

Shaw Residents' Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on

6th June 2022

Present	Apologies
Kevin Fisher	Jeffrey & Ritva Bamforth
Andrew Snowden	Eleanor Snowden
Claire Walker	Sheridan Fisher
Cathy Thompson	
Fran Williams	
Keith Williams	
Martyn Parrot	
Roger Ogle	
Liz Elstone	
Brian Parker	

Meeting held at Lower Shaw Farm @ 8pm

The Chair welcomed all present and confirmed the meeting, including proxy votes cast by absent members was quorate.

1. Previous Minutes (AGM held 10th 2021)

The previous Minutes were accepted as a fair record of the meeting.

Proposed by Liz Elstone

Seconded by Martyn Parrott

2. Finance Report

Please see separate Treasurer's Report compiled and presented to those present by Fran Williams.

3. Chair's Report

Please see attached summary of SRA achievements and key activities since our last AGM.

A vote of thanks for Kevin was proposed and agreed by all present for his time and hard work as Chair over the last year.

4. Election of SRA Committee Positions

Position	Candidate	Proposer/Seconder	Result
Chair	Kevin Fisher	Proposed: Martin Seconded: Brian	All in favour
Vice Chair	Andrew Snowden	Proposed: Claire Seconded: Liz	All in favour
Treasurer	Fran Williams	Proposed: Brian Seconded: Andrew	All in favour
Secretary	Claire Walker	Proposed: Fran Seconded: Andrew	All in favour

A vote of thanks to the committee members was voiced by those present.

5. Subs Discussions

Last year we reinstated our £5 subs, as we had started meeting again face to face and halls fees needed financing.

This year we voted by show of hands to keep our subs at £5 paid annually. But if our 3 current sponsors do not renew their sponsorship, we voted to raise our subs to £10 annually to help cover running costs.

Website expenditure continues to be our main annual cost to the association. Keith commented that cheaper hosting sites were available, but as we are paid up until February next year, Kevin and Keith to discuss further in the coming year.

Next AGM planned for 8th May 2023

Chair Report June 2022 AGM – Kevin Fisher

Due to Covid-19, our meetings were held via Zoom until September 2021, from which date we had our face-to-face meetings at our new venue of Lower Shaw Farm.

Litter Picking

- Our litter picking resumed from August 2021. From that date, we conducted five litter picking events, collecting 25 bags of trash.
- Individual SRA members continued their litter picking outside of our formal dates.

Shaw Village Centre

- SRA members continued valiantly to provide landscape maintenance during our litter picking events.
- No real tangible progress on the maintenance issues (block paving, raised beds, rusty/dangerous seating etc.) we highlighted in a formal letter dated January 2018, despite the problems being highlighted on several occasions since.
- Parish ownership of landscape maintenance, which removes much of the complications of a mix between Borough/Parish/Landlord, remains an open issue.

Website

- Costs continue to be high, and the hosting company continues to try and raise prices (2022 increase was 20%, but they gave a 15% discount when Kevin complained).
- SEO applied to the site, making it more discoverable via web searches.

Finances

- The idea to have local companies sponsor us via an advert on our website got off to a good start with three local companies participating.

20 MPH speed limits

- Old Shaw Lane leafletted – waiting for next steps.
- Discussions started on solving the speeding issues along Swinley Drive.

SBC Consultations

- We formally commented on the SBC Local Plan focusing on bus routes, biodiversity, open spaces, and rewilding.
- We also commented on the Cycling and Walking consultation – Mead Way Crossing, Links to neighbouring villages and path to North Swindon.

Aldi Planning Application

- We made local people aware of Aldi's all-night deliveries application and sent our objection. The application was subsequently refused.

Purton Road, now 79 house, development application

- Following the second rejection from Wiltshire, the applicant appealed (again). We sent our objections to the appeal, and Kevin listened in for the first part of the meeting. Still waiting for a decision.

River Ray Parkway / Thames Water

- Much damage was done to this National Cycleway route by several organisations, mainly Thames Water, who have refused to make good their damage. Kevin, Andrew, and Keith met with TW and an action plan to get all users to pay a levy agreed upon. No update in progress at the time of writing.

Shaw Forest Paths

- Reported the poor state of the paths at the Shaw end in particular.

Travellers

- Following the disgusting mess left by travellers at Shaw Forest Park, we wrote to Robert Buckland and local Councillors asking many questions related to local issues and national laws – no response to those questions yet.

Police/ Neighbourhood Watch

- A local PCSO contacted us – she agreed to attend one of our meetings but never came back to us with a proposed date.

Tree Planting

- Roger spearheaded a proposal to plant trees near Peatmoor Lagoon, which was accepted by the Parish and will take place in the Autumn.

Grass/hedge cutting

- Discussion about meadows (pros and cons) and observations of trees and hedges blocking street lighting.
- We raised concerns about how the three weekly cutting cycle was being implemented as some areas seemed to get more and others less.

Pry Farm

- Much concern about Wiltshire accepting Pry Farm as a development area in their Local Plan. We voiced our concerns and wrote them up in an article on our website. Kevin had a long chat with the Purton Councillor about it.

Membership

2012 = 11, 2013 = 18, 2014 = 20, 2015 = 23, 2016 = 20, 2017 = 20, 2018 = 21, 2019 = 20, 2020 = 18, 2021 = 17, 2022 = 16

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Treasurer's Report

We continue to bank with The Co-operative Bank and there have been no problems. With no Swindon branch we are able to use the Post Office for banking cash and cheques.

Our income for the year was £265. This was £85 from subscriptions and £180 from three companies sponsoring the website. No other monies were applied for or received this year. After expenditure we incurred a drop in funds held of £72.75.

The main area of expenditure was the website. However, this year did contain two annual invoices for site back-up and restore, and the two-yearly fee for the domain name. The average annual website fee is £206, rather than the £263 cost this year. In-person meetings resumed from September at the new venue of Lower Shaw Farm at a cost of £15 per month.

Future expenses average £386 annually. Assuming subs income holds steady at around £80 in future years, and subscription income is maintained we have enough money to cover 2022-23 costs, but will be just short for 2023-24.

To be sustainable the association continues to need to look at ways of increasing income, or cutting costs.

At the year end, we held funds of £228.89.

Fran Williams, SRA Treasurer

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Balance of Accounts for year ending 31 March 2022

Income

	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	85.00	
Sponsorships:	180.00	
Total Income		265.00

Expenditure

Hire of Room:	75.00	
Website	231.57	
Domain – 2yrs	31.18	
Stationery	0.00	
General Expenses	0.00	
Total Expenditure		337.75
Balance on the Year		-72.75

Opening Balances 01 April 2021

Co-op Account	267.31	
Cash	34.33	
		301.64
Balance on the Year		-72.75

Closing Balances 31 March 2022

Co-op Account	228.89	
Cash	0.00	
Funds Held by SRA		228.89

Balance as of 6 June 2022 AGM

Cash		0.00
Co-op Account	228.89	
Less: Hall rent	-60.00	
Web costs Hosting	-152.99	
		15.90
SRA balance		<u>15.90</u>

Forecast 2022-23

Income		
June 2022 Subs	80.00	
Various Sponsors	180.00	
Expenses		
Feb 2023 Back-up & Restore (1 year) estimate	-41.00	
Monthly Rent 9 months	-120.00	
		99.00
SRA balance 31/3/23		<u>114.90</u>

Forecast 2023-24

Income		
May 2023 Subs	80.00	
Various Sponsors	180.00	
Expenses		
Aug 2023 Website domain (2 years)	-32.00	
Feb 2024 Back-up & Restore (1 year) estimate	-41.00	
May 2024 Hosting	-153.00	
Monthly Rent 12 months	-180.00	
		-146.00
SRA balance 31/3/24		<u>-31.10</u>