

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

1. Welcome / Present/Apologies:

Pippa welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Dan Pike, who has joined the committee to lead on the Internet connectivity campaign and Richard Bean, following his recent illness.

Present: Pippa Richardson; Lesley Sibbald; Peter Richardson; Angela Ferris; Peter Harrison; Maureen Hibbott; Ann Harrison. Mary Pile; Elizabeth and Richard Bean; Dan Pike

Apologies: Nick Adsett; Mike Booth; Alison Candlin and Joan Boorer.

2. Minutes and Actions from the meeting held on 19 January 2022: All actions complete or covered under agenda items below.

3. Updates on current CAWS Activities

3.1. Phone Box Library Top Lane – The committee noted that some repair had been needed due to heavy rain and that the shelves were overcrowded again with bags sometimes being left on the floor. Maureen agreed to take over as ‘library monitor’; emailing to the AOL account when she expected to be away for any length of time. **Action: Maureen**

3.1.1. Lesley & Ange to undertake a clear out and re-stock of the library (to coincide with the litter pick on 3rd April). **Action: Ange and Lesley**

3.1.2. Dan suggested providing an additional selection of books outside Spindles / Whitley shop, with a voluntary donation. **Action: Lesley**

3.1.3. The committee also agreed that a ‘book stall’ should be included at the fete, with the sole purpose of trying to dispose of some of the excess books currently in the store. **Action: Nick / Peter to add book stall to fete.**

3.2. Information Box Corsham Rd – Peter R had contacted the Gardening club with regarding the suggestion that the box be used as a seed and plant exchange location. Unfortunately, the club were not enthusiastic as they felt that there would be a deal of ongoing support required. Peter H also pointed out that, due to recent bin collection changes, the box was frequently blocked by rubbish / recycling bins for several days at a time. It was agreed that the future of the box might need a rethink. Peter H to discuss with Mike Booth. **Action: Peter H / Mike.**

3.3. Litter Pick – Date for next litter pick confirmed as Sunday 3rd April 2022. Meeting at the village hall on the Beeches at 1300.

3.4. Internet Connectivity Improvement Campaign - Dan provided details of the numerous attempts that he had made to secure assistance from various authorities, with little / no success to date. Teresa Strange had now provided some useful ideas which he was now pursuing.

4. Finance:

Joan (in absentia) was still trying to resolve the issue of additional access to the bank account for CAWS office bearers. **Action: Joan.**

5. Updates on other Community Activities:

5.1. Speedwatch: Understandably there had been no speed checks undertaken due to Richard’s illness.

5.2. MWPC News: Nothing to report.

5.3. Community Emergency Group: Peter H advised that the agreed processes and worked well during the recent storms but that the villages had been relatively unscathed. Issue regarding Corsham road telephone box covered under item 3.2 above.

5.4. Whitley Stores: Nothing to report due to Alison’s unexpected unavailability.

6. **Queen’s Jubilee celebrations June 2022:**

- 6.1. **General:** Progress had been made on several of the potential contributors, & stalls (especially Lowdens) but, with only 12 weeks to go before the fete, there was a deal of concern over what still needed to be done. As 3 of the subcommittee were unable to attend this meeting, it was agreed that another subcommittee meeting would be held on **Wednesday 9th March to assess progress and identify key concerns. Action – Subcommittee.**
- 6.2. **Raffle:** Whitley Stores has confirmed that they would sell the tickets in the shop. Other sellers / selling points were discussed / to be agreed. Ann reminded the committee that the tickets needed to be printed very soon. It was agreed that details of prizes etc would be confirmed and passed to Ann by the end of March. **Action – Subcommittee**
- 6.3. **Design a crown:** Peter R reported that the Shaw school head teacher had been enthusiastic about the ‘design a crown’ competition and that the subcommittee now needed to agree what format this would take. **Action – Subcommittee.**
- 6.4. **Red Arrows:** Peter R also confirmed that he had applied for a Red Arrows flypast. The application had been acknowledged, even though the deadline had passed.
- 6.5. **Plant a tree initiative:** Discussions ongoing with MWPC and others to identify suitable planting sites for trees being provided by Lowdens. The planting would take place in autumn.

7. **AOB:**

- 7.1. Nothing raised.

8. **Date of Next Meetings:**

- 8.1. Jubilee Subcommittee: Wednesday 9th March 2022 - 1900 at The Headshed
- 8.2. Full committee: Wednesday 6th April 2022 - 1900 at The Headshed

9. **Closure:** Pippa thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 1955.

Lesley Sibbald

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