

The Community Action: Whitley & Shaw (CAWS) committee met at the Head Shed at 7pm.

1. Welcome / Present /Apologies

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Present: Peter Richardson; Dan Pike; Melinda Adcock; Joan Boorer; Mike Booth; Lesley King; Lesley Sibbald

Apologies: Kirsty Jamieson; Alison Candlin; Helen Mitchell

Peter notified the meeting that Ann Harrison has resigned from the committee

3. Actions from previous meeting

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106	May 23	Safeguarding policy – committee to confirm they have read and understood	Dan	Dan to obtain signatures from all committee members to confirm they have read and understood their responsibilities Ongoing – a small number of people are still to sign
139	Mar 24	Shaw telephone box – investigate suitable frames for interchangeable content	Alison	Complete - quotes received
152	Oct 24	Summer event 2025 – who will take the lead / will there be one	ALL	Cancelled - no volunteers have come forward to help organise.
155	Jan 25	Speedwatch action plan – review and provide feedback to Peter and Kirsty	ALL	Complete – no further comments received
156	Jan 25	Best Kept Village – call for volunteers in next CAWS Connect article	Maureen Mindy	Complete – no response to article put in Connect

4. MWPC Grant Application – Peter

Peter advised that the amount granted to CAWS by MWPC was £2250, £906 less than the submitted application amount. Joan advised that with this amount, the bank account now has a balance of £4190 (CEG has £1788).

For CAWS, the reduced amount received means that it is not possible to do everything on the list which was as follows:

- Community gallery (phone box in Shaw) £2436.00
- Insurance £481.54
- Picnic table £239.00

Mike queried the cost of the community gallery and agreed to investigate further to see if this could be done cheaper. Peter will send the quotes on to him. It is possible that the quote from Arien Signs Ltd could be made cheaper by collecting and fitting the display cases ourselves. **ACTION: Mike and Peter**

With regard to the insurance, Peter suggested that Joan shop around at renewal (September) and suggested she speak with the treasurers from other local groups such as Bowerhill Residents Action Group and Berryfield and Semington Residents Action Group. **ACTION: Joan**

Lesley S agreed to research the cost of the picnic table for Evergreen Meadow. She will speak with her husband as he has contacts at Timber Tack and will also check prices on line. Peter will let Mike and Leila know that this activity is underway. **ACTION: Lesley S and Peter**

Peter advised that there were some 40 or so organisations present at the meeting to receive cheques from MWPC and it is very apparent just how much volunteering activity is happening in the area. In addition to CAWS, from Whitley and Shaw the following all received funding:

- Shaw Village Hall
- Whitley Stores
- CEG
- Gardening Club

- Art Group

5. BESS and cable route (to include key themes of the planned CAWS submission) update – Peter

Peter provided an update including the following points:

- We now know the battery site will not be in Whitley.
- The consultation period is 29th January to 19th March and the submission from CAWS must be in before the end of it.
- The Working Group focus is now on the cable route (which needs to connect to the Melksham substation). The Group are going to set out its agreement with the decision to deselect Whitley for the BESS to ensure all of the information is in the public domain and with the planning inspectorate. This will then be on record should it ever be required in the future.
- Wiltshire Council has now formally decided to oppose the scheme.
- The exact cable route is not known but the Working Group are advising Lime Down Solar (LDS) of things that need to be avoided, e.g. Octavian, the disused quarry, the reservoir, the Roman road and Wansdyke etc.
- It has been confirmed that LDS does not intend to go under any private gardens.
- LDS will be asked to explore a more direct route for the cabling, from Gastard straight down to the substation rather than via Whitley.
- With regard to the engineering solution, the Group will playback information regarding things such as the depth of trenches, cable sealing ends, temporary construction compound etc.
- The Group will also make sure LDS do not exacerbate the flood risk, biodiversity, heritage etc.
- There is a requirement for LDS to plan to undertake the necessary works for the cable run professionally and to minimise impact on local residents i.e. working between 08:30am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday only and no working at weekends or bank holidays.
- There will also be a requirement to keep CAWS informed of progress/developments.
- Peter is asking LDS for circa £375k towards community benefits such as flood alleviation, renewable energy (e.g. solar panels for Whitley Stores, Shaw Village Hall, Shaw school), a residential energy scheme for LDS to allow residents to take advantage of their buying power to buy such equipment at a discount, and for community engagement. Although this is being requested it is not known how LDS may respond.

6. Safeguarding Register – Dan

Dan confirmed that only two people still need to sign the register.

Peter advised on behalf of Kirsty that she met Claire Hall from Whitley Stores and they are both to do the Safeguarding training.

7. Litter pick/SVH storage container spring clean – Lesley S/Mike/Peter

It was confirmed this is arranged for 6th April, 1pm meet at Shaw Village Hall. Mike will develop a plan/schedule for the day and will post this on Facebook, on the WhatsApp group for CAWS members and in the village shop. Dan agreed to bring his van as transport. **ACTION: Mike**

8. Potholes – Peter/Dan

Dan advised that the big pothole at the end of First Lane on to Top Lane has been fixed (after more than 15 years!). It transpires a pipe underneath had collapsed and there is still concern that this may impact the join to the gully by the shop. Also, the outside of the repair is not sealed so Dan will talk to his contact about this. **ACTION: Dan**

The footpath from Middle Lane going north along the Corsham Road will be repaired in the new financial year.

The MyWilts app has been upgraded and users should delete the old app and reinstall the new one.

9. Summer Events – Peter

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No volunteers have come forward for this so there will be no event in 2025

10. Speedwatch – Kirsty

Peter provided the update on Kirsty's behalf. There has not been much activity over the winter months. The group only has 5 members so could do with more if anyone is interested. Kirsty feels that a walk around Whitley and Shaw with the Highways Engineer to see what they may be able to do would be beneficial.

Peter also advised that he now chairs a Road Safety Working Group for MWPC and they have data which he will be able to review.

11. Library – Maureen

Billy Burns and Peter Allen have both offered to help with the repairs/renovations. Mike agreed to coordinate this for April/May. **ACTION: Mike**

12. AOB – Peter / All

First Aid Training – Mindy advised that she has the invoice and will send it to Joan. The training is scheduled for 21st May 2025, 09:30 – 16:30 for 12 people, the priority being for CEG members.

Shaw Village Hall AGM – Mike advised the group that this is scheduled for 15th March 2025, 11am – 1pm at Shaw Village Hall.

Connect – next submission is due by 28th March 2025. This will be done by Lesley K and Joan. **ACTION: Lesley K and Joan**

13. Date of Next Meeting – Dan

14th May 2025 commencing at 7:00pm. Venue - The Head Shed.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Lesley King
CAWS Minutes Secretary

14. Outstanding Action Summary

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106	May 23	Safeguarding policy – committee to confirm they have read and understood	Dan	Dan to obtain signatures from all committee members to confirm they have read and understood their responsibilities Ongoing – a couple of people are still to sign
157	Mar 25	Phone box gallery costs – review quotes	Mike Peter	
158	Mar 25	Insurance costs – get quotes at renewal (September)	Joan	
159	Mar 25	Picnic table for Evergreen Meadow – get quotes and purchase (Peter to advise Mike and Leila it is in hand)	Lesley S (Peter)	
160	Mar 25	Litter pick and SVH storage container spring clean 6 th April – plans to be published for the event	Mike	
161	Mar 25	Potholes – discuss recent repair at First Lane/Top Lane with Highways contact	Dan	
162	Mar 25	Library – coordinate repairs/renovations to be undertaken April/May	Mike	
163	Mar 25	Connect – next submission due by 28 th March	Lesley K Joan	