SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL.

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Minutes of the meeting held at the Trinity at 7.30pm on the 9th of April

 Jeff Gough, The Clerk

Minutes

1. **To consider apologies for absence**.

CC A Thomas sent her apologies

1. **The minutes** of the parish council meeting of the 5th of March were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.
2. **The financial update** re end of financial year was accepted. The account would now be prepared for external audit. It was pleasing that ‘online banking’ was reported as being successful.
3. **Planning Application …2024/0725 at The Grove.**

 The Council invited the applicant and a close neighbour to make their representations about the site. Following a good discussion, the council agreed to object to the application as submitted on the grounds that the proposed extensions are detrimental to the character and appearance of the area and have an unacceptable impact on neighbouring properties (inconsistent with Planning Policy DM 3.4)The property is within the Conservation Area and the conservation area notes "the regular pattern" of the houses on The Grove. Specifically the Council expressed concern over:

* The two-storey porch extension on the front which is inconsistent with neighbouring properties of the same period and which would obscure the interesting dating of the property, which is part of the original design. The Council considers a single storey prorch, no higher than that on No.5 The Grove to be important.
* The height of the new extensions which is sometimes higher then the original building; the Council consider that any extension should appear subservient to the original house.
* The degree of overlooking of neighbours from the large window in the 1st floor rear extension with a Juliette balcony, which is inconsistent with the neighbouring properties of a similar period.
* The property, where visible from the road, should be finished in matching bricks (other than perhaps the porch) to match the appearance of the neighbouring period properties (now almost 100 years old).

The applicant advised that further amendments had been submitted to South Norfolk Council following discussions with the planners, but these were not yet on the planning system and were not available for the meeting. It was stated that the new plans addressed many of the points made above. The Council resolved to meet again when the revised plans were available for public inspection.

1. **The Ford**…the request from the coroner has now been fulfilled. The meeting agreed a copy should be sent to CC Thomas.
2. **Shotesham in ‘Bloom’**

The grant towards the plan to improve the floral displays in Shotesham has been received. Bulbs will be bought in the autumn and planted around the village. One site, the grass triangle in fromnt of the Duke’s Head , was agreed as a particular focus. It is hoped the ‘yellow salt box’ can be relocated to a unused concrete slab next to bench at the bus stop.

A few weeks ago, as a first step, some 2000 snowdrop bulbs were planted around the village.

1. **Naiden’s Lane closure** ..re-routing Boudicca’s Way

The background was shared. It was agreed to approach the three home/land owners to improve the width of the passage off The Street together with bringing to the attention of Mr Kidner of a collapsed wire fence that needs removing. The signage will also be reviewed as soon as possible.

1. **Annual Meeting**. Date and arrangements

A series of dates will be shared with members by the Chairman to allow the most favourable date to be agreed. The venue will be the Trinity.

 J K Gough, The Clerk.