**SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL.**

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Minutes of the meeting of Shotesham Parish Council held at the Trinity at 7.30 pm on 6th of September 2018.

In Attendance….. CC A Thomas, DC F Ellis and Mr and Mrs Wakeman

1. Apologies received and accepted from S Dinsdale

2. The minutes of the 12th of July were accepted and signed.

3. Refurbishment of Joy’s Loke.

**The Chairman welcomed Mr Russell Wilson the coordinator of all Norfolk Long Distant Trails with particular responsibility for Boudicca’s Way.**

* A thorough outline of the responsibilities of the Norfolk Trails Team and the manner of operating was shared. A power-point presentation allowed Mr Wilson to very clearly illustrate how the team operates with excellent illustrations. The ‘power-point’ presentation will be available to those who may be interested.

**Questions were taken from PC members and the parishioners to which Mr Wilson responded.**

* A sign would be put up to indicate that Joy’s Loke is a footpath.
* Jon Nott indicated that he and indeed the Shotesham Estate is not happy with the way the ditch-work on Joy’s Loke has been completed. Mr Wilson said he would let things settle then return to rectify matters.
* It is hoped he and the Trails Team would take up the idea of installing a ’kissing-gate’ at the top of the loke where it meets the arable fields to prevent any horse access.
* Mr Wakeman expressed concerns about the drainage on Naidens Lane. He was asked to visit the site on the next day and share his knowledge and concern. This would allow Martin, the person in charge, to understand where an important field drain joins in to the lane. He can then take appropriate remedial action.
* Mr Wilson offered to be a contact for Shotesham’s Footpath Team/Parish Council on matters where help/guidance may be needed. This was welcomed by the meeting.

Mr Russell was thanked for his attendance and the meeting expressed their appreciation for all he and his team were doing to keep our trails/footpath in the best of conditions. He should expect trail/footpath users to monitor Joy’s Loke especially the impact of the Trail Team’s autumn return to reassess matters..

4**. Parish matters**

**Remembrance Day Weekend**.

The following decisions were made/confirmed.

* In respect of the Remembrance Day arrangements there was general agreement to approach the church to see if their full service might precede the activities outside at the memorial. This would be followed by encouraging villagers to visit the exhibition. Tea/coffee and biscuits/cake would be served at the Trinity.
* There would not be a beacon on Church Hill.
* The exhibition at the Trinity would be available for Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th of November. There would be a focus on all who went to war in WW1 with information on those who gave their lives and, for the first time, recognising those who returned and their role in our village.
* Jon Nott and his son, together with The Clerk, would ensure the Remembrance Ceremony takes its customary form.
* The Chairman/Clerk were asked to approach Mrs Julia Jones to see if she would be able to take her usual part in the remembrance ceremony.

**The proposal for children’s play area**. No progress has been made with the Mercers, despite the promise that ‘words’ of the Chairman would be available for the meeting. The Chairman/Clerk are authorised to write formally on behalf of the parish council to Sarah Oliver of The Mercers. They were asked to express the parish council members great disappointment that the promise was not kept.

**Conservation Review**. Florence Ellis reported that the Shotesham Review has yet to come before the District Councillors.

**Playing Field**. The cleared area is now covered with full grown nettles. Jon Nott has the agreement of Mr Edward Bailey of Shotesham Estate to use the estate machinery. The use of the equipment will be without charge. The meeting asked the Chairman/Clerk to write to Mr Bailey to thank him for his generous offer. Jon Nott has agreed to cut the nettles for a second time, using the equipment of the estate, by making another ‘chain-strim’. The Chairman has asked villagers to join her for an hour on Saturday 8th of September to try and remove a heap of bonfire ash/sticks/stones/old bricks. etc.

**Financial update.** The Clerk updated the meeting on the past 5 months expenditure and income.

**The next meeting will be at 7.30pm at the Trinity on October 4th.**