**SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL.**

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Minutes of the meeting of Shotesham Parish Council held at the Trinity at 7.30 pm on 1st of November 2018.

In Attendance….. Villagers ..Gabriel Bolton, John Small.

1. Apologies received and accepted from Kim Dyke, Mark Dyke, DC F Ellis and CC A Thomas

2. The minutes of the 6th of September were accepted and signed.

3. Remembrance Day Sunday 11th of November.

* The Remembrance Service will be held at 9.30am. The service will include very moving poems written by youngsters from the local high school for the rededication of the memorial in 2010. It will be followed by the usual ceremony starting at 10.45am.
* Last Post. After much thought and the unsuccessful seeking a ‘trumpeter’ it was decided to go ‘modern’ and use an iPad and Bose sound system. The sound quality and volume are excellent.
* Exhibition at the Trinity. The exhibition will focus on the ‘Men of Shotesham’ who went to war and gave their lives to keep us safe. Alongside them will be a second display with the focus on the men from Shotesham who went to WW1 and returned. This quiet part of the exhibition will try and ensure **all** the men who also enlisted ‘to keep us safe’ are remembered.
* The meeting supported the Chairman and the Clerk’s decision to restrict the exhibition to the above.

4. Playing Field.

1. The work to improve the perimeter of the field, overseen by J Nott and K Dyke, has been very successful indeed.
2. The final clearance of the ‘fire remnants’ next to The Old Barn will be planned for later in the autumn. Volunteers to help will be sought.
3. The request by Tasburgh Under 12’s to use the playing field on Sunday morning was approved. Approval is subject to an agreed understanding of what the Parish Council expects, e.g. the planned programme dates, a key contact person etc.
4. The request to erect a marquee on the playing field was agreed in principle. Approval is subject to the arrangements being made by the user to cover for accidents/damage to the field/prompt removal of the marquee/ thorough clearing of the area/disposal of rubbish etcetc being acceptable to the Chairman/Clerk. The Chairman will make Kidner Farming Ltd/ Mr Kidner aware.
5. Planning Applications.
* Old Hall Barn, Hawes Green……..2018/2182 Agreed.
* Old Cottage, The Street…………..2018/2227 Agreed
* Brooke Development……………………2018/1780 Though not in the area of responsibility of Shotesham there were significant concerns. They were …..
1. As a result of the substantial development in Poringland traffic flow towards Norwich is already a problem at some parts of the day.
2. The creation of 100+++ homes in Brooke would increase the above difficulties along the major route to Norwich.
3. Traffic flows through the village to avoid the Poringland route to Norwich and to cut through to the A140/A11 has increased.
4. The roads being used are ‘country roads’ and they are not designed for such flows. An example of this is Chapel Lane where the verge has been eroded to form ‘lay-bys’. Similarly, the ford ‘road’ that exits on to the A 140 has repeatedly become damaged needing constant attention from the Highway Rangers.
5. Public transport has been reduced from Shotesham and Stoke Holy Cross/Poringland further increasing ‘car’ journeys.
6. The offer of a site for a new school seems to fly in the face of the advice of the very people who should know ..The School Governors.
7. Matters of interest.
* Annual Footpath Report. The 2018 footpath survey has been completed and is with the Footpath Coordinator. The meeting asked that their appreciation of the effort ‘the footpath walkers’ have made is recognised. A meeting will be held with the coordinator on Monday 5th of November to decide the action that needs to be taken. The outcome will be shared with PC members.
* Shotesham Conservation Area. The final version of the area, after interventions by the Chairman and the Clerk, appears acceptable. There will be representation by the parish at the key meeting which finally confirms its’ shape.
* Boudicca’s Way. The Chairman reported that a villager, Mr Tim Drake, organised a working-party to improve the part of the loke up to the bec. The affirmative action is greatly appreciated and Mr Drake and his team will be congratulated for their efforts. It was hoped that the ‘promised’ work on the remainder of the trail will follow soon!!
* Trinity Playground Update. Sadly, no communication has been received from The Mercers.
* Benches. Sites will be sought for the last two benches in store. One was agreed to be placed up near Great Wood. Jill Guy will advise the Clerk of the exact spot so that it can be installed. The members will take sounding in the village as to the location of the final bench and report back as soon as possible.
1. Report from the Tree Warden Raz Woollacott.
* Ash Die Back or Chalara. This highly damaging infection to our local ash trees is a catastrophe for the countryside. The meeting supported the proposal that a meeting be called to share in more detail the disease and to seek help in mitigating its impact on the special ‘Shotesham’ landscape.

Mr Woollacott also reported that ..….

* The Big Breakfast Sunday 4th of November.

Mr Wollacott explained that the funds raised would be used for a village project. The project the organisers had in mind was the provision of an artisan made metal bench commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. Its’ likely siting was to be at The Grove. More details would be available in a future issue of Contact.

**The next meeting will be at 7.30pm at the Trinity on January 3rd 2019. The meeting will focus on the parish council budget needed for 2019/2020. This would determine the level of precept to be set.**