

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

1. **Welcome / Present/Apologies:**

Pippa welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Alison Candlin representing Whitley Stores. Lesley advised that our new police representative is PC Alan Paterson from the Melksham Neighbourhood team.

2. **Present:** Pippa Richardson; Lesley Sibbald; Peter Richardson; Richard Bean; Mike Booth; Nick Adsett; Phil Alford; Angela Ferris; Elizabeth Bean; Alison Candlin

Apologies: Joan Boorer; Mary Pile; Maureen Hibbott; Ann Harrison. PC Alan Paterson

3. **Minutes and Actions from the meeting held on 2 March 2021:**

3.1. Complete or covered under relevant agenda item below.

4. **Updates on current CAWS Activities**

4.1. **Phone Box Library Top Lane** – Nothing new to report but it was agreed that there should be a review of the books held in both the box and the container at Shaw Hall in the next few months.

4.2. **Information Box Corsham Rd** – It was agreed that this project should be reviewed in Spring 2022.

4.3. **The Litter Pick** will take place on Sunday 26 September, commencing at 1200 from Shaw Village Hall.

4.4. Following discussion on advertising the litter pick and other CAWS activities it was agreed that there should be a designated CAWS Facebook account which could be used for this purpose. **Action: Pippa**

5. **Finance:**

Joan had provided the following update:

5.1. **NatWest account:** There has been no movement since the last meeting, so still stands at CAWS £3,517, CEG £277. She had been unable to transfer this balance to the new account due to family pressures.

5.2. **Lloyds account:** The £160 CEG grant had been paid into this account.

6. **Updates on other Community Activities:**

6.1. **Speedwatch:** Richard reported that a uniformed police officer had accompanied the team on Shaw Hill. Interestingly no speeding offences were recorded on that occasion. Richard advised that he had asked for an additional speedwatch site to be allocated between Shaw Hill and Atworth as this seemed to be a particularly bad area for speeding. The outcome was awaited. The committee then discussed the possibility of securing additional double white lines on this road but agreed that the guidance on such matters was set nationally. Richard then confirmed that Ange Ferris had completed her part 2 speedwatch training and that he looked forward to her joining the team very soon.

6.2. **MWPC News:** Nothing to report.

6.3. **Community Emergency Group:** The committee was pleased to note that the group had met in person again today and also recorded thanks to Jonathan Rummens for his excellent representation at the recent Council planning meeting.

6.4. **Whitley Stores:** Alison reported that the store opened on 14 August. This had been possible following investment by more than 170 investors / members, most from the two villages. A total of 40 volunteers had been trained to work shifts in the shop. Alison explained that, so far, the shop takings slightly exceeded their target, which was an excellent start. A 'Grand Opening' is planned for Saturday 9 October. Alison also explained that any future surplus funds would be donated to community projects and that the choice of projects would be decided solely by members of Whitley Community Hub.

7. **Planning Issues:**

- 7.1. Melksham Neighbourhood Plan: Peter R & Phil advised that the plan had been approved and was already proving useful in determining acceptable planning applications. The Middle Farm development is included and it is understood that a developer for the project is now being identified. The committee agreed to invite Abi Dicks to provide an update at the next CAWS meeting. **Action: Lesley**
- 7.2. A350 Bypass: Peter R confirmed that he had responded on CAWS behalf to the effect that we supported the current preferred route. Phil advised that MWPC were conflicted over the choice as the parish extended across all proposed routes. There was also now a suggestion that the need for a bypass should be re-examined.
- 7.3. First Lane Development: Peter (R) confirmed that he had submitted CAWS objection to the new proposal. He also asked Phil for clarification on the decision date as there was some confusion on the council website. Phil agreed to clarify the relevant dates. **Action: Phil**
- 7.4. Local Development Plan: Peter asked whether the proposal for 95 houses were still in this plan. Phil said that the plan was now in cabinet for review of the numerous consultation responses.

8. Community Events:

- 8.1. Potential Community Event in autumn /winter 2021: Nick had prepared suggestions for both this and a Queen's Jubilee event in 2022 (Copy attached). A pub quiz / wine and cheese evening / bingo / local produce tasting were all considered. Following discussion, it was agreed that a poll should be conducted to determine what type of event would be most wanted. The poll would be available electronically via the Shaw & Whitley Facebook page and in paper copy through Whitley Stores. Mike undertook to identify available dates for the event. **Action: Nick / Pippa to prepare and promulgate poll, Mike to identify an available Friday and provisionally book Shaw Village Hall.**
- 8.2. Queen's Jubilee celebrations June 2022: Nick confirmed that he was happy to continue to lead on this event which would take place on Saturday 4 June 2022. The following issues were discussed / agreed:
- Event to be joint with Shaw Village Hall.
 - Advertising should start asap.
 - Purpose for any funds raised (possibly for Shaw Village Hall repairs)
 - Need to liaise with Church and Shaw school on any plans that they may have to celebrate the jubilee. - **Action Anne to check with the church, Lesley with the school.**
 - Raffle – A sponsor will be required; this has previously been undertaken through the church – **Action: Anne to seek agreement.**
 - Local business involvement.
 - Funding from Parish or Town council - **Action: Joan to pursue.**
 - Nick to continue to lead, Mike, Peter R and Ange to assist.

9. Items for inclusion in next Connect magazine – deadline 24 September:

- Date of Jubilee event – Saturday 4 June 2022
- Poll for autumn / winter event.
- Update on planning - if appropriate.

10. AOB: Mike reported that the Shaw Village Hal AGM will be held in November and encouraged everyone to consider joining the committee.
11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19 October at The Head Shed, commencing at 1900. This meeting will focus on the autumn /winter event.
12. Closure: Pippa thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 20:20.