

SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL to be approved at next meeting Becmead, Shotesham St Mary, NR15 1UJ. Contact 01508550358.. email (removed for website)

Minutes of the meeting of Shotesham Parish Council held at the Trinity Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday October 2nd 2014.

In attendance were ..., J Hope [Chairman], J Nott [Vice Chairman] , P Grant, B Sims, H Walker..

Plus Frank and Diane Mitchell.

1. Apologies were received from S Dinsdale, DC F Ellis and CC A Thomas.
2. Minutes of the 7th of August were approved and signed.

****Updates from Minutes

New Footpath/Pavement from The Grove to Market Lane.[along Brooke Rd.]

The Chairman reported that a detailed response had been received from Highways .

Key points were

- Highways are very unlikely to fund the path
- Highways rough estimate is £6000 to provide a suitable path
- One can bid for 50% funding .[no certainty of success]
- Path will need Landowners agreement
- PC would 'own' the path and be responsible for its upkeep etc.
- The Chairman had made contact with the Landowner ..Shotesham Estate to seek the position in respect to access to the land. '
- We are now awaiting the landowner's decision/comments before proceeding, without it the project cannot proceed

Hopefully the outcome can be reported to the next meeting.

3. Budget

The previously circulated budget was considered and agreed. The Precept would be set at £5900.00

4. Defibrillator

The box was on order and would be delivered in about 2 weeks. Steps would then be taken to make the village aware of it and to allow them to gain a 'familiarity with and training in' its use.

5. War memorial and Remembrance Day.

- Recognition of the huge sacrifice made by the men of Shotesham and their families would be very much to the fore at each Remembrance Day.
- J Nott, who will coordinate the day on the 9th of November, will produce a draft 'order of events'. It was felt 50/60 copies of the programme would be needed.
- Chairman is contacting Julia to play her crucial role on her trumpet
- No villagers had yet come forward seeking to place a cross on the memorial for any member of their family
- J Nott agreed to use the website/contact to remind people of the day.

6. Dog, Grit and Litter bins

- The Dog bin has been placed on the wall outside the Bowling Green by The Clerk. It is in use.
- The Grit bin is in place at The Grove. It will be filled later in the year.
- A litter bin will soon be in place at the Mill/Ford.. The owner of the Mill has agreed to clear the bin and place the waste in his domestic bin. It will then be collected by SNDC as usual. The bin will be placed next to post and metal rail fence on the western bank of the stream. This is with the knowledge and agreement of Swainsthorpe Parish Council

7. Footpath Report.

The Chairman made the following points

- The footpath Walkers annual report had been shared. The excellent work of Mrs Webber and her team was appreciated by all councillors.
- It was noted that Philippa Grant has replaced B Sims as the lead councillor.
- This change has been shared with all Landowners.... together with the Annual Report.
- The Landowners have been asked to provide an 'email' address to help make communication more efficient and speedy.

8. Tree Wardens.

- Mr and Mrs Mitchell were praised for their particular and special contribution made to the village as Tree Wardens. 12 very much valued years.
- A notice will be put in Contact and on the website seeking volunteer/s to fill the vacancies created.
- A job description will be acquired by Mr Mitchell. This will allow a prospective volunteer a fuller understanding of the role.

The meeting Closed.

Jeff Gough ...The Clerk

The next meeting of the Parish Council is a planning meeting on 6th of November 2014. [Meeting is subject to receipt of planning applications]. The next full meeting will be on the 4th of December. Both meetings will be at the Trinity at 7.30pm