**DRAFT**SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes are considered as ‘draft’ until approved at the next PC meeting.

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Minutes of the meeting of Shotesham Parish Council held in the Trinity on Monday 18th of December at 5.00pm.

Jeff Gough, The Clerk

**Minutes**

1. **Attendance**

H Jackson, J Nott. K Dyke, M Dyke, J Webber, H Walker. Apologies were received from S Dinsdale.

1. **The minutes** of the parish council meeting of 5th of December were amended and then approved and duly signed by the Chairman.
2. **The increase in the precept** was agreed at 7%...thus set at £7977…for 2024/25.

Consideration was given to the rise in prices of the services used. Councillors discussed the increases being seen in the cost of services and the need to limit increases in Council Tax before agreeing rise.

1. **The Mill Ford**.

* Everyone at the meeting expressed their shock and sadness on hearing that a man died at the ford.
* Sympathy for the family was strongly expressed.
* The meeting resolved to determine how the Parish Councils repeated concerns about the ford signage and the ‘underwater’ concrete surface should/could be shared with the Coroner.
* A councillor agreed to see how such an approach can be made.

1. **The Beacon.**

* J Nott reported that the ‘beacon/brazier’ at St Mary’s has been reinstated.
* All councillors asked that their [and the villagers] appreciation be passed to Shotesham Estate.
* The clerk will explore with the parish insurers whether the beacon is covered.

1. **Clean-up and bloom.**

* Pride in place community grant (clean up and bloom) discussed and welcomed.
* Unanimous support given for Kim Dyke to represent/apply on behalf of PC.
* Kim agreed to explore the scheme with the view of sharing the details at the next meeting.
* **NB………………….** Date of next meeting will be February 6th 2024.

**J K Gough, The Clerk.**