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Minutes of the meeting of Shotesham Parish Council held at the Trinity Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th of June 2015

In attendance were ...,

H Jackson, J Nott, S Dinsdale, M Dyke, J Guy and K Dyke. CC A Thomas was also present. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from H Walker, M Riches and DC F Ellis..

1. The Chairman H Jackson opened the meeting with the announcement that a resignation letter had been received from P Grant. The resignation taking effect from receipt of the letter.
 - The meeting expressed its thanks to Philippa for the many years of faithful service to the Parish Council and the village.
 - The Clerk outlined the procedure that would now follow. Firstly a formal notice in the Notice Board, a wait of 14 weekdays to see if 'the village' wished another election to fill the post and then, if not, the PC was required to fill the post by 'cooption'.
2. The Chairman invited CC A Thomas to update the council on matters within NCC.
 - Alison gave her personal thanks to the PC members for being willing to stand and take part in helping support village life.
 - An explanation was given of the stress with Adult Social Services and the steps being taken to support the service. A key development, the Transformation agenda, was being preserved despite the financial crisis being faced.
 - The head of Children's Services had been appointed ...Michael Rosen was an internal candidate.
 - The Paris Partnership initiative was to be continued, providing small but helpful sums for initiative such as TRODs. This is a verge side path rather than a formal pavement. Her advice was that 'chicanes' to slow traffic were unlikely unless compelling and detailed and supported records were available.
 - Encouraging news was available for villagers with poor BBand from the BT Better Broadband website.
 - It was noted that no progress was being made with an earlier agreement to resolve issues with Boudicca's Way in Shotesham and Alison undertook to expedite matters.

3. Finance.

The clerk explained all aspects of the Annual Audit. The current review of checks and balances ,the cheques signing agreement, the Expenditure and Income, the method of budget setting in November to set a Precept and thus to ensure future expenditure is allowed for and related matters.

The 2014/15 accounts were examined and approved.

J Guy offered and was welcome as a councillor who would help ensure a current and future risk management process was effective and useful.

4. Ongoing/new activities.

- K Dyke explained the work she had done to explore the provision of CPR training for interested villagers. A well regarded training company could/would provide a course for £245 plus vat for 12 people. Kim was asked to continue with her excellent work and to share full details with the Clerk. The interest of villagers would be assessed through Notices, Contact and the website.
- The Grove Box. It was clarified that the Grove box would be refurbished as an Information/Free library/magazine Box. Steps would be taken to refurbish it this summer.
- The positive progress with SAM2 was welcomed. Jon Nott was asked to liaise with Henry to share agreed siting of likely sites for the camera. It was requested that Henry seek from Bob Edwards a likely date when the camera/posts would be provided.
- Footpaths. A Thomas agreed [as above]to 'follow-up' on the outstanding repairs to Boudicca's Way. The Clerk reported that the 6 finger posts had been promptly delivered by Bob Edwards' team. One now needs village cooperation to see them installed.

5. Speed Limits.

The PC discussed the need /request to seek an extension of the speed limit in two roads in the village. Brooke Road and Norwich Road. The PC unanimously supported the proposed extension. Highways would be asked to facilitate the extension to

- At the Ugate Farm area to Grid reference TM 2698 080023
- At the Park Farm area to grid reference TM 2298 852338

The Highways team ...JN,HW and MR with possibly the inclusion of M[Mark] D would now consider how to move matters forward with residents in the two areas. Data will need to be gathered and collated as soon as possible.

6. Matters from previous Council.

- The PC agreed to collective responsibility with regard to Emergency matters. The Clerk will circulate the present brochure/plan.
- J Guy accepted the role of Footpath Coordinator. Details of the role were explained. Jill will when ready will talk with Maureen Lister the Warden.
- Playing Field . No group will be formed ..any matters that arise will be handled by the Chair and the Clerk.
- Playing Field. The matter of a 'rash of rabbits' was discussed. It was felt that no form of culling involving fire arms ,gassing and trapping would be entertained by the council. It was agreed that in our rural village each householder takes whatever precautions they consider necessary to protect their property usually by installing rabbit proof fencing. Similar action should be taken in this case.
- Welcome Pack .PC members would be sent an electronic copy of the present pack for ideas etc on its improvement. How to reach new residents would be a key item on the next agenda.
- Village Liaison. Ways of regularly liaising with the 2 key groups the SVA and the PCC were considered as it was seen as essential that everyone pulls together for the benefit of Shotesham.
- Another "Get to know your neighbour" event would be held at Grove farm on 6th of September in cooperation with SVA to further the welcome of new members.

The next full meeting is planned for the 13th of August at 7.30pm at the Trinity.