

# **SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL** to be approved at next meeting Becmead, Shotesham St Mary, NR15 1UJ. Contact 01508550358.. email [shoteshampc@btinternet.com](mailto:shoteshampc@btinternet.com)

Minutes of the meeting of Shotesham Parish Council held at the Trinity Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2015

In attendance were ...,

H Jackson, J Nott and M Dyke together with DC Florence Ellis and parishioner Liz Putland. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from M Dyke and M Riches.

1. The minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September were agreed and signed.

2. Finance

- Financial statement was circulated.
- The outcome of the external audit was shared.

3. Updates and areas for action.

- In the absence of J Guy the Chairman reported on a meeting held between M Lister, J Guy, H Jackson and J Gough At the meeting all parties expressed their pleasure at the progress being made. Shotesham has a 'good' network of footpaths. We await the reports from the footpath walkers to identify potential sites for seats and the most important sites for the absent finger posts.
- The Defibrillator and CPS training has been agreed for the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> of November. It will be held at the Trinity. An open/drop-in meeting has been organised. Details have been placed in Contact/on the notice boards and the website. Further efforts will be made to make people aware before the meeting
- The ex-BT boxes. A very suitable person has come forward and much progress was made. Apologies being given there as will be a delay in a final quote as the person explained he was booked on a pre-planned 'summer' holiday. Details will soon be agreed and work began.
- Anglia Water Grant. PC members were asked to think of sites within the parish that would be enhanced by a seat/bench. The 'walkers' are compiling their 'favourite' spots on our footpaths where a seat would enhance a walk.
- The request that the PC support a local effort to preserve the 6 oak posts within Shotesham Parish and the 2 other which have an arm pointing in to the village was agreed. DC Ellis indicated the possibility that NCC/Highways can help with small grants for such initiatives. The PC was very pleased to offer their support with an application if the group wished to take it forward. Steps will now be taken to try and gauge the posts soundness
- SAM2. H Walker will be asked for an update which will then be circulated.
- The 'meet you neighbours' was deemed a great success and congratulations were given to Mr and Mrs Jackson for the excellent efforts.

4. Planning

- **Doctor's Cottage 2015/1929**...the application was **approved**.

The following points were made ...

1. Plans well presented and clear
2. No impact on the street scene
3. Supported by neighbours.

- **Green Hill 2015/1870**

To date no decision has been made re the double garage and no application has been received for the main property.

- **Glenview reference 1999/1794F and the associated Section 102**

No acknowledgement was received from Mr Horspole. After a while a detailed response was received from the Development Manager Helen Mellors. That response had been previously shared with all PC members. Mrs Mellors offer of to be of further assistance was welcomed.

The Chairman and the Clerk to share the meetings concern that

1. The PC has not seen the letter sent after the Development Management Committee. It is not therefore able to assess the strength of the letter. The PC asked the Clerk to request that a copy of the letter is made available. A suggestion that a Freedom of Information request was made was held as a possibility if no progress is made.
2. The extended gravelled area is greatly in excess of the area made to service the greenhouse. An aerial photograph was shared which indicated that the statement made to the enforcement officer was incorrect...and which was repeated in Mrs Mellors' email This photograph will be sent to Mrs Mellors for comment.
3. The Meeting did not agree that the planting of trees ..one of which is an Walnut tree ..is a minor breach of the Section 102 agreed and formally signed by the site owners, South Norfolk Council and HSBC bank in 1999. No trees should mean no trees
4. The mowing of the meadow is clear from the aerial photograph and will be monitored very closely as the autumn ends and the spring season begins!!!!
5. Overall members were disappointed with the lack of will to enforce a very detailed and clear planning restriction to the site's paddock and 'common/marsh area that was readily agreed by all parties and, one assumes, applies in perpetuity!

5. DC Ellis updated the meeting on current developments with SNDC.

6. The Chairman reported on her visit to the Chairman's Briefing Session.

The following points were made

- The primary purpose of the meeting was to consider the forthcoming Boundary Commission reviews.
- A key point made is that we would very much encourage Parishes to start considering, at this stage, about how they may wish to work with their partners moving forwards, particularly given some of the challenges we know some of you face in recruiting candidates and clerks.
- Also discussed at the meeting was the current position regarding the Council's local plan; the Inspector's report had been received earlier that day. This will now progress to adoption by South Norfolk Council on 19 October.
- Discussion of planning also highlighted the need for Parishes to consider future development, and how CIL funding should be allocated.
- We have had some Parishes ask how they may work together moving forwards. Often, working together can be as simple as a call to the Clerk, or the Chairmen of the next door Parish. Perhaps an initial informal meeting of local Chairmen and Clerks could be initiated.

**The next meeting is a full meeting planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at 7.30pm at the Trinity.**