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Shaw Residents' Association

Minutes of meeting

7th November 2022

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

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 Brian Parker, seconded by Cathy Thompson.

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

No additional agenda items

3. Litter Picking - November additional date

Andrew Snowden to put out email with proposed date 26th November 2022. Andrew Snowden also reported a possible new recruit.

(Keith Williams joined the meeting having attended prior Borough & Parish Council meetings)

4. Shaw Village Centre

Keith Williams stated that WSPC Parish Clerk Paula Harrison relayed two proposals for planters:

1. WSPC do the planting or Community Groups do the planting?
2. Options: Wildflower - Meadow - Formal planting?

This will all be discussed further by WSPC.

Circular Bench to be installed by WSPC when the block paving is repaired
Clocktower Planting Area to be done by SBC

(Please also refer to Suresh Gattapur email at end of minutes)

5. Shaw Forest / River Ray Parkway

No update except the broken barriers on River Ray Parkway have been repaired.

6. Thames Water leak in Old Shaw Lane

No update. Still leaking. Possible that wrong leak has been fixed?

7. Allotments

Keith Williams confirmed only WSPC allotment site is Blagrove with 35 plots. Also, Keith Williams confirmed Junction 16 M4 allotment site is privately owned and that there is no spare land available in the parish for further allotments. Cathy Thompson asked what the requirement is for parish councils in this respect as in allotments per capita? what is SBC and WSPC's strategy? Keith Williams stated the requirement was "Best Efforts" and WSPC had even considered buying land outside of the parish to supply more allotment facilities. Cathy Thompson asked if under used land could be considered such as the Salt Way School playing field, Toothill Farm or Shaw Ridge land. Keith Williams undertook to ask Paula Harrison (WSPC) about Saltway and other sites.

8. Graffiti

Graffiti is more apparent lately. Does the colour wash experiment on subway walls make a difference? Does it suppress the incidence of tagging? (Some subway walls are painted plain grey, and some are multicoloured pastels). Keith Williams was asked what is the parish council stance? He was of the opinion that stronger cleaning chemicals were required than the ones currently stocked by WSPC.

9. Christmas Social 12th December

No updates. Andrew Snowden to contact Claire Walker & Kevin Fisher as they were not present regarding the food and arrangements. Keith Williams said he may attend this year.

10.20 MPH speed limits

Keith Williams said the "Tube Surveys" had been completed. The results of the data analysis not yet available. This in part being due to the Highways Team being short staffed as some staff had recently left.

11. Grass Cutting & Meadows

Overgrown hedges and brambles were discussed at last meeting. Keith Williams stated policy is to maintain 1 metre clear from sides of footpaths. Suresh to come back with a plan.
(Please refer to Suresh Gattapur email at end of minutes)

12. Finances/Sponsors

B & G Jenkins and AMS Accountants have both recently renewed so now there are 6 sponsors on board. It was decided that discussion regarding dedicated profiles of sponsors on the website be postponed until next meeting in December when more attendees present. Andrew Snowden committed to review the Shaw Residents Association constitution to check if wording needs to be amended at the next AGM regarding advertising/endorsing third parties.

13. West Swindon Parish Council updates

Keith Williams stated, "business as usual". Only additional news was WSPC are considering putting on some local events for residents such as Fire Station open day, Santa Claus visits and open-air plays & events in Shaw Forest.

(Please also refer to Suresh Gattapur email at end of minutes regarding: Bulb planting at Westlea Park and Cartwright Drive. Christmas Tree purchase not proceeding as too costly.)

14. AOB

Shaw Forest, Peatmoor Lagoon and Sparcells area dual bin update by Cathy Thompson. Of 6 requested, including Roger Ogle's new proposal at Peatmoor Lagoon, 4 new dual bins have now been installed. New proposal refused on River Ray Parkway entrance to Shaw Forest. Just one outstanding request, replacement of small bin by footpath gate, top of Shaw Forest Road, which has been recently mentioned to Steve, the WSPC supervisor via WSPC maintenance worker. Andrew Snowden stated that the litter and rubbish generally seems to be less.

Meeting closed 21.07 Next Meeting 5th December 2022

Excerpt from Suresh's email 4th November 2022 on last page:

Good morning All.

4/11/2022

Apologies I won't be able to attend Monday meeting as I have Borough and Parish meetings before my golf call with US team(8:30 to 10:30 pm).

Updates on few points is below

Over grown hedges

- I have reported this issue with Parish and Parish team is out in Ramleaze and Middleleaze area this week to cutback. They will be working through different areas in coming months. Once I have the plan will share with you all.

Shaw village centre

- Parish manager informed in the last Parish meeting that the team had met SRA to discuss on Shaw village centre planters. Is there any issues which you want us to follow?

Bulb Planting

- 800 daffodils bulbs were donated by one of the Westlea resident and they all planted in Westlea Park with the help of Volunteers.
- We are planning to plant around 500 Daffodils and wild flowers on Sunday (06/11) near the children play area on Cartwright drive, closer to 'White Horse Pacified' between 10:30 to 11:30 am. All are welcome to join.

Christmas tree

- We have received a quote for Christmas tree(about 5K), which is above our budget Therefore we will not be going ahead with Christmas tree.

Apart from above, we have requested to arrange a West Swindon Volunteers meet in December to share ideas on community work each group is working. There will be some snack and I will try to get Samosa and other Indian nibbles

Regards

Suresh Gattapur