**Draft….SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**.

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Minutes of the meeting of Shotesham Parish Council held in the Trinity at 6.00pm **on 5th of March.**

 Jeff Gough, The Clerk

**Agenda**

1. To consider apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from S Dinsdale and H Walker. Also in attendance ..Mr and Mrs Warren, Mr John Long and Mr Edward Bailey.

1. The minutes of the parish council meeting of the 6th of February were signed as a correct record.
2. Planning Permission…

**A 2024/0221 Willow View Farm**

The case for the development at Willow farm was presented by both Mr Warren and Mr Long. The questions and queries raised by the parish council were answered frankly and in some detail.

The following concerns were expressed.

>Outside the planning envelope of the village

> despite arguments that it would be screened by a ‘ha-ha’ members were not convinced.

> It was quite different from the cluster of redbrick-pan-tiled ex farm dwellings that make up the cluster of houses.

 > It would set a precedent for similar development in the future.

 > Its lights would be seen from all quarters if only as ‘glimpses’

 \* The planning support for the project John Long added more..

 support for the project by sharing details of a planning proposal

 likely to be introduced in the near future….Policy7.5/para 82

**Nevertheless, the parish council decided not to support the application**.

Planning permission

1. **2024/0336 Orchard Cottage.**

**This proposal was fully supported by the parish council**

1. The Ford…A discussion with CC Alison Thomas.…

 A full and wide-ranging discussion was had with all councillors (parish, district and county) plus a local landowner and parishioner contributing.

Everyone expressed very clearly/emphatically to CC Alison Thomas that the ford should/must remain as a part of the highway.

As this is the only curved roadway crossing a significant river in Norfolk it is not something the NCC/Highways are likely to have to repeat.

A number of suggestions were offered for consideration for dealing with the rising water level after heavy rain.

1. A causeway. To allow passage over the water in normal circumstances with the edge clearly marked by a ’kerb on both sides….or something akin to gabions/posts to clearly mark the edges.
2. ‘Brushing’ at regular intervals…whilst water is low. Perhaps with a mechanical street cleaner...or/and a team of volunteers…???
3. A total overall of the current roadside warning arrangements.

>> New signage stressing the ‘danger’ ahead.

>> An electronic sensor set in the river to be triggered when the river reaches a certain level which would then activate a warning system of ‘flashing red lights’ etc

>> A railway crossing type of automatic barriers again triggered by a sensor.

>> An approach to the leading SAT NAV companies asking for the road not to be recommended.

It is hoped/expected that as progress is being made towards a solution to the problem the parish council/district councillor ( thus the residents ) are kept informed.

 **J K Gough, The Clerk.**