SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of a virtual meeting of Shotesham Parish Council held via ‘**Zoom’ on 3rd of December at 7.30** pm.

In attendance …………………….H Jackson, J Nott, K Dyke, M Dyke, H Walker, S Dinsdale and DC Florence Ellis.

J K Gough. The Clerk

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies received and accepted from CC Alison Thomas.

1. Resignation.

It was reported that Mrs Jill Guy has resigned. Formal steps will be taken to fill the vacancy in due course.

All members expressed their appreciation of what Jill brought to the council, both in personality and the always positive contributions to the meetings. Her excellent work as the Lead Councillor in the monitoring of our much valued ‘footpath network’ was particularly noted. Her work with landowners when difficulties in signage or the marking of the way was outstanding.

1. Approval of the minutes of 1st of October 2020.

The minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chairman.

1. Setting the precept/budget for 2021/22.

* Financial update to 30th of November

The update was discussed and accepted.

* Setting the budget for 2021/2022.

The precept will be finalised once the PC has received more information from South Norfolk re the tax base. The tax base gives the number of properties to which a household’s individual charge is made and thus allows the final precept to be calculated.

1. Matters of business

* ‘Thank you’ to our local volunteers who support the village and the ‘parish council’.

1. Raz Woollacott as Tree Warden
2. Polly Gould as Footpath Coordinator and the whole team of ‘Footpath Walkers’
3. Bob Harris as Internal Auditor.
4. The 4 parish council appointments, B Fenn, E Howard, R Harris and A Musgrove as Trustees of Shotesham Common.
5. Laura Woollacott and K Beeson and their work with Phone Books box at the Grove.

* Covid-19 and the impact/effect of the new restrictions

1. It was noted that the ‘village support group’ of Heather Jackson, Ken Munro, Bob Harris and Jeff Gough has re-formed.
2. The over-loading of church hill still goes on together with problems created by ‘roadside’ parking in the vicinity. Jon Nott will contact the Trustees of the Common to see what help/ideas may be possible on church hill. It is hoped a photographic record of the extra parking will be kept to help support some action in the new year. One of the main concerns was the difficulty the school-bus experiences in dropping off the children at the end of their day.

* Bowling Green as a Community Asset.

An error was made in contacting the Treasurer of the Bowling Club. This was corrected when Mr John Torbitt was contacted.

* Repainting the 2 X-BT boxes after repair.

The boxes will now be painted at the earliest opportunity in the spring.

J K Gough, The Clerk