

Shaw Residents' Association

Minutes of meeting

10th January 2022

Present	Apologies
Kevin Fisher	Claire Walker
Andrew Snowden	Liz Elstone
Cathy Thompson	Brian Parker
Roger Ogle	Martyn Parrott
Keith Williams	Pete Corrie
Jeffrey Bamforth	Lesley Hambleton
Ritva Bamforth	

Meeting held at Lower Shaw Farm @ 20:00

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

1. Previous Minutes

The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed by Kevin Fisher

Seconded by Cathy Thompson.

2. Litter Picking/Weeding

It was noted that there are visibly more independent litter pickers which is obviously a good thing (if only there was less litter to pick), and that the increase in the number of litter bins seems to have had a good effect in certain areas. The group felt that SRA should continue with the group picking activity and Andrew will propose a schedule for 2022.

Going forward we will also record the number of people picking and not just the number of sacks filled - this helps with accruing 'brownie points' for WSPC project funding support.

We will also review the number of litter grabs and sack loops that we have and will approach WSPC if we need more.

We will also restart adding our litter picks to West Swindon Facebook.

3. Shaw/Ramleaze Village Centre

It was noted that recently the team working on tidying the grasses were SBC and not WSPC. This seemed confusing after the news that the Parish was to take over responsibility for the village centre area. Cllr Williams advised that the matter was still being discussed within WSPC

It was observed that the repair work to block paving and to the benches was overdue/inadequately carried out. It was observed that Peatmoor Village Centre has not yet been adopted by the Authority but is well-maintained. St Andrew's Ridge Village Centre is an area of concern following issues with the company responsible. SRA to coordinate with Cllr Williams.

4. River Ray Parkway surface issues

The matter continues to be an issue. West Swindon Facebook has had a thread focussing on the presence of private cars on the path.

The hedges had been trimmed using tractor threshers. It was noted that in addition to Council vehicles, Thames Water and the solar farm company have access for their vehicles. There was discussion about an increase in ad hoc sightings of vehicles (contrasting with a period when very few were seen).

Cllr Williams reported that there is a significant backlog of jobs assigned to the team who will be assigned to carry out the repairs. He also reported that there was to be a meeting within SBC shortly to consider the concerns and to expedite progress.

The meeting was very concerned that Thames Water seem unwilling to effect the repairs. SRA to write a letter to express our frustration and anger over to position and to demand that they carry out or fund the repairs. The letter to be cc'd to MP Buckland and to be copied to the website and Facebook. Kevin to draft and then send.

5. 20mph speed limit areas

Kevin to support Cllr Williams with letter delivery to Old Shaw Lane area, of a letter seeking feedback and describing the proposal - no traffic calming and not police enforced but clear signing. Grandison Close has also been proposed and Angler Close is being investigated.

6. Grass cutting and meadows

Noted that this was not a season for grass cutting but that hedge trimming has been taking place.

7. Land north of Purton Road

Kevin noted that the website indicates a new date of February. Kevin will attend the virtual proposal meeting.

8. WSPC Updates

Roger described the proposal to plant trees near Patmoor Lagoon/Fovant Close and that SBC Property Dept had rejected the proposal. Cllr Williams explained that the Community Forest Team supported the idea and were in discussion with their Property colleagues. There are some other similar issues elsewhere within the Borough and the significant tree planting target set by the Council will be supported if the proposal can be approved.

9. Pry Farm

No update. No news on the Wiltshire Local Plan.

10. Finances

Cathy to chase potential sponsors now that Christmas distractions are out of the way.

11. Mead Way

Cllr Williams was asked when the work will be completed... He was able to inform us that the completion of the 2 lane stretch, awaits special barriers to protect the pedestrian underpass.

12. AOB

Cllr Williams drew our attention to the Solar Together initiative that SBC is participating in <https://solartogether.co.uk/landing> - the initiative aims to support an increase in the use of domestic solar panels, hot water heating via solar PV panels (power diverter), batteries and charging points. The scheme is scheduled to start in May 2022. People can register interest before then.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:10

The date was set for the next meeting - 7th February 2022.