SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL.

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*We were pleased to welcome 3 representatives from Anglian Water to our meeting, as well as 2 members of the public.  They gave a comprehensive outline of their system, and timing, for dealing with local leaks, including the reason for the large current backlog.*

*They also announced that there would be a total replacement of the water main from Poringland. It will happen sometime next year after April.  There is a full account of the discussion available from the clerk.*

**Minutes of meeting held at All Saints Church on Wednesday 19th of October 2022.**

1. The minutes of the 31st of August were approved and signed.

2. The updated financial statement was accepted. A predictive financial statement will be prepared for the next meeting when the precept for 2023/24 will be set.

3. The outstanding work done by Mr Tim Drake on refurbishing the village benches was recognised. Of particular note is the excellent work on the Norfolk and Norwich Memorial bench.

4. Footpaths

. i) The lack of progress with the reopening of FP21 was noted. The clerk was asked to seek assurance that the ‘opening’ had not been shelved.

 ii) The Annual report from the ‘Shotesham Footpath Walkers’ has been compiled. It will be discussed soon and any steps needed to keep our footpaths in ‘good’ condition will be taken.

5. Update on the Jubilee

i) Planning permission for the post for the brazier at Shotesham St. Mary has been sought.

ii) The Jubilee plaque. Advice/guidance will be sought to ascertain the safest way of attaching it to the above post.

iii). A small number of mugs remain. It is hoped they will be re-homed quite quickly.

6. The village website …

i) Mr Ken Munro has offered to take over the management of negotiations with company hosting the website. The offer has been greatly appreciated and accepted. The parish council will continue to meet all charges for its hosting.

ii) As a security/anti-hacking measure the personal details of councillors will be removed from the website. Contact with individual councillors will be initially through the clerk. A similar arrangement will be posted in the 2 PC notice boards with immediate effect.

7. The Common.

 A brief report was made on the proposed changes to the ‘All Saints’ half of The Common. These changes will reverse the current ‘drying-out’ of the common by a reduction in the tree/shrub cover.

8. A Shotesham version of a ‘Warm Welcome’’ was thought helpful and would have the support of the parish council. It would be organised by a group of villagers. It is hoped there will be village -wide support and a ‘warm and friendly’ welcome will be offered at the Trinity, initially once a week. Transport will be provided where needed. More details will be released over the next few weeks.

*It was agreed to hold the next meeting at 7.30pm on the 7th of December at All Saints Church. The meeting will focus on the setting of an indicative budget for 2023/24*

J K GOUGH The Parish Clerk