

Shaw Residents' Association

Minutes of meeting

6th June 2022

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

Meeting held after SRA AGM for 2022 at Lower Shaw Farm

The Chair welcomed all present.

1. Previous Minutes

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

Proposed by Martin Parrott

Seconded by Brian Parker

2. Litter Picking - July 2nd, Sept 3rd and Oct 29th

Several litter picks have had to be cancelled this year as not enough attendees could be generated. Plan is to review the setting of yearly dates at November's meeting as to what we want to do next year.

Liz asked if she could have more black sacks to continue litter picking around her locality, Keith will sort.

3. Travellers – Reference email to MP and Cllrs

Kevin has sent an email to MP and Cllrs as Minuted at the last meeting. There is a motion currently going through Parliament to make trespass with vehicles an offence, but at present this group is protected.

The question discussed amongst those present this evening was, how can SBC make it harder for Travellers to access the parkland at Shaw Forest Park. Previously gates and fences have been damaged to gain entry, so could ditches or moulded earth prevent caravans and associated vehicles from setting up camp within the forest park.

Cathy confirmed that the rubbish left behind after the Travellers departed has now been removed, mainly gardening and plumbing associated debris.

It was reported that a van had been parked in Cricklade advertising "Woodland Garden Services" with a mobile contact number in the weeks before the Travellers arrived. It was asked why Trading Standards cannot get involved.

4. River Ray Parkway / Thames Water

Earlier in the year, Kevin, Andrew and Keith met up with Thames Water to discuss the damage to the River Ray Parkway. Thames Water denied that their tankers were the primary cause of this damage. SBC is in the process of organising a repair to the Parkway. The long term solution to this problem that SBC is looking into, is the building of a road bridge over the River Ray allowing vehicles to access this area without damaging cycle route 45. No levy is to be applied to organisations currently accessing this site to cover the cost of repairs to the Parkway.

5. Shaw Village Centre

The Parish is discussing the matter of ownership, upkeep and gardening maintenance with Swindon Services, including attention to the uneven block paving, repair of the clocktower and bench replacement.

6. 20mph speed limits

We will know more about what is being proposed in the Autumn. Old Shaw Lane, Grandison Close and Swinley Drive are amongst those roads in West Swindon that are going through consultation at the moment.

7. Grass cutting and meadows

The meadow areas are still undergoing the process of cutting and removing grass clippings to rid the soil of nutrients to encourage growth and variety of wildflowers. This is still an ongoing project as it takes at least 4 years before results can be judged.

8. Land North of Purton Road

Hearing was held in February with no decision made at present.

9. Finances and Sponsors

Cathy is chasing up potential companies who she has previously approached regarding SRA sponsorship. Our original 3 sponsors are reaching the end of their 1st year and it is unknown at present whether they will renew or not.

As discussed at the AGM we have set initial SRA subs for the coming year at £5 each with the agreed caveat that if we do not secure enough sponsorship for the coming year we will raise subs to £10 a year.

10. WSPC Update

Suresh our new local Cllr has done a walkabout the constituency collecting details of works that need attention. There appears to be a need to rectify some identified drop kerbs in some areas.

A recurrent problem at the Whitehall Way roundabout where it joins Mead Way close to the former Renault Building constantly floods after heavy rain is another problem raised.

11. Pry Farm (Local Plan)

Kevin to chase Jacqui Lay local North Wilts Cllr as to North Wilts position regarding Pry Farm in the formation of the next NW Local Plan.

AOB

- **Local access to a defibrillator at Shaw Village Centre. Members present, believe that there is one sited in Tesco Post Office. (Confirmed with walk past after meeting).**
- **Is there going to be any provision to replace the Post Office now that Martins the newsagent has left the West Swindon Centre? This is already being looked into.**

- **SRA meeting time could be started earlier? Unlikely at present as it would then clash with the WSPC meeting, preventing our local councillors from attending our monthly meeting.**
- **Is there a time schedule as to when internet cabling in the Shaw Nine Elms area. Believed to have been done years ago when Virgin Media laid cables.**
- **Watch out to cars being damaged and broken into within locality.**

Meeting closed at 21:30 Next Meeting 4th July 2022