

## Shaw Residents' Association

### Minutes of meeting

6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

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 Brian Parker

Seconded by Jeff Bamforth.

#### 2. Litter Picking/Weeding

The proposed dates for 2023 were discussed

1 April

13 May

3 June

8 July

9 September

14<sup>th</sup> October

Noted that our Facebook activity has not resulted in many extra people - but Kevin will try again.

The WSPC staff will be picking along Roughmoor Way (and are considering planting some more trees to improve the mix).

There was discussion about the eyesore of tipping rubbish over 'back fence'. It seems obvious who is doing it but the Council has not pursued to date.

It was noted that WSPC has the same number of staff but they can be allocated flexibly so it may lead to less picking being carried out.

It was reported that in general fly tipping has reduced since cctv-led prosecution has taken place and people seem to have realised that tipping is followed up.

### **3. Shaw/Ramleaze Village Centre**

There was discussion about the lack of response to our various communications. After the meeting there was contact, however there is still much uncertainty. There is concern that SBC will not address the block paving and hence WSPC will not deal with the round bench seat outside of Tesco.

### **4. 20mph Speed Limits**

The process was discussed and concern expressed about the quality of the consultation. Although there are staff resourcing constraints it is important that the process is credible. Noted that one of the candidates for the coming election has been saying that the issue is approved - it is not.

### **5. Purton Road House Development Proposal**

Beechcroft Land have challenged the ruling based on the previous ruling not having considered the developers thoughts about the wider area. The process is to be re-run but SRA does not need to resubmit its information and neither do individuals - the these submissions will be considered.

It seems that Beechcroft have not engaged with local residents to discuss their specific issues - they had said that they would.

### **6. Shaw Forest/River Ray Parkway/Thames Water**

Off-road vehicles had apparently access the Forest and got into trouble, however the vehicles had been towed out of the Forest. Walkers have reported details to the Council.

River Ray Parkway is in a poor state. Cllr Williams to follow up.  
The Thames Water sewage pipe issues restarted and Thames Water have been oxygenating the river to help off-set the pollution damage.

#### **7. Fish Bros Nissan and Skoda Parking and Verges**

It was felt that the issues have got worse - perhaps because of the new registration period leading to more cars being stored at the garages.  
There are 2 issues - the parking on the road causing some congestion and the display parking on the verges.

Subsequent to the meeting posts were installed along the verge of Peatmoor Way. This protects the verge but exacerbates the road congestion.

The Council Parking Enforcement team has discussed the situation with the garages.

#### **8. Allotments**

The Parish is considering a report reviewing the option to extend the Blagrove allotments.

#### **7. Graffiti**

Residents are encouraged to report graffiti via the form on WSPC website.

#### **8. Grass Cutting and Meadows**

At this season the focus is on hedge trimming. Some work has been done to tidy up churned up verges. It was noted that the crocuses look very good on Shaw Ridge.

#### **9. Finance and Sponsors**

No update.

#### **10. August Social**

No meeting in August but agreed to poll for dates for a social gathering.

#### **11. WSPC Updates**

Noted that the Lydiard Conference Centre refurbishment work is now underway.

Noted that SBC are working with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to consider how to improve the local natural environment. There is now more focus from local councils because they are required to have a strategy and to take action to improve the natural environment increasing biodiversity and developing sustainable improvements.

### **13. Date of Next Meeting**

The meeting closed at 21:05

The date was set for the next meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023.