Shouldham Parish Council

**DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on  
Monday 24 April 2017 at Shouldham Village Hall**

Present

Parish Councillors:

Adele Berryman, Angela Caley, Paul Gascoyne, Geoff Hipperson (Chairman), Keith Matthews,   
Tom Nickerson and Nigel Walsh

Parish Clerk – Helen Carrier

1. **Accept apologies for absence**

Cllr Kevin Carter.

1. **Minutes of meeting held on Monday 13 April 2016**

Having been circulated previously, it was proposed and accepted that the minutes be agreed.

1. **Matters Arising**

None.

1. **Annual Report by the Chairman**

The Chairman introduced the new Clerk and reported that the Council continues to finance the grass cutting of the village green and playing field, repairs to the play area, the public toilet cleaning and the maintenance of the old churchyard. The Chairman reported that the parish council are keen to start a Speed Watch scheme and asked volunteers to contact the Clerk.

1. **Foresty Commission**

Victoria Tustain gave a verbal report on behalf of the Forestry Commission. Victoria reported that a community consultation has provided three volunteers from the community to help with the reporting of blocked paths, repairing footpaths signs and much more. A muddy spot on the Nar Valley Way had been reported by a local resident, this area has been scraped by a tractor which has improved conditions.

1. **Financial Officers Report**

Mr Matthews reported that the Council had kept to its budget. The Council is working in conjunction with Norfolk County Council Parish Partnerships to install a trod on Eastgate Street in 2017. The precept saw an increase of 10% to help the parish council provision.

1. **RAF Marham**

Flight Lieutenant Gary Walker gave a very interesting and informative talk on the current situation and the future of RAF Marham. He confirmed that residents can attend the Family’s Day and tickets can be obtained by contacting him.

1. **Report by PCSO** – no report received
2. **Shouldham Entertainments Committee**

Maureen Austin attended the meeting and gave a list of upcoming events planned for 2017. The Clerk will advertise these events on the website. Volunteers are always welcome and should contact Maureen for more information.

1. **Football Club**

Phil Riedlinger attended the meeting and reported that it had been a busy year for the football club with healthy youth teams, new sponsorship and that football club parents will automatically get 'social membership' to the Bowls Club included in their Football Club membership.

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The Bowls Club reported that the ‘social membership’ for football club parents was a positive step. More players and social members are needed.

1. **Borough Council Matters**

Cllr Hipperson informed the meeting that the BCKWLN are preparing a review of the Local Plan (Core Strategy and Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan).

1. **Any other business**

Grips need clearing.

Can we ask CGM to leave a small piece of grass uncut for wild flowers?

Lamsons Lane – muddy patch reported.

Dog mess not being picked up on The Green.

The Chairman thanked all parish councillors past and present and volunteers in the village for their continued support and time.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman

Date