SHOTESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting of 2nd of March held at the Trinity.**

* Approval of the minutes of 12th January.

The minutes were approved and duly signed by the chairman.

* **Updates on Footpaths**
* **FP21** …The Public Rights Of Way [PROW] officer reported that a formal letter had been sent to the landowner regarding the failure to ‘unblock’ the footpath.

Hopefully this will allow the original path to be walked and end the many years of encouragement and requests without a successful result.

* **FP8**…..The clarification of this route and its crossing of the bec is fully the responsibility of NCC. The PROW officer is actively pursuing the matter. It remains unsigned until the crossing of the bec is put in place.
* **Platinum Jubilee …**

i) The use of All Saints Tower for the site of the beacon has been agreed by the parish council and the PCC. The PCC is checking Church insurance cover and if any formal Diocesan approval is required. One other local church is understood to be installing a beacon in a similar position.

ii) The expenditure for the proposed beacon will be met by the parish council. Available grants will be sought where appropriate.

iii) It was agreed to order 252 Jubilee mugs …each child resident in the village, approximately 64, will receive a mug at the village street party.

iv) A working group to coordinate activities relating to the Jubilee was agreed. It will consist of Mark Dyke, Henry Walker, Kim Dyke and Jim Webber. An initial focus will be to finalizing the approval for the beacon at All Saints. Consideration would be given to what other village activities might be possible on ‘church hill’ on the same evening**.**

* **Matters of urgency and interest.**

**The Playing Field.**

Kim Dyke outlined the activity regarding the use of the playing field for a neighbouring family’s wedding. The erection of a limited number of ‘tepee’ type tents to accommodate ‘over-night’ guests was agreed. It was felt important than the landowner be made aware of the arrangements. The meeting re-emphasised the need for sensitivity over noise etc re neighbours, a comprehensive insurance policy taken out by the users to cover all eventualities, steps are taken prior to the wedding to check the field for surface irregularities and any found to be filled in and levelled, parking of vehicles to be between the gate and the goal posts.

**St Martin’s Church ruins.**

The council was made aware of the developments to ‘protect and refurbish’ the ruins of St Martin’s. Mr M Knights is leading the initiative.

**Future PC meetings**

* The next PC meeting will be at the Trinity on the 4th of May. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting. Note the Annual Parish Meeting will start at 7.00pm. It is expected that the ‘standard’ parish meeting will begin approximately 7.30pm.
* Future meetings will be provisionally set for …..June 8th…followed by August 3rd/ October 5th/December 7th/January 4th/March 3rd/April 5th.. ..all meetings at the Trinity at 7.30pm
* **NB.. April 5th 2023…this will be the final meeting prior to the new council being elected**.
* **Any Planning determinations** that cannot be considered within these meeting will result in an ad-hoc meeting being arranged.

J K Gough, The Clerk