owned Greenfield site at Hillmead, (opposite another dealership along Mead Way), bordering onto the apron of Shaw Forest. Detailed plans of the proposed development were brought to the meeting, which is hoped will provide 24 jobs locally, opening possibly in time for Christmas 2012. Plans were also produced to show entrances and exits from site and also how car transporters would be able to load and unload within the site. The area of land has already been cleared with bordering land, ditches and hedges marked out ready. These plans will need to go to the planning committee at SBC, no date available at time of meeting.

2. Shaw Forest Activities.

2 up and coming events - 1st this Saturday felling and tidying within the forest.

2nd - Saturday March 10th, an exploration of Shaw Forest past, present and future. Claire will distribute details, Kevin informs the group that details are already available on the SRA website.

3. Litter Pick.

Bring to next meeting - Claire to distribute which dates she is available.

4. Ridgeway Farm Expansion.

We are still waiting for appeal date.

5. Old Shaw Lane proposed development.

New plans have been made available with the bungalow turned by 90°, will need to be resubmitted to planning - No date at present.

6. Social Events.

Gail has resigned as social sec.....Group is now too small to need one. Many thanks to Gail for organizing our Autumn + Christmas events. Pub crawl and curry is suggested as our next event (Old Town or around Railway Village)? Kevin will e-mail find convenient dates and numbers.

7. Water Meters

Keith attended this meeting, Swindon has been picked as a "control" area, every house will receive a new water meter to evaluate input and output of water to check for leakage in the system

8. New Shaw + Nine Elms Council Constituency Area.

Keith informed the group that the Local Electoral Constituency is changing at the May elections this means our area (Shaw and Nine Elms will change name to just Shaw), and is set to include The Prinells, part of Westlea and area around Hilmead Ind estate. Our SRA Constitution states that we cover the whole area of the Local Constituency, so changes will need to be made to our web site to reflect this alteration.

Meeting Closed 9:35pm

Next Meeting: 6th February 2012 Ramleaze Community Hall 8:30pm start.