

Shaw Residents' Association

Minutes of meeting

5th September 2022

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

Meeting held at Lower Shaw Farm @ 8pm

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 Jeffrey Bamforth

Seconded by Ritva Bamforth

2. Litter Picking/Weeding

(New date for next litter picking session is 17th September)

Suresh let us know that a young Sparcells' resident had been litter picking along the local cycle paths and had collected several bags of rubbish.

3. Shaw/Ramleaze Village Centre

Action from the last meeting: The management of the raised beds has been explored with the WS Parish Council, they have written back and will look at our suggestion of grass and meadow flowers.

Proposed SBC takeover date for Village Centre is 1/10/22.

Keith informed us that the custom-made round bench for the area in front of Tesco has now been found, so will be installed soon.

4. Shaw Forest

Kevin informed the group that he had been up to Shaw Forest and that the fence and barrier had now been repaired, but he felt that they would not offer a lot of resistance if forced again. It was also noted that posts further down track were damaged and in poor repair.

Damage to the Shaw Forest Park sign and reed bed disrepair was brought up in conversation - Keith will enquire about repair/replacement with the relevant team.

5. River Ray Parkway

It was asked if a timescale had been made for the building of a proposed bridge to offer better access for service vehicles along the River Ray Parkway cycle path - Probably next year?

6. Thames Water leak in Old Shaw Lane

Kevin brought to the meeting, the problem of a persistent long standing water leak, close to his house in Old Shaw Lane. Keith has raised these issues with the SBC Highways department, he has sent them an email plus a copy of Kevin's photos.

7. Travellers

Kevin has not yet received a reply from Robert Buckland MP on his original enquiry regarding what is being done to prevent frequent wilful damage from travellers, with us as taxpayers picking up the cost to clear up after they leave. (Robust deterrents in terms of secure gates and defences are prohibitive with SBC budget restrictions).

8. 20mph speed limits

Kevin has delivered leaflets regarding a proposed 20mph speed limit to houses at the Shaw end of Old Shaw Lane. Keith and Suresh have knocked on doors in the proposed roads within our area (Grandison Close, Swinley Drive, Old Shaw Lane and Austin and Dennis roads near the Aldi store). The next move is to put speed monitoring tape across these roads to assess the extent of the speeding problem.

9. SRA Poster

Kevin distributed a sample poster for us to discuss where we can display it, this is to help us to increase our current membership numbers. At present we are just looking to have it displayed on the WSPC board in the carpark at Shaw Village Centre.

10. Finance and Sponsors

We have a new sponsor Richard James on the SRA website. Also, Rusty Grange Brewery have renewed their sponsorship again for this coming year.

11. Land North of Purton Road

Now official, the planning application for this land has been refused again.

12. Pry Farm (North Wilts Local Plan)

Kevin has had no response from Cllr Jacqui Lay regarding this issue.

13. West Swindon Parish Council Updates

The new BMX pump track is opening this coming weekend, with monies raised by Suresh and his family through sponsored events.

The Prinnels is organising a community funday for 25/9/22.

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- **Mead Way - Plan is to close the road overnight on 15/9/22 to remove the temporary barriers before reopening all lanes on 16/9/22.**
- **Unfortunately, the new trees planted along this route earlier in the year are now mostly dead due to the hot dry weather conditions this Summer. Question as to why they were not planted in the Autumn.**
- **Solar Together - A SBC initiative to support local residents interested in installing solar panels. About 500 registrations were received.**

Meeting closed 9pm

Next Meeting: 3rd October - Lower Shaw Farm 8pm