

Shaw Residents' Association

Minutes of meeting

5th December 2022

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

Meeting held at Lower Shaw Farm @20:00

The Chair welcomed all present.

1. Previous Minutes

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

Proposed by Andrew Snowden

Seconded by Brian Parker

2. Litter Picking

Question: How do we promote our sessions to gain help from the local community? Through: Parish meetings? Advertiser? SBC? Volunteer groups? Paula?

Immediate decision is to continue with our present course of publishing dates for the year on the website. Andrew will draw up some dates starting in March.

Action: Revisit our litter picking provision in 12 months time.

3. Shaw Village Centre

No update available.

4. Shaw Forest / River Ray Parkway

City Fibre are laying cables along the River Ray Parkway ATM.

Environmental Agency and Thames Water still have an ongoing presence along the cycle route. The Parkway will be closed for the 2 weeks up until Christmas for works to be carried out.

Kevin reported fly-tipping in the Shaw Forest car park, which was removed very quickly from the site.

5. Thames Water leak in Old Shaw Lane

Leak is still present.

6. Allotments

Cathy reported that she had been looking into acquiring an allotment in the locality. SBC have a list of available allotments throughout the Borough on their website. The problem is that in most cases you have to live within the Parish to secure one, but there are very few available in West Swindon. (Apparently, there is a waiting list in WS area). The criteria, for action is if 6 or more households contact the Parish Council requesting provision of an allotment.

Some years ago, SRA were involved in discussions with SBC regarding land at the former Saltway primary school site. There had been proposals for a skate park on the site. When the site was deemed unsuitable for the skate park, the idea of allotments was muted but nothing was done at the time to investigate further.

Action: Find previous SRA Minutes regarding this issue. Could Lottery monies awarded to Toothill several years ago be used to set up the community provision of allotments if land could be found in the area?

7. Graffiti

We discussed local graffiti, apparently it is removed with the use of water jets and wipes but was considered a low priority by the Parish Council unless it was considered offensive.

8. Christmas Social 12th December

Cost of room hire for the evening works out at £10 a couple. Final arrangements were discussed about who would provide which items.

9. 20 MPH Speed Limits

Keith has contacted Kevin to say that the 1st part of the consultation has been approved for Old Shaw Lane to be considered for 20mph status. This now leads to the next round of consultation, regarding position of signs etc.

10. Grass & Meadows

Martyn brought to the meeting that an area of footpath had been repaired up by the Shaw Ridge play area. Unfortunately, the old tarmac has been dumped nearby, Martyn will take a photo and report.

11. Finance & Sponsors

We now have 6 sponsors which was our original target. The logos, on the website are interactive and we have their logos on our SRA posters that are placed on the local Parish Council notice boards. Andrew will check our Constitution as per wording.

12. West Swindon Parish Council Updates

Neither Parish Counsellor present to provide updates.

13. AOB

No items brought to the meeting

Meeting closed 20:55

Next Meeting 9th January 2023