SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting held at All Saints Church at 7.30pm on the 7th of December.**

***Sarah Long ..our Tree Warden talked to the meeting about her ideas for improving/adding to the trees/shrubs in the village. A number of excellent ideas were shared …***

* ***20 trees to be planted, this season, along Chapel /Brickle Lane.***
* ***Ideas, in hand, to seek permission from more Landowners to continue the tree planting in appropriate areas.***
* ***An evaluation of the superb elms in the roadside border of the playing field.***
* ***To involve the village in a scheme to ‘save’ the ‘black poplar’ which is currently ‘at risk’.***
* ***The Saxlingham Tree warden is currently identifying both the type and location of ‘notable’ trees in their village. There was positive support for a similar undertaking in Shotesham. More to follow on this.***

Sarah was thanked for her interesting and important contribution.

The normal business of the meeting followed ……

1. Apologies were received from Florence Ellis and Henry Walker.

2. The minutes of 16th of October 2022 were approved and signed.

3. i). An update of finances for 2022/23 was shared and discussed.

ii). It was agreed to set the inflation figure for the 2023/24 precept at 5%.

This will need careful management but tries to strike a balance of the known expenditure to be incurred next year and the unknown inflation for items the parish council has no control over. There is a reasonable carry over from 2022/23 into 2023/24 which should cushion the impact of inflationary pressures.

4. a). Planning Applications 2022/2039..Replacement Bridge to Brookfield.

**The application was supported.**

\*There was a discussion about a handrail. It was hoped this would be given consideration.

 b). Planning Application 2022/2228…Appletrees, Chapel lane.

 **The application was supported.**

A number of points were made in respect of the application.

\*The original property had an entrance at the front.

\* The presence of two roof light at the front of the building facing the road was ‘thought’ to be contrary to good practice in the conservation area. The concern was that a precedent may be set for the future.

\*. The cladding material is new to Shotesham and difficult to envisage. The council would ask the Planning Officers to review carefully before deciding whether to approve it.

 c). Planning Application 2022/1678 Hill Farm, Brooke Road.

**The application was supported**

\*The site is not obvious from the roads on either side.

\*The panels will not intrude into the local view or impact on the extended conservation area.

5. Footpath report. A full report will be brought to the next meeting in 2023.

6. The meeting agreed to the adoption of non-personal emails. Details will be worked on and brought to a future meeting. It was thought it would appropriate for the next council, formed after the elections in May, to make the final decision.

7. Glenview/Land South of Greenhill …Both formal appeals to the Planning Inspectorate against refusal by South Norfolk Council were noted. The clerk to seek broad guidance from the Planning Department on the role the council should follow.

**Dates of future meetings are suggested as February 1 and April 5 and**

**are the first Wednesdays in the month. The dates and meeting place for these to be agreed as soon as possible**