

Shaw Residents' Association

Minutes of meeting

9th January 2023

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

Meeting held at Lower Shaw Farm @ 8pm

The Chair welcomed all present. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

1. Previous Minutes

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

Proposer by Brian Parker

Seconded by Andrew Snowden

2. Litter Picking

It was decided that we would start our Saturday litter picks again in March. Andrew will look to send a full set of dates for comment, before we publish the dates for the year on the SRA website.

3. Shaw Village Centre

Neither Andrew or Kevin have had any contact with Paula from the West Swindon Parish Council (WSPC) regarding this issue, since the initial meeting held several months ago.

Does the Village Inn have a new Manager yet? Impression is that they may still be interviewing.

4. Shaw Forest/River Ray Parkway

Shaw Forest paths are still very muddy especially those around the car park entrance. The car park itself was noted to be full of deep ruts and potholes. Does anyone know if these have been reported to the Parish Council?

River Ray Parkway is still receiving plenty of service vehicles attending to the pumping station, environmental vehicles and those associated with the laying of fibre cable. The track is deeply rutted in places and flooded after spells of heavy rain and recent frosts. It was ages ago that members of the SRA met with representatives of SBC and Thames Water to discuss the rutted flooded surface of the popular National Cycle Route 45 after many large TW tankers required access to the sewerage pumping station.

It was further discussed at our meeting, that proposals for a bridge over the River Ray could be strengthened to allow essential vehicles to access, sewerage plant, Shaw Forest, Solar Farm and offer maintenance without the need to churn up large sections of the route. A time scale was mooted at the time suggesting work may be carried out by the end of this financial year.

5. 20mph speed limits

Kevin has requested the data from the recent SBC speed survey that was carried out along Old Shaw Lane. He has had no follow up regarding his request.

6. Allotments

Roger reports that the Blaygrove allotments are on the Agenda at the next WSPC meeting this Wednesday @ 6pm. Should we post a question on the West Swindon Facebook page to alert locals and see if there is any interest in attending. Cathy has said that she will hopefully attend and will feed back to the next SRA meeting.

7. Graffiti

More visible unsightly "tagging" in lurid colours seems to be springing up around the local area.

8. Hedge cutting

We are not in the grass cutting season at present. It has not gone unnoticed that tree cutting along Roughmoor Way has left large unsightly gaps, it was discussed whether this was due to subsidence claims or diseased trees.

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- **Street waste bins - The new allocated Shaw Forest bin has been deployed elsewhere, it will be replaced when another bin is sourced.**
- **Tree planting: Peatmoor Community Woodland Group - Roger informed us that tree planting has been scheduled for 5th February between 10am - 1pm. The fields in question are between Swinley Drive and Peatmoor Lagoon with about 500 beech, oak, alder and birch trees. Contact Roger if interested.**

Meeting Closed 8:59pm

Next meeting 6th February 2023