**SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the 7th of October 2021.**

1. Apologies for absence were tendered and accepted from ….

DC F Ellis, CC A Thomas, H Walker, and K Dyke

1. The minutes of 5th August were signed as a correct record.
2. Budget for 2022/23.

* It was agreed that the precept and therefore the budget for 2022/23 would be set at the next full meeting.
* Members agreed to review spending over the past years together with any new items that they feel should be included in 2022/23.

1. Items considered.

* *Ofgem Consultation*. Review of parish council support. It was agreed to stay with the original response. If necessary, it would, as agreed, be reviewed
* *Winter Flooding Report*. One property flooded. The village response was greatly appreciated by homeowners. Report on the website.
* *Award ..re Honouring Community Efforts*. The award was accepted. The site for the award [ possibly on the base of the village sign] would be reviewed when the award was available to members.
* *Footpaths of concern.*

*\*FP21* was now with Norfolk County Council. Enforcement of the right of unfettered access would appear to be the only option after many **years** of patient requests, in writing and in person, to the landowners, visits to the site by parish council members and the NCC Enforcement Officer.

\**FP6* which crosses two landowners’ property and the bec is still of concern. It was noted that the key point of concern is the crossing of the bec. There are three crossing of the bec in the parish. Two have accepted by NCC as their responsibility. The clerk was asked to contact the landowner to determine the current position with the river crossing. Signposts are ready to be installed.

*\*FP8* crosses the bec over a newly reconstructed bridge. NCC Highway were praised for the workmanship. One factor is the breakdown of the wire. The clerk was asked to check if a ‘councillor’ could re-cover the existing netting ..as it is broken in places….thus potentially dangerous.

* *Future venue for PC meetings* …It was decided that as the autumn/winter is with us the Trinity is the most suitable venue for meetings. The clerk will check availability in the first week of December.. Available dates are to be shared with all members who agreed to promptly respond with their most suitable dates.
* Remembrance Day ..14th November. Members agreed to play their usual role.

J K Gough, The Clerk