

Shaw Residents' Association

Minutes of meeting

9th May 2022

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

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 Kevin Fisher

Not seconded as no one else present from April's meeting.

2. Call for additional agenda items to be covered in AOB

Shaw Forest & Travellers visit raised by Roger Ogle.

3. Litter Picking - May 21

This date cancelled due to not many people being able to attend. Andrew Snowden to reschedule. Kevin Fisher to email group to see if any more people can attend litter picking sessions.

4. Village Centre

No updates. Kevin Fisher to invite newly elected Swindon Borough Councillor, Suresha Gattapur, copy in Keith Williams, to the next meeting.

5. River Ray Parkway / Thames Water

No update

Kevin Fisher to contact Keith Williams (plus Suresha Gattapur) as our Local Councillors for comment as not heard further from Keith Williams.

6. Shaw Forest paths

No updates

7. Grass Cutting & Meadows

No updates. Martyn Parrott commented about state of West Swindon Streets post fibre installation by third party contractor (City Fibre).

8. 20 mph speed limits

No updates - Kevin Fisher to add to list of matters to raise with Keith Williams.

9. Land north of Purton Road

No updates. Kevin Fisher recently checked Wiltshire CC website and no news.

10. Finance / sponsors

No updates. To be included in AGM agenda

11. West Swindon PC

No updates

12. Pry Farm (local plan)

No updates

13. AGM Prep

Date postponed to 6th June 2022 due to members availability from 9th May 2022. If anyone wishes to apply for any formal roles to let Kevin Fisher or Andrew Snowden know.

14. AOB

Travellers at Shaw Forest

The travellers have now departed. Rubbish left including garden waste, old white goods, and general detritus. The consensus amongst the group was that the law is an ass and why cannot something be done about this?

Also, the group had concerns regarding the security of Shaw Forest as the rear access from River Ray Parkway is completely open and what is Swindon Borough Council going to do to prevent the travellers' entry in the future?

It was thought that Swindon Borough Council seem very naive accepting story about a broken down vehicle and do not realise that these travellers are a very well organised group that systematically move around and take advantage of the slack laws we have in the UK compared to Eire and Europe.

Roger Ogle suggested that Kevin Fisher write to Robert Buckland QC, our local MP, and ask what can be done. Kevin Fisher agreed and said that he would also cc in Keith Williams and Suresha Gattapur to the email.

Meeting closed 20.41 Next Meeting & AGM meeting 6th June 2022