

NOTES OF THE CAWS COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2025

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; Helen Mitchell; Lesley Sibbald

Apologies: Kirsty Jamieson; Alison Candlin; Ann Harrison

3. Outstanding actions

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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 few people are still to sign
139	Mar 24	Shaw telephone box – investigate suitable frames for interchangeable content	Alison	Alison to investigate who could fit out the phone box with the frames Ongoing – awaiting quotes
151	May 24	Marquee repair	Joan	Joan to discuss the repair with Mike to see who he had in mind to do this and to speak to the school re continued storage Complete - Joan has spoken to PAFOS and they have agreed to hold on to it
152	Oct 24	Summer event 2025 – who will take the lead / will there be one	ALL	Ongoing – to be discussed again at next CAWS meeting
153	Oct 24	Christmas Tree event at Christchurch, Shaw	Lesley S	Complete
154	Oct 24	Dip in the road at the First Lane and Top Lane junction	Dan/Peter	Complete – two temporary repairs have been undertaken and the main repair is scheduled for 17/2/25

4. MWPC Grant Application (deadline 31 January 2025) - Peter

Peter advised that the grant for CEG for £1489 had been received from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) to cover first aid training, racking, walkie talkies and insurance etc.

Peter expressed his concern that the deadline for the MWPC grant is fast approaching. Potential items for inclusion were discussed and included the following:

- Refurbishment of the Shaw phone box (but this is dependent upon Alison receiving the quotes on time)
- CAWS insurance
- A picnic table for Evergreen Meadow (subject to agreement from Mike and Leila)

The footpath between Evergreen Meadow and the kissing gate was discussed but it was agreed this needs to be covered by the school travel policy rather than CAWS. It might also be possible for Mike and Leila to apply for a grant.

Joan advised that the balance in the account was currently £3567 - £1993 for CAWS and £1574 for CEG. She recommended that 100% grant is requested (this would be in line with the approach successfully adopted by Shaw Village Hall).

5. BESS update – Peter

Peter provided an update including the following points:

- Whitley is expected to be deselected but this is not yet confirmed in writing.
- The SOCC (Statement of Community Consultation) is due to be published by LDS 14/1/24 and is expected to provide a full update on where the BESS is now expected to be located.
- The campaign is continuing.
- Wicks Farm (north side of Westlands Lane) is a large area likely to be covered in solar – we will continue to monitor both this (in terms of the BESS that goes along with it) and the Whistlemead site (Little Chalfield) and provide support to the people affected by them.

- There is always a possibility that Fullers will offer their land for other usages such as solar, at a later date.

The full update shared by Peter is sent as a separate attachment to these minutes.

6. Christmas Tree Event – Lesley S

Lesley S advised that the event was successful although the CAWS entry did not win. The village shop did however come second.

7. Safeguarding Register – Dan

Dan will arrange for the register to be signed by the remaining few.

8. Speedwatch – Kirsty

Peter advised that he met with Kirsty and an action plan has been compiled covering all of the things that could be done to try to improve road safety in Whitley and Shaw including the following:

- Walk around the village with the Highways Engineer.
- Better signage.
- Obtaining the SID data.
- Engagement with the school re: their travel plan (the school have been difficult to engage with on this point, so far).

The full details can be found in the document issued with these minutes and Peter urged the committee to review this and to provide feedback to himself and Kirsty. **ACTION: ALL**

9. Library – Maureen

Maureen reported that the wood that Lesley S. installed to prevent the books from touching the damp windows is working well, and the phone box is generally drier than expected. The plan is to do the refurbishment in the spring, and Maureen has recruited a volunteer from Corsham Road to help, as well as Billy Burns and Mike.

10. Potholes – Dan/Peter

Dan advised that the potholes are now getting fixed quickly after he raises them with the Highways team. As mentioned above, the work to rectify First Lane / Top Lane dip is planned for February 2025. The pavement on Corsham Road also needs to be resurfaced (from the corner of Middle Lane going north up Corsham Road possibly as far as the bus stop at the Eden Grove footpath) and work is currently expected to commence around March or April.

11. Summer Event 2025 – All

No volunteers have come forward for this. It was agreed to keep it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mike advised that he has recently met someone who has relocated from Bristol and who organises music festivals. He is keen to get involved in organising one in the local area.

12. CPRE Best Kept Village 2025 – Dan

Dan asked if there was any appetite to do this for Shaw this year. Lesley S. advised that she would be happy to support someone putting an entry forward, but she does not want to lead it. The template for previous submissions is available for reference. It was agreed that it should be mentioned in Connect in the first instance, and then perhaps also on Facebook and a poster in the shop, to see if any villager wants to organise it.

ACTION: Maureen / Mindy

13. AOB – Peter / All

Connect – Maureen and Mindy agreed to do the next article, which is due for submission by 31/1/25.

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Clearance of shipping container – Mike asked for this to go back on the agenda. It was agreed that this could be arranged to coincide with the next litter pick when volunteers would be readily available. The date for this to happen was agreed as Sunday 6/4/25, meeting at Shaw Village Hall at 1pm.

Availability of a van – Dan advised that he has a van and offered to help with the clearance of items if required.

14. **Date of Next Meeting – Dan**

5th March 2025 commencing at 7:00pm. Venue - The Headshed.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

Lesley King
CAWS Minutes Secretary

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155	Jan 25	Speedwatch action plan – review and provide feedback to Peter and Kirsty	ALL	
156	Jan 25	Best Kept Village – call for volunteers in next CAWS Connect article	Maureen Mindy	