

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 Clinton and Abi Dicks, Nathan Hall and Teresa Strange. She then explained that she hoped to deal with the routine elements of business very quickly so that the meeting could concentrate on the presentation from Abi & Clinton and on the initial planning for the Queen's Jubilee fete on 4th June 2022.

2. **Present:** Pippa Richardson; Lesley Sibbald; Peter Richardson; Richard Bean; Nick Adsett; Angela Ferris; Elizabeth Bean; Joan Boorer; Mary Pile; Maureen Hibbott; Ann Harrison. Clinton and Abi Dicks, Nathan Hall, Teresa Strange.

Apologies: Mike Booth; Phil Alford.

3. **Minutes and Actions from the meeting held on 14 September 2021:**

- 3.1. **Preparation and promulgation of poll on winter event:** Pippa advised that after consideration of various options it had become clear that the best option for a winter function would be a quiz. This was now being taken forward.
- 3.2. **Action to check with church and school re any conflict for Jubilee event:** Neither has any plans, both are happy to help with CAWS event.
- 3.3. Other actions covered under relevant agenda item below.

4. **Updates on current CAWS Activities**

- 4.1. **Phone Box Library Top Lane** – Nothing new to report.
- 4.2. **Information Box Corsham Rd** – Nothing new to report.
- 4.3. **The Litter Pick** - successfully completed.
- 4.4. **CAWS Facebook Page reactivation** – Complete

5. **Finance:**

Joan provided the following update:

- 5.1. Current balances: CAWS £3,641, CEG £437. Since the last meeting £40 had been received from PAFOS for the loan of the marquee.
- 5.2. Following discussion on the range of grants that may be available, including the relevant limitations, and timescales for application, it was agreed that Peter R should undertake more research into the most suitable source of funding and take the necessary action. **Action Peter R**

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

- 6.1. **Speedwatch:** Richard had provided the following report in advance of the meeting: The Shaw and Whitley team have been on watch for 8 Sessions in August, 9 Sessions in September and 5 so far this month. While on watch in Whitley during August the percentage of speeders actually fell below 10%. Unfortunately, in September we witnessed an increase to over 10% and a further increase since October 1st. At a recent session 2 vehicles were recorded travelling at more than 50mph in the Corsham Road.
- 6.2. **MWPC News:** Nothing to report except that the Parish Steward would be visiting the following week.
- 6.3. **Community Emergency Group:** Peter H advised that the core group had restarted and that the group were now checking streams and ditches for signs of any flood risks. He encouraged residents to report any issues via the 'My Wiltshire' website. *(Secretary's Note – further details of this, including link to MyWilts App were included in the weekly Wiltshire News sent out last Monday)* Peter reported that the

next CEG meeting would take place on 16 November and that additional volunteers would be warmly welcomed. **Action All to provide names of any volunteers to Peter H.**

6.4. Whitley Stores: Nathan reported that the shop had had a very positive start with takings slightly above forecast. The volunteers seemed to have settled in well and the official opening was well supported. The steering group continued to explore and develop options for what additional services and produce the shop could provide. In response to a question from Maureen Hibbott, Nathan advised that they currently have no plans to run a post office in Whitley Stores.

7. Planning:

7.1. First Lane development. Pippa confirmed that this proposal had been rejected by Wiltshire Council.

7.2. Corsham Road Development – Presentation from Abi & Clinton Dicks: Abi reported that they were making positive progress with their plans and stressed that they hoped to provide a development that would be best for everyone, though they accepted that there would always be some people who did not approve of the development. She re-emphasised that the land in question was small and that they had no intention of crowding it with houses. Preliminary work is proceeding, including surveys on flood risk, traffic / transport issues, wildlife etc. This was being supported by professional advice and would be followed by in depth surveys in due course. She hoped that the plans will be available for consultation in late Spring / Summer 2022. It was still their intention to provide a small retail presence on the site which they hoped would include a Post Office. Other possible services include parcel drop off / collection, an information resource, IT resources and a refill service to reduce single use plastics. They may also consider ways of spotlighting local artists and possibly a room for hire where services such as counselling, chiropody, hairdressing etc could be provided. There would be limited parking and a small play area for children. Finally, Abi & Clinton advised that they had not yet chosen a developer for the project. Following their presentation Nathan welcomed their offer to work with Whitley Stores to try to ensure that both businesses provided the best for the villages.

8. Community Events:

8.1. Potential community event in the winter of 2021 / 22: Mike had confirmed that Friday evenings would be best for Shaw Village Hall. Pippa reported that, following a sub committee meeting the previous evening, it had been decided that, in recognition of the limited time / resources available, a quiz evening would be the best option to be taken forward. Action: **Action - Sub Committee**

8.2. Queen's Jubilee celebrations June 2022: Nick provided an update on what he had achieved to date (copy attached). His proposals were discussed and Nick noted several 'lessons learned' from previous events. It was agreed that the sub committee would continue to develop the plans over the next few months with publicity for the event to start in earnest in early 2022. **Action – Nick and Sub Committee**

9. AOB:

9.1. Brian reminded everyone that the Shaw Village Hal AGM is being held on 1st November and that the committee urgently requires new volunteers.

9.2. Two items were identified for action by the Parish Steward (damaged road signs and movement of rubbish bin from bus shelter). Action Lesley to notify MWPC office (*Secretary's note – action complete, bin being moved w/c 25 October*)

9.3. Date of next meeting: It was agreed that the Events sub-committee would meet in the near future and that a full committee meeting would be arranged for early in 2022 or earlier if required by the sub-committee.

10. Closure: Pippa thanked the members for attending and closed the meeting at 20:05.

Lesley Sibbald

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