

Shaw Residents' Association

Minutes of meeting

15th May 2023

Present	Apologies
Kevin Fisher	Jeffrey & Ritva Bamforth
Andrew Snowden	Surresh Gattapur
Claire Walker	Martyn Parrett
Keith Williams	Liz Elstone
Cathy Thompson	Eleanor Snowden
Brian Parker	Sheridan Fisher
Roger Ogle	Fran Williams

Meeting held after AGM at Lower Shaw Farm

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

1. Previous Minutes

Proposed by Brian Parker

Seconded by Cathy Thompson

2. Litter picking

The Village Inn has a new Landlord in situ, and we are finding it very difficult to engage with the new team to establish whether we are able to leave our filled rubbish bags in the car park behind the pub for next day removal by SBC. Also we had an arrangement with the previous Landlady that provided us with free post litter pick tea & coffee.

Next litter pick scheduled for Saturday 3rd June meet @ 10:30.

3. Shaw Village Centre

Now that the block paving has been levelled out around the circular bench, we are now waiting for the new bench to be installed. (The restoration of the block paving is likely to be only a temporary repair as the tree roots are likely to displace the paving again in the future).

What progress has been made with regards to the planting up of the raised beds? This is an issue we will need to raise with Paula at WSPC.

4. Shaw Forest/River Ray Parkway/Thames Water

The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust are now aware of the plans for Thames Water to lay a new sewer between North Swindon and the Cheney Manor sewerage works. The new sewer will disrupt land through their nature reserve as well as along the River Ray Parkway, surrounding fields and is scheduled to cut across the River Ray in several places. We believe the trenches required for the pipework will need to be placed at a very deep level that will require a huge displacement of soil and rubble. This work is likely to lead to a great disruption to the local area, TW have indicated that they will resurface the cycleway route 45 along the River Ray Parkway after the works is completed.

Bridge strengthening to allow access to the solar farm, Nine Elms pumping station and Shaw Forest etc through the Barnfield industrial estate is being discussed by SBC.

5. 20mph speed limits

The roads selected to adopt a reduced speed limit are entering stage 2 of the procedure. A sign has gone up in Old Shaw Lane allowing residents to participate in the next stage of the process. Unfortunately, this sign and the online document has a line of xxxxx's instead of the closure date. (Kevin has emailed Cllrs, Highways dept, and Jim Robbins the new council leader).

6. Grass cutting and meadows

A programme of road sweeping has begun for the main roads in Shaw, Peatmoor and Nine Elms.

Households in roads where dumping of rubbish and garden waste over the back of fences that has caused an unsightly mess have had letters regarding this issue.

7. West Swindon Parish Council updates

After recent local and parish elections the balance of power has changed to 9 Labour and 6 Conservative representatives with the West Swindon parish.

8. Finance and sponsors

Cathy let us know that the Rusty Garage Craft Brewery will be moving to new premises in Rodbourne.

AOB

- **Out of hours access to West Swindon is not possible due to a broken lock - Keith now aware.**
- **West Swindon District Centre - No opening date yet for new post office.**
- **As we have some new parish Cllrs perhaps if they are local residents, we should point them in the direction of the SRA website and then they can decide if they would like to attend one of our meeting and introduce themselves.**

Meeting closed 21:00

Next meeting Monday 5th June 2023 @ 20:00