

SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL to be approved at next meeting

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Minutes of the meeting of Shotesham Parish Council held at the Trinity Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday June 5th 2014.

In attendance were ..., J Hope [Chairman], J Nott [Vice Chairman], B Sims, P Grant. P Dunmore was also present

1. Apologies were received from H Walker, S Dinsdale and CC A Thomas.
2. Minutes of the 6th of March, 8th of May [APM] and 8th of May [planning] were approved and signed.
3. The financial statement and audit were approved.
 - All documents/invoices/cheque books/bank statements were made available
 - Annual return for year ended March 31st 2014 was approved.
 - Annual governance statement 2013/14 was approved.
 - Completed return and all supportive evidence submitted to Internal Auditor for his review and approval.
4. Playing Field. The Chairman reviewed the discussions at the Annual Parish Meeting. The following key points were agreed
 - General disappointment that only 10 parishioners attended the meeting with only 3 people expressing their view. Again disappointingly there was no representation from residents interested in a children's play area. Despite a request for support being circulated to every residencesome 250 properties ..and it being identified a very important in the earlier village questionnaire. This lack of interest was very disappointing.
 - A possible lease of 20 years was considered [it was noted that this was more than the original minimum of 15 years]. The meeting view was that 'certainty' for the future use of the field was the over-riding wish. Thus a lease, even of 20 years, was not a 'guarantee' of future usage. Thus not supported by the residents attending the meeting..
 - Consideration would be given to seeking a 'legal' view of the position but members were mindful of both the lack of interest and the high cost [thought to be of the order of £2500] and that even then its validity could only be tested in court [with the costs of such a situation being very high and unlimited].
 - The meeting agreed to meet with Mr. Kidner and put before him the view of the 'village' whilst expressing the appreciation for the past and current usage.
5. War memorial.
 - It was agreed not to proceed with the full scale replacement of damaged slab but to simply re-mortar the joints to help keep out water. DC Ellis indicated that a small grant would be available to help meet costs.
 - The members felt an event that recognised the start of WW1 was inappropriate.

- Notwithstanding this, 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 and on the 100years of the end of the war in 2018
- It was agreed to invite villagers to come to the Remembrance Day ceremony on November the 9th and place a cross on the memorial for any member of their family wherever their original memorial may be. Crosses would be provided.

6. Issues raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

- It was agreed the Mrs Dunmore would identify a position for a dog bin that had neighbours agreement to its position. The vicinity of the Bowling Green was discussed.
- The idea to use the BT box as a bus shelter was not supported. A suggestion that it could house a defibrillator was accepted subject to a detailed investigation as to cost etc. DC Ellis also supported the idea and indicated that some financial help would be made available.
- Mrs Dunmore agreed to discuss the possible positioning of a grit bin and report back to the PC.
- Glenview . A number of concerns have been reported about the unbridled development of the grounds on Glenview. The Clerk was previously asked by the Chairman to see if any planning restriction had been breached. The report, produced after acquiring and reading the planning conditions, lists numerous very serious and damaging breaches to the agreement signed by the owners Mr and Mrs Carver and SNDC. The meeting instructed the Chairman and The Clerk to pursue this matter with urgency. DC Ellis offered to become involved.

7. The SVA initiative to set up a new website for the village Shotesham.com was welcomed. Every support would be given to its organiser Frank Mitchell.

8. Footpaths .No news was 'good' news . Everything appears to be working smoothly.

9. BT/Information Box.

- P Grant confirmed her willingness to oversee the management of the BT box opposite the village pond.
- A brief but very positive discussion was held about the possibility of introducing a defibrillator into one of the boxes. DC Ellis shared her knowledge of where they were nearby and referred the PC to Saxlingham.
- The Clerk was asked to follow the positive lead up and to report back to the next meeting.

10. Highways. Two requests for help were raised... The Clerk was asked to seek help with

- The cutting of the verges which has now become urgent
- An unsealed storm drain in the grass on the left hand side as one enters The Grove. It is presently covered by a slab provided by a local inhabitant.

*** DC Ellis drew members attention to

- a current planning application in Poringland ref 2014/0393 which might have an impact on Shotesham.
- The success of the branding of the Market Towns. Logos will be revealed soon.

- DC Ellis indicated that a small grant may be available to facilitate the setting up of a defibrillator if the PC decided to progress with it.

The meeting closed.

The next full Meeting of the Parish Council will be on the 7th of August 2014.at 7.30 pm at the Trinity.