

NOTES OF THE CAWS COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2025

The Community Action: Whitley & Shaw (CAWS) committee met at the Head Shed at 7:00pm

1. Welcome

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Present / Apologies

Present: Peter Richardson; Dan Pike; Melinda Adcock; Mike Booth; Kirsty Jamieson; Lesley King; Helen Mitchell; Lesley Sibbald

Apologies: Joan Boorer; Alison Candlin; Maureen Hibbott

3. Outstanding Actions

#	Date	Action	Lead	Status
106	May 23	Safeguarding policy – committee to confirm they have read and understood	Dan	Complete – all committee have signed
157	Mar 25	Phone box gallery – review quotes	Mike Peter	Complete – revised (significantly) lower quotes received
158	Mar 25	Insurance costs – get quotes at renewal (September)	Joan	Joan to contact other groups (Bowerhill RAG and Berryfield and Semington RAG) to see if they have cheaper quotes
159	Mar 25	Picnic table for Evergreen Meadow – get quotes and purchase (Peter to let Mike & Leila know it is in hand)	Lesley S (Peter)	Complete – bench purchased and installed
160	Mar 25	Litter pick and SVH storage container spring clean 6 th April – plans to be published for the event	Mike Dan	Complete – litter pick and spring clean undertaken (albeit a disappointing turnout)
161	Mar 25	Potholes – discuss recent repair at First Lane/Top Lane with Highways Contact	Dan	Complete – Dan has spoken to the Parish Steward and the repair is being monitored
162	Mar 25	Library – coordinate repairs / renovations to be undertaken April/May	Mike	Complete – repairs are underway
163	Mar 25	Connect – next submission due by 28 th March	Lesley K Joan	Complete – article submitted

4. Brockleaze BESS – Peter / Dan

Peter talked through the update shown in Appendix 1. He advised that the planning application should come through imminently and that Wiltshire Council will have the final decision on this.

5. Road Safety and Footpaths – Helen / Peter

Peter advised that he, Helen, Mindy, Teresa Strange (MWPC) and Martin Rose (Wiltshire Council Highways Engineer) had walked around the village and 28 items had been identified to help with road safety in the area. Martin agreed with these and they were subsequently submitted to the Parish Council Highways Committee and were also agreed by them. Peter commented that these

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actions won't transform road safety in the area but they will make marginal gains and the challenge will be in making sure that everything happens. One final point of question was in the split of costs between the Parish Council and Wiltshire Council. It seems that the split with MPWC is 50/50 whereas in other parts of Wiltshire the split is 75/25 so this requires further investigation by MWPC.

For full details of the 28 items referred to above please refer to the attached PDF.

Kirsty requested confirmation that there was no risk that the Speedwatch could be taken away and Peter provided that confirmation.

6. Potholes - Dan

Dan advised that he is in regular contact with the Parish Steward to try to keep on top of the potholes. The state of the repair at Top Lane / First Lane is being monitored.

7. Speedwatch – Kirsty

Kirsty advised that CAWS Speedwatch representatives had been invited by the police to tea and cakes as a 'thank you' for all that the team do.

Peter advised that Teresa Strange is going to confirm if there is an approved Speedwatch site on Top Lane.

There have been complaints raised about the brightness of the SID on Top Lane and Mindy agreed to check if it is still there and if it appears to be functioning correctly.

ACTION: Mindy

8. Christmas Tree Festival – Lesley S

Lesley advised that notification has been received from the church about this year's Christmas Tree Festival, the theme of which is to be 'Christmas Carols'. It was agreed that the committee should think about the CAWS entry and discuss again at the next meeting.

ACTION: All

9. Library, including planned refurbishment – Peter / Mike

Peter presented the quote for materials from Unicorn Renovations. Mike asked Peter to hold off on making any purchases as he may have the necessary paint etc in the shipping container or at home.

ACTION: Mike

10. AOB (note – these items were covered at both the start and end of the meeting)

Picnic bench on Evergreen Meadow – now this has been installed Mike suggested putting a note on it to say 'No BBQ's' to mitigate the risk of fire (as has happened recently at a bench in Frome). All agreed.

ACTION: Mike

Trees – Dan has planted a replacement tree at SVH playing field, donated by Pamela Hall, as the original one has died. Elizabeth Bean has agreed to water it. The tree at Eden Grove has also now died and will be replaced by a silver birch donated by Phil Cornwall.

Shaw telephone box – Mike has found some lockable weatherproof frames at a fraction of the price previously quoted for. Peter proposed that the lower cost option be selected (with the work being done by committee members) and Mike suggested that the remaining balance of the

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grant received be used towards the renovations of the library phone box. Mike will order the frames and design the graphics for the outside of the box and once he has everything ready he will let members know so that the necessary cleaning and installation works can be arranged. If anyone wishes to exhibit something Mike is happy to facilitate getting them printed to the correct size. Peter suggested that the school run an art competition and the winning three entries are displayed and Lesley S noted that there are various other clubs around the village that may also wish to exhibit items. The facility can be publicised in due course.

ACTION: Mike

Planning application for the Land at the North of Top Lane – Peter advised that, in his view as Parish Councillor, he has concerns about the proposed development on the following grounds:

- It is outside the settlement boundary (should not create a precedent)
- Potential drainage issues
- Access rights (via a dangerous place on Top Lane)
- It is not in the draft Neighbourhood Plan

Jonathan Romans is submitting objections on behalf of CEG. The CAWS committee agreed that CAWS objections should also be submitted.

ACTION: Peter

Whitley Stores – Mindy advised that the one year anniversary is w/c 19/5/25 and that they will be handing out ice-creams on 24/5/25 to mark the occasion. The shop is going well and they are still advertising for a manager.

Ann Harrison – Peter suggested the committee send some flowers to Ann to acknowledge her input to CAWS. All agreed.

ACTION: Peter

First Aid – Mindy advised there are 2 spaces left for the course on 21/5/25. Mike will ask if any SVH committee members wish to attend.

ACTION: Mike

Connect – Helen, Mindy and Kirsty agreed to draft the next submission.

ACTION: Helen, Kirsty, Mindy

CAWS officers /AGM planning – Peter asked how long Lesley K expected to continue as minutes secretary given her impending house move. She agreed to complete the minutes for the next meeting and will then know more about moving. Peter also reminded everyone that his role as Chair plus the roles of Secretary and Treasurer were all up for renewal at this year's AGM. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

ACTION: Dan

Safeguarding – Kirsty advised that she has now gained her Level 3 Safeguarding for Adults and Children certification. She is planning to produce a 'key points' document to sit alongside the full policy.

Shaw Village Hall (SVH) – Mike advised that there is now a volunteer looking at grants and funding for SVH and that the National Lottery Community Fund was identified as a possible source. SVH would like to have audio visual equipment installed but in order for the Lottery to consider this, evidence is required that it is something the community actually wants. A request is therefore going to be put on Facebook for the community to respond to and he urged people to look out for and respond to this.

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CAWS awareness / volunteers – Lesley suggested that the committee approach Jaine Whitfield with a view to her including a leaflet about CAWS in the welcome pack for new residents. Mike agreed to speak with her.

ACTION: Mike

Broadband – Dan is going to talk to our MP to find out what is happening regarding the improved broadband for the village and he asked if the committee would be happy for him to do this under the umbrella of CAWS rather than as an individual. All agreed.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Dan

16th July 2025 commencing at 7:00pm. Venue – The Head Shed

The meeting closed at 8:25pm

Lesley King

CAWS minutes secretary

Outstanding Action Summary

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158	Mar 25	Insurance costs – get quotes at renewal (September)	Joan	Joan to contact other groups (Bowerhill RAG and Berryfield and Semington RAG) to see if they have cheaper quotes
164	May 25	SID on Top Lane – check it appears to be working and the brightness of it	Mindy	
165	May 25	Christmas Tree Festival – consider CAWS entry	All	
166	May 25	Library refurbishment – check for any materials that can be used rather than purchasing new	Mike	
167	May 25	Notice for picnic bench (No BBQ's) – design and install	Mike	
168	May 25	Shaw Telephone Box – order frames, design graphics, arrange cleaning and installation	Mike	
169	May 25	Land at North of Top Lane – submit CAWS objections to planning application	Peter	
170	May 25	Ann Harrison – send flowers as a 'thank you' from CAWS	Peter	
171	May 25	First Aid – see if and SVH volunteers wish to attend on 21/5/25	Mike	
172	May 25	Connect – draft of next submission	Helen Kirsty Mindy	

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173	May 25	CAWS officers / AGM planning – to be an agenda item for next CAWS meeting	Dan	
174	May 25	CAWS awareness / volunteers – discuss leaflet for new residents with Jane Whitfield	Mike	

Appendix 1

Brockleaze BESS – Peter/Dan



- Public consultation ended on 21 April 2025
- 432 battery containers with a capacity of 450MW, currently assumed as a 4-hour system, meaning a maximum energy output of 1800MWh - larger than the BESS previously proposed by Lime Down for Whitley
- Like Lime Down, the scheme plans to connect to the substation behind Whitley Golf Club
- The Working Group consultation response on 15 April 2025 focussed on the potential impact of the scheme to residents of Shaw and Whitley on matters such as fire safety, drainage and flood risk, noise, cable engineering design, cable route, construction/traffic planning, and cumulative impact
- The Working Group is in touch with some Neston residents, to explore how it might support them by sharing information etc