**Minutes of the meeting of Shouldham Parish Council held on**

**Monday 18th April 2016 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall**

Members present:

Mr G Hipperson (Chairman) Mr P Gascoyne (vice chairman) Mr K Matthews, Mrs A Caley,

Mr K Carter, Mrs A Berryman, Mr N Herbert, Mrs V Negus (Clerk)

1. Apologies received from Mr T Nickerson

2. Declaration of Interest - no interests declared

3. Minutes of the meeting dated 21st March 2016 were confirmed as a true record

4. Matters Arising:

(a) Ditch at rear of Hallfields – this work had not yet been carried out but the clerk had received a request from the resident that clearing should be postponed until birds had finished nesting.

(b) School bus parking – Mr Hipperson will raise this matter at the next Governors meeting

5. Trods – Mr Matthews proposed that the relevant forms and cheque be signed for the proposed trods. Seconded by Mrs Caley. The cost of the proposed Lynn Road trod was funded by Mr Snelling and Norfolk County Council.

Mr Gascoyne suggested that at the open meeting a request be made for volunteers to help clear the verge on New Road in order to lengthen the distance of the trod.

6. Payments for Approval

Listed for Councillors

7. Open meeting – the positioning of the items on the agenda was changed to accommodate Mr Matthews who had to attend another meeting later.

The clerk reported that the only matter arising was the kerb requested for New Road. Although this work had initially been agreed by the Highways Department it had subsequently been rejected. Mr Hipperson suggested that we therefore request at least reflective posts at that point to avoid any further erosion of the verge.

8. Correspondence

SNAP meeting on Wednesday 8th June

Community Rangers report – a report had been sent stating the work done on the occasion of their previous visit. A request should be made for the following items for their next visit:

Brambles to be cleared at the end of Westgate Street

Culvert at Fairstead Drove

Replace broken kerb adjacent to 1 Norwich Road

Reminder of e-planning training on May 11.

Mr Hipperson had been informed that the area of the rhubarb field proposed by the Borough Council for future development in Shouldham would definitely not be developed. In the event that the Parish Council had to suggest an alternative area for development they referred back to the original proposals and, after discussion, felt that the alternative would be the area put forward by the Borough Council on the far side of Fairstead Drove

9. Other Business

The clerk confirmed that no quotes had yet been received for the felling of the horse chestnut tree.

The clerk confirmed that the large pothole at the junction of Mill Road and the A134 had been reported by herself and others but it had not yet been repaired. The clerk was asked to chase this again.

Mrs Caley asked if any decision had been received regarding the village hall kitchen. Confirmation of the grant had not yet been received.

Mr Matthews pointed out that a decision is also still awaited regarding the grant for pavilion repairs.

10. The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 16th May at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15pm