

**Shaw Residents' Association**

**Minutes of meeting**

**8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
<b>Kevin Fisher</b>	<b>Liz Elstone</b>
<b>Andrew Snowden</b>	
<b>Claire Walker</b>	
<b>Keith Williams</b>	
<b>Cathy Thompson</b>	
<b>Brian Parker</b>	
<b>Roger Ogle</b>	
<b>Jeffrey &amp; Ritva Bamforth</b>	
<b>Sheridan Fisher</b>	

Meeting held at Lower Shaw Farm

The Chair opened the meeting and expressed with sadness that this was the last formal meeting of the Shaw Residents' Association.

**1. Review and approve 2023 AGM Minutes**

Proposed by Andrew Snowden

Seconded by Brian Parker

**2. Previous Minutes (March 2024)**

Proposed by Kevin Fisher

Seconded by Brian Parker

**3. Sponsors refund donation**

The Sponsors refund of £90 has been donated to the Lower Shaw Farm Children's Project with the sponsors agreement.

#### **4. Treasurers Report**

Thanks to Fran for preparing a finance report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (Attached) Closing balance £220.04p

#### **5. Website Discussion**

Next step is complete April's Minutes by Friday so they can be added to the website before transfer the website. The SRA's Officers names will then be removed from the website.

A message will then be placed of the SRA Home Page:

**"As of May 2024, Shaw Residents' Association has adopted a less formal operating model with no meeting Minutes and infrequent updates to this website."**

Keith will then clone the website and transfer the Domain name, Kevin will then delete the current website.

We will run informal meetings for a 12 month period, before deciding whether to close the bank account.

#### **6. Whatsapp**

Kevin will set an informal contact group allow easier communication of meetings and matters of local interest.

#### **7. West Swindon Annual Parish Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **8. Chair and Vice Chair Reports**

Kevin and Andrew presented a past, present and future guide to the SRA.

#### **9. Final Social Event**

Drinks and nibbles

**Meeting closed 22:20**

## SRA 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### 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 £365. This was £60 from subscriptions, £300 from five companies sponsoring the website, and a £5 donation. No other monies were applied for or received this year.

The main area of expenditure this year was £255 for room rental, although this did cover the 17 active months from November 2022 to April 2024. All other costs were incurred by website upkeep.

Following the changes to the website the remaining sponsors have agreed to make a prorated donation to the Lower Shaw Farm Children's Project. The donation of £90 was made in March.

At the year end, we held funds of £220.04, all in the bank account.

Fran Williams, SRA Treasurer

2 April 2024

## **Shaw Residents' Association**

### **Balance of Accounts for year ending 31 March 2024**

#### **Income**

	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	60.00	
Sponsorships:	300.00	
Other	5.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>365.00</b>

#### **Expenditure**

Hire of Room:	255.00	
Website	187.18	
Domain	0.00	
Stationery	0.00	
Donation	90.00	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>532.18</b>
<b>Balance on the Year</b>		<b>-167.18</b>

#### **Opening Balances 01 April 2022**

Co-op Account	347.22	
Cash	40.00	
		<b>387.22</b>
<b>Balance on the Year</b>		<b>-167.18</b>

#### **Closing Balances 31 March 2023**

Co-op Account	220.04	
Cash	0.00	
<b>Funds Held by SRA</b>		<b>220.04</b>

Sheet1

2023-2024

31 Mar 2023 30 Apr 2023 31 May 2023 30 Jun 2023 31 Jul 2023 31 Aug 2023 30 Sep 2023 31 Oct 2023 30 Nov 2023 31 Dec 2023 31 Jan 2024 28 Feb 2024 31 Mar 2024

Status as of	31 Mar 2023	30 Apr 2023	31 May 2023	30 Jun 2023	31 Jul 2023	31 Aug 2023	30 Sep 2023	31 Oct 2023	30 Nov 2023	31 Dec 2023	31 Jan 2024	28 Feb 2024	31 Mar 2024
<b>Outgoings:</b>													
Hire of Meeting Room		90.00										120.00	45.00
Web hosting			149.99					37.19					90.00
Website backup													
Donation													
<b>Total</b>	0.00	90.00	149.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.19	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	135.00
<b>Income:</b>													
Member subs	0.00	0.00	40.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sponsorship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	0.00	0.00	40.00	15.00	120.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Co-op balance</b>	347.22	257.22	187.23	187.23	192.23	312.23	312.23	312.23	322.23	285.04	465.04	465.04	345.04
Money out	0.00	90.00	149.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.19	0.00	0.00	120.00	135.00
Money in	0.00	0.00	80.00	5.00	120.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
<b>Total</b>	347.22	257.22	187.23	192.23	312.23	312.23	322.23	322.23	285.04	465.04	465.04	345.04	220.04
<b>Cash balance</b>	40.00	40.00	40.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Cash out	0.00	0.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash in	0.00	0.00	30.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total cash</b>	40.00	40.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00
<b>SRA Balance</b>	387.22	297.22	187.23	202.23	322.23	322.23	332.23	295.04	475.04	475.04	355.04	355.04	220.04

## **The SRA past, present, and future**

- Dates to 1981 – 43 years ago
- Population of Swindon was 100,000 fewer than today,
- and cows ruled the land we now call home.....

## **Andrew**

(Used to be SRRA – Shaw Ratepayer Residents Association)

### Meeting Venues

- Homes
- Shaw Methodist Chapel Church
- LSF
- Village Inn
- Drs Surgery Community Hall
- LSF

### Past Committee Chairman Names

- R Russell
- Joe Fuller
- S Sowerby
- Mary Case
- Keith Boxall
- Bob Bauld
- Steve Brown
- Keith Williams (2003 to 2006) – joined 1997
- Kevin Fisher

### Other names

- Mr Stiggers
- Mr L' EStrange
- Mrs Lil Bint
- Mrs Machin x2 – Mrs Pat and Mrs Jenny (both secretary services)
- Andrea Hirsch
- Tony Leader
- Phil Archer
- Jacqueline Littlewood
- Sandra Stewart
- Karen and Dave Johnson
- Most early members were from Washpool and Shaw (OSL)

Name with longest connection

- Roger Ogle – Community Development Officer, The Link and then member

Longest (duration) Member

- Andrew Snowden

Turnout at meetings

- In the 1980s mostly over 20 attendees

Socials

- Pub (seemingly nearly always Village Inn)
- Houses
- Halls
- Trip to BCA

Selection of Topics (in no particular order – and some seem very familiar....)

- Scope of SRRA
- Input for developers (ie not just protesting)
- Shape of Cartwright Drive, bus stops
- Footbridge over Roughmoor Way – objected and got crossing by Chapel, bridge got used over Thamesdown Drive (85/86)
- Gate/Closure of Old Shaw Lane
- Tree screening of new development
- Re-planting 9 elms
- Changes to footpaths/right of ways
- Naming of Shaw
- Bus services
- Street lighting for OSL
- Sewage for OSL
- Fundays 1994 &95
- Post Office campaign
- Travellers (constant theme!)
- Hedges and verges (constant theme)
- Litter picking (litter problems long theme)|/weeding
- Land drainage and developments (sounds familiar)
- Forest not stadium

## **Kevin**

Past members (23+)

- Tony Kendall
- Alistair and Anne Haney

- Gail Light
- Ian Williams
- Helen Williams
- Lynford Madley
- Clive Heard
- Richard Symonds
- Mike and Marion Godfrey
- Stu and June Clarke
- Patricia Twinley
- Gail Reeve
- Chris and Mary Maynard
- Lesley Hambleton
- Eliot Kinsey
- Chris Barrie
- Geoff Barnfield
- Martyn Parrott

A special mention for two people no longer with us

- Alan Hayward
- Eric Elstone

### **Accomplishments**

- Development proposals
  - Ridgeway Farm – significant effort
  - Mouldon View – another appeal, then more built despite appeal limitations
  - Purton Road – if at first you don't succeed
  - Aldi/Belway homes
  - Small land sell off by SBC – Pilgrim close parking spaces
  - Lydiard Park Taylor Wimpey - success
  - Brook Cottage - success
  - Hook Street - success
  - Pry Farm – the shape of things to come
- Consultations: Local plan, cycling and walking
- Thamesdown Drive Extension
- Open gardens
- Swinley Drive pedestrian crossing
- Skate park
- Parish Council formation consultation
- Peatmoor School parking



- BT phone box consultation
- Graffiti – it is much better than it was .... honestly
- Thames Water
- Litter picking and bins
- Website
- Sponsorship
- dealership verge parking
- Village Centre

So thank you everyone for all you have done for the SRA

For helping to make Shaw a better place!

Thank you also to the officers

- Cathy: backup minutes taker
- Fran: treasurer (18 years)
- Claire: our secretary (21 years)
- Andrew: vice chair and backup to the backup minutes (over 25 years – 38 year member)

### **The future**

Membership not finances. Not the only reason transition into a less formal operating model, it is an important reason.

That said, making a difference to our community it is not about having:

- a bank account,
- agenda,
- chairman,
- minutes
- constitution,
- updated website

It is about actions. This change of formality need not change our actions.