

Shottisham Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at Shottisham Trust Hall

Present: Chairman R Kay (RK), Cll P Widdup (PW), Cll P Southgate (PS) and Cll R Cardnell (RC)

Attendees: (SCDC) Cll C Block, (SCC) Cll A Reid, Clerk L Roberts (LR) and 25 members of the public.

1-13/11/18 Elect a new Chairman

The clerk LR read out a letter of resignation from the previous chairman Philip Bouscarle who resigned from the council on 12th October 2018. Cll RK volunteered to take over the role as chairman until the parish council elections in May 2019. All councillors were in agreement with this and the vote was proposed by Cll PW and seconded by Cll PS.

2-13/11/18 Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

Apologies received from Cll M Harrison (MHR)

3-13/11/18 Signing of Minutes of 11th September 2018 as a true record

Cll RC asked for two amendments to be made to the minutes before they should be signed as a true record. The clerk LR was requested to make these changes and bring them back to the next meeting for signing.

4-13/11/18 Councillors' Declaration of Interest:

Cll PS declared an interest in **Agenda Item 5: To discuss the referendum request from parishioners** in regard to the Sorrel Horse field because she own shares in the Sorrel Horse public house.

5-13/11/18 To discuss the referendum request from parishioners:

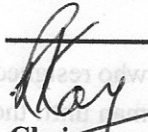
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6-13/11/18 Open Forum:

- Several parishioners expressed their thanks to the council for their work in liaising with AJ Paul which has resulted in improvements being made to the pig field that are helping to stop the flooding down Church Lane. Special thanks for this were given to former chairman Philip Bouscarle who took on this responsibility. The sandy tracks have also been repaired with shingle and are now much improved. One parishioner suggested a letter of thanks was sent to AJ from the council.
- One parishioner asked why the minutes and agendas were no longer going to be sent out by email before each meeting. The clerk LR explained that this was no longer necessary because they are uploaded to the website within a month of the meeting and a paper copy is put on the Parish Council noticeboard at the same time. The parishioner was insistent that they would prefer to receive their copy by email but the clerk stated that this was no longer a requirement of her job. Cll RC then

interceded and suggested that it was up to the council to have a vote on this before a final decision was made. The clerk LR replied that she was no longer prepared to do this and then left the meeting at this point after handing in her resignation. The decision was then made by the Chairman in consultation with District Councillor Block to abandon the meeting in view of the clerk's absence.

Date and Time of next meeting: January 8th 2019 at 7.30 at the Trust Hall


Chairman:

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