

NOTES OF THE CAWS COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY 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; Maureen Hibbott; Lesley King; Lesley Sibbald

Apologies: Joan Boorer; Alison Candlin; Kirsty Jamieson; Helen Mitchell

3. Outstanding Actions

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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	Complete – SID was already removed.
165	May 25	Christmas Tree Festival – consider CAWS entry	All	Complete – to be discussed under agenda
166	May 25	Library refurbishment – check for any materials that can be used rather than purchasing new	Mike	Complete – paint purchased and Billy has started the work
167	May 25	Notice for picnic bench (No BBQ's) – design and install	Mike	Complete – Mike has purchased the sign and will now install
168	May 25	Shaw Telephone Box – order frames, design graphics, arrange cleaning and installation	Mike	Complete – frames purchased and work can now commence
169	May 25	Land at North of Top Lane – submit CAWS objections to planning application	Peter	Complete - submitted
170	May 25	Ann Harrison – send flowers as a 'thank you' from CAWS	Peter	Complete – flowers sent
171	May 25	First Aid – see if and SVH volunteers wish to attend on 21/5/25	Mike	Complete – course held and was well attended
172	May 25	Connect – draft of next submission	Helen Kirsty Mindy	Complete – article submitted
173	May 25	CAWS officers / AGM planning – to be an agenda item for next CAWS meeting	Dan	Complete – to be discussed under agenda

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174	May 25	CAWS awareness / volunteers – discuss leaflet for new residents with Jane Whitfield	Mike	Carried forward
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4. **Brockleaze BESS – Peter / Dan**

Peter talked through the update shown in the slide deck accompanying these minutes. Although this is outside of CAWS jurisdiction, Dan and Peter have been asked to attend the meeting with Neston residents on 17th July 2025. Dan is going to attend.

5. **Halfway Farm BESS –Peter**

Peter talked through the update shown in the slide deck accompanying these minutes. He has only recently become aware of this proposal which is for a BESS (smaller than Brockleaze) at the back of Chapel Lane in Beanacre. Fortunately he managed to submit the CAWS comments (along the same lines as the Brockleaze response) on the final day of the consultation period.

6. **Speedwatch**

In Kirsty's absence, Mindy advised that the last speedwatch session was on Corsham Road and a number of people were caught doing 40mph+. She will ask Kirsty if the speedwatch location on Top Lane (by the Daisy Chain) is now on the approved list.

ACTION: Mindy

Peter also provided an update on road safety related items shown in the slide deck accompanying these minutes. These included the Middle Lane sign, which has been sent for painting; the 30 MPH roundels at Corsham Road/Top Lane appear to have been repainted, the MWPC request has been submitted for a footpath cut through from "Chicken Alley" to Shaw Playing Field, and minor pavement repairs on Corsham Road (near Top Lane).

7. **Christmas Tree Festival – All**

This was discussed and agreed that we could use The Twelve Days of Christmas to demonstrate the achievements that CAWS has made / what it does on behalf of the community.

8. **Connect Magazine deadline Friday 1st August 2025 – All**

Lesley S and Mike agreed to do the next submission.

ACTION: Lesley S and Mike

9. **CAWS 2025 AGM - Dan**

It was agreed that the date of the AGM would be 17th September 2025 at the Methodist Chapel (Mike will arrange the necessary equipment). However, since the meeting Alison has advised that the Whitley Stores AGM is on the same day so the CAWS AGM has been moved to 24th September 2025. Dan will book the Chapel.

The challenge in getting more members of the community at the AGM and involved with CAWS in general was discussed. Ideas for the AGM included a guest speaker (MP, Phil Alford.....), demonstrating what CAWS has done for the community and asking the community what they would like to see CAWS do. It was agreed that there should be a meeting on 3rd September 2025 to prepare for the AGM. Dan will arrange this meeting.

All 4 officers are up for election (Chair, Secretary, Minutes Secretary and Treasurer). Lesley K advised that she hopes to move out of the area, and will not be able to continue as Minutes

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Secretary. Dan advised he would be willing to carry on as Secretary as long as a Minutes Secretary was in place and Lesley S offered to do the minutes if no-one else comes forward. Peter would like someone else to now take on the role of Chair but will continue if absolutely necessary and activities under CAWS will need to be managed in smaller working groups going forward. Mike advised that he would be willing to lead an 'event' working group in the future.

ACTION: Dan

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

Tree at Shaw Village Hall – the newly planted tree has again been damaged by a strimmer. Mike will ask Kieran (who manages the grounds maintenance) to speak with the contractors.

ACTION: Mike

First Aid course – this went well and thanks were passed to Mindy for organising it.

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum – Peter emphasized the importance of the voting on 31st July 25 and encouraged everyone to do so. If approved it will be a powerful tool with respect to any future planning applications.

Land north of Top Lane – Peter made the CAWS submission with the key points relating to the development being outside the settlement boundary, access, heritage/archaeology and development plans. Full details are shown in the slide deck accompanying these minutes. If the Neighbourhood Plan is approved before the planning decision is made (it is currently overdue!) it will be good news as it will support the CAWS comments made.

Lime Down Solar Park targeted consultation – Peter submitted the CAWS comments and these were endorsed by MWPC. The key points made (as shown in the slide deck accompanying these minutes) were to confirm all previous CAWS submissions are still valid, repeat the request for additional public consultation once the cable run is defined, state the preference for the south-east corridor and to recommend timings etc for works to be undertaken at Box 5 ways and Whitehall Garden Centre junctions.

Whitley Stores update – Mindy advised that the stores are doing very well but unfortunately they have been unable to recruit a new manager as yet. New shelving has been installed and they are reintroducing the fruit and veg facility where surplus supplies can be donated at the shop, for customers to take for the amount they wish to pay.

Community Gallery – agreement was received from the committee to Mike's naming convention and design for the phonebox opposite Shaw School. It was agreed that the school be given the first opportunity to use the facility and Mike will contact Jo Bishop in this regard. Other future opportunities to be offered to clubs such as the Art Club.

ACTION: Mike

Corsham Community Energy Map – Mike informed the group that he had attended an event on 3rd July in Corsham Town Hall titled 'Community Energy in the Corsham Area'. It was hosted by Bath & West Community Energy in conjunction with Corsham Climate Action and the event/workshop talked about how communities get involved in local energy projects rather than just being on the receiving end of energy bills. As part of the workshop attendees were asked to place post-it notes/stickers on a local map where they would like to see different types of energy provision being situated. The map (shown in the slide deck accompanying these minutes) had a significant number along the Roman Road at the back of Whitley. It was clear that Corsham residents are happy to have various types of energy (solar, wind etc) but not on their doorstep.

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Peter agreed to raise this with MWPC to see if Bath & West Community Energy were conducting this exercise elsewhere in the area.

ACTION: Peter

Broadband update – Dan advised that Wiltshire Council had now appointed Graham Huxter to take this forward. Graham is producing the map showing where the broadband will be rolled out to (see slide deck accompanying these minutes) and OpenReach have agreed to achieve this by 2030. Dan also advised that all cabling would be overhead with no need to dig up roads and pavements.

11. Date of next meeting – Dan

3rd September 2025 (to prepare for the AGM) commencing at 7:00pm. Venue – The Head Shed.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

Lesley King
CAWS minutes secretary

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176	Jul 25	Connect – due 1 st August 2025	Lesley S Mike	
177	Jul 25	CAWS AGM – arrange for 24 th September 2025 also the prep meeting for 3 rd September 2025	Dan	
178	Jul 25	Tree at Shaw Village Hall – speak to Kieran regarding the contractors taking care not to strim the replacement tree	Mike	
179	Jul 25	Community Gallery – speak to Jo Bishop to offer the school to be the first to use the facility	Mike	
180	Jul 25	Corsham Community Energy Map – speak with MWPC to see if Bath & West Community Energy are running workshops elsewhere in the local area	Peter	