SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL.

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**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 31st of August** 2022

1. **Attendance.**

Apologies received from S Dinsdale, J Nott and H Walker

1. **The minutes** of 22ndJune 2022 were approved and signed as an accurate record.
2. **Planning Application**

**Winrush, The Common 2022/1343**

* The parish council shared and discussed its views thoroughly and carefully. The decision was difficult due to conflicting determinations of parts of the application. The final decision was to ‘**approve**‘ the application but with some serious concerns.

These the points made…

* We note the comments made by neighbours over business use of the premises. This is difficult for the PC to assess but we are supportive of working from home business initiatives and a flower growing and arranging business should be possible in a rural location with a large garden. However, we note that there is significant movement at the moment and any further increase in traffic volumes from that implied by the applicant’s written statements may require a full application for business use.
* The dramatic change to front of the property to accommodate six ( 6 ) cars…four at the top and two alongside the proposed ‘Gabions’ is another concern. Winrush is within the Shotesham Conservation area and outside the development envelope. The car parking arrangement will impact on the street scene and the view across and along the Common and the valley of the bec.
* The increased traffic and the associated hazard, noise and pollution generated by up to six visiting cars plus the occasional delivery vehicle is difficult for the PC to assess, but is a serious concern. We suggest that the SNDC Planning Team may wish to take advice from the Norfolk County Council Highway’s Team. This stretch of highway has been found to be of concern over the years and the parish council deploys its ‘speed monitor’ regularly in this area and has noted frequent excess speeding.

The Council accepts the changes proposed to the house at Winrush and the idea of a flower arranging business operating at this location. This is in expectation that it does not have an unacceptable impact on the amenities of neighbours or on the character and appearance of the area.

1. **Financial update** ..including the Jubilee

The previously shared information was discussed and understood

1. **Footpaths.** The coordination of reports

The Footpath Coordinator has confirmed that the ‘footpath walkers’ reports have been received. A meeting has been arranged to discuss any further action

1. **The Village Benches**.

The outstanding work done by Tim Drake was highly praised by all members.

The refurbishment has now produced benches to be proud of. It was also noted that Tim has

begun to refurbish the main notice board in the village.

Resources will be provided to complete the refurbishment.

1. **The Jubilee post/brazier**.
2. It was agreed to seek Planning Permission for the Jubilee post at St Mary’s.
3. The Chairman will visit the foundry that casts commemorative Jubilee ‘plaques’ for placing on the post. If the actual plaque matches the drawings/specification etc it will be order at the end of the visit.
4. **The Ford at Shotesham Mill.**

After a discussion re accidents etc at the ford it was agreed to support Shotesham Estate when it seeks improvements of the signage to reduce the number of vehicle accidents

1. **Shotesham Common**
2. All four of the parish representatives on the Trustees were confirmed in post. The rotation of appointments will be reviewed in 2023 as an early task of the new council.
3. Parish Council elections are due to held in May 2023.
4. A basic explanation of proposed developments to the church-end of the common were outlined by the clerk. It was requested that a representative/s of the Trustees of Shotesham Common attend a future meeting to explain what will be proposed once matters had been finalised with Natural England
5. **Any other business**

* **Security.** There is a growing awareness that ‘hackers’ seek details of individuals to allow them to hack our phones/emails etc. We, the parish council publish names, addresses, telephone numbers etc on public sites and notice boards, as part of a wish to be readily available to our parishioners. The clerk has been asked, as soon as possible, to reduce the details available publicly. Just names would be published and the clerk’s details. Interested individuals will be asked to focus their enquiries on the clerk who will coordinate necessary contacts. Before this is done the clerk will check with SNDC what are the requirements in law for parish councils in relation to the public availability of councillors’ details. The matter was deemed to be urgent.
* **Water leakage**. A number of villagers have expressed their concerns of the repeated diversion etc arising from water leakage on the road to Poringland. The clerk has written to Anglian Water asking for a representative to attend the next parish council meeting explain matters.
* **Neighbourhood plans**. The chairman will attend a zoom meeting to be briefed on such plans: - How they are developed, what benefits there are to the residents, likely developmental costs etc and will report back to the next meeting
* **The date of the next meeting** is planned for the 19th of October. Subject to approval it is likely to be at All Saints Church.

J K GOUGH The Parish Clerk