

Shaw Residents' Association

Minutes of meeting

3rd April 2023

Present	Apologies
Kevin Fisher	Roger Ogle
Andrew Snowden	Liz Elstone
Claire Walker	
Cathy Thompson	
Jeffrey & Ritva Bamforth	
Brian Parker	
Keith Willians	
Suresh Gattapur	
Martyn Parrott	

Meeting held at Lower Shaw Farm @20:00

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

1. Previous Minutes

Proposed by Jeffery Bamforth

Seconded by Brian Parker

2. Litter picking/Weeding

1st April litter pick was cancelled due to inclement weather, next date 13th May.

3. Roughmoor Way litter

After the trees were thinned lining Roughmoor Way, it exposed household/garden waste that appeared to have been thrown over garden fences. (Tewkesbury Way was also noted to be experiencing the same issue) Possibly SRA could team up with WSPC for a litter pick in these areas. Local households in affected area to be sent letters regarding fly-tipping in the locality.

Building rubble located along Whitehall Way has now been removed.

A question was raised regarding whether schools still participated in "Keep Britain Tidy" events. Suresh says that he is involved with local schools, with Westlea have monthly community litter picks.

4. Shaw Village Centre

A large fence has been erected around the circular bench and work seems to have started on the surrounding block paving.

Drainage holes have now been made in the large-raised flower bed, by the tower, hopefully this will resolve the flooded flowerbed.

Issues that remain unresolved:

The planting of the raised beds. (Who is going to organise, SRA or WSPC)?

Little bed by estate agents needs planting

#Tree guards

#Poor brickwork around the raised beds

5. Shaw Forest/River Ray Parkway/Thames Water

Recently the volume of vehicles using the River Ray Parkway has caused the path to become muddy, flooded and very uneven in places. Warning signs are in place along the route. Plans are in place for Thames Water to replace the sewer between Taw Hill and the sewerage pumping station situated close to the railway bridge. This work is planned to take place between the end of June until September, requiring the temporary rerouting of the cycle path through the nearby nature reserve. After TW have finished laying the new sewer, they plan to resurface the cycle path. It appears that plans to strengthen the bridge to & from the River Ray Parkway, connecting through Cheney Manor may not be completed until 2024??

6. Nissan and Skoda garage verge parking

Cathy has sent emails and provided photographic evidence, regarding parked on the verges obscuring the vision of motorists along Mead Way.

There are now stakes in the verge along Peatmoor Way protecting the verge, forcing parked cars to now park on the road outside the garages and Test Centre. The 1B service bus uses this route. Keith will enquire as to who owns these verges.

Cathy commented regarding Mead Way and the lack of crossing points available to families visiting Kidz About and Pupils of the Dance Academy.

7. 20mph speed limits

Kevin has raised issues regarding the wording of the questions in the consultation. When will the next stage begin? The results of the consultation are not yet available.

8. Car park behind Village Inn

There has been some suggestion that the car park behind the Village Inn in Shaw Village Centre has been used by drug dealers, perhaps there is a need to cut back the vegetation to make the area more visible.

9. Allotments

Keith commissioned a report regarding local allotment provision. Older estates tend to have more open/green spaces whereas newer estates tend to be space restricted with less or no provision.

10. Grass cutting and Meadows

Comments on social media regarding many local verges and green areas left for wildflowers and grasses has met with a mixed response. (Can't please everyone). Suresh let us know about the new additions to mowing team that allows tidier verges, with grass removed up to pavement edge.

11. West Swindon Parish Council updates

Please remember to bring photo id when voting at the up coming SBC and WSPC local elections.

Suresh let us know that a local clean up event was being arranged for the bank holiday Monday of the Kings' Coronation.

12. Shaw Residents' Association AGM

We are holding our AGM a week later this year, as our usual date is now a BH. Please let Kevin know if you would like to put your name forward for any of the Committee roles. We are a slightly smaller group these days and need 12 attending/voting at the AGM to be quorate. If you are unable to attend, please email Kevin with your voting intentions.

AOB

- **West Swindon library has cut back opening hours. (Partly funded by SBC and WSPC).**

- **West Swindon post office will reopen at the West Swindon District Centre, not sure which unit and when this will all happen.**

Meeting closed at 21:05

Next meeting: Monday 15th May 2023 @ 20:00 and will include AGM