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Minutes of the meeting of Shotesham Parish Council held at the Trinity Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 4th of December 2014.

In attendance were ..., J Nott [Vice Chairman] who was acting Chairman for the meeting. , S Dinsdale, B Sims, H Walker.

Plus Mr Peter Lowndes-Burt...and DC Florence Ellis

1. Apologies were received from J Hope and CC A Thomas.
2. Minutes of the 2nd of October and the 6th of November were approved and signed.

3. Defibrillator

Mr S Dinsdale reported the following.....

- The defibrillator is in place and functional.
- The box etc was registered today [4th December]. It could take up to a month for it to appear on the '999' computer system.
- In the meanwhile it was agreed that a list of current 'code' holders would be placed in the box. The publican would also be given the code as a short term measure.
- A training date of 27th January 2015 was shared. The meeting would be for 3 hours from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. The venue was to be the Trinity. It was noted that the proposed meeting night is already booked as all Tuesday's over the whole year.
- Mr Dinsdale advised he would reconsider the training date and to check with Mrs Patricia Leighton the availability of The Trinity for any future date.
- The Church and the Globe were discussed as possible venues.

4. Sam 2.

After a general discussion the following was agreed.

- DC Ellis would follow-up the lack of response to the PC volunteering to receive a similar SAM-like machine.
- A vote was taken on whether a bid would be made for joint funding through NCC for a machine. It was unanimously passed.
- A vote was taken whether to increase the precept or to use the reserves. It was unanimously agreed to use the reserves.
- Mr H Walker agreed to coordinate the purchase and the monitoring, battery checking and moving around of the machine every 6 weeks.

5. Litter bin

- The litter bin will soon be in place at the Mill/Ford..
- Currently there is no litter.
- Brackets are being made and the bin will be 'fixed' very soon.

6. Footpath Report.

In the absence of the Footpath councillor the following was agreed.

- A list of all missing/not in place finger posts would be created
- Those linked to Boudicca's Way would be referred to the 'trails team'.
- The others would be checked if they were suitable to be re-fixed and if not new posts sought from NCC.
- As a one -off it was hoped to gather a team to erect the missing or damaged posts

7. Tree Wardens.

To date no one has come forward to take up the post/s.

8. Flooding.

A very well received resume of the present situation was given by Mr. J Nott. The resume mentioned that ...

- Modern farming has required more efficient field drainage thus water is drained off fields within 24 hours of a heavy fall.
- Historically where roadside ditches are drained the drains are often too small. Some are 7.5/10/15 cm. where they would now be required to be 450/600. Thus they cannot cope with the sudden increases in flow. There is no requirement on present landowners or householders to upgrade the drains.
- Landowners and Householders have a responsibility to keep open and piped ditches clear to ensure the flow of water.
- The flow of water from higher land must be accepted by owners of lower lying land.
- NCC/The Highway will visit and do what they can to assist by re-cutting 'grips' and clearing ditches if they are their responsibility.

Mr Nott agreed to prepare a report based on his resume to be shared with householders via the website/contact and the SVA email network.

The meeting Closed.

Jeff Gough ...The Clerk

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **8th of January 2015 at the Trinity at 7.30pm.**