MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026

Present: Ian Cannock (IC) (Chair), Fiona Crockett (FCr), Lisa Coles (LC), Joe Williams (JWi), Tim Marchant (TM), John Whittock (JWh) and Jean Fossaceco (JF) (Clerk)

Two members of the Shoscombe Community Benefit Society were also in attendance.

1. **Apologies**: Tricia Wastvedt
2. **Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** None declared
3. **10 Minutes Public Participation.** Two members of the SCBS clarified a few points and were able to update the Council on progress so far in raising funds towards the purchase of the Apple Tree Inn and plans should they be successful:

- The Society cannot be classed as a charity so, although the sale of community shares is permitted, any profits must be invested back into the community.
- Various funding initiatives are in hand and CAMRA have been contacted.
- The Inn is classed as an Asset of Community Value and there is a possibility that the 6 month moratorium could be extended to 12 months thereby giving more time to raise further funds.
- The valuation survey outcome is due shortly with a Condition Survey to be commissioned towards which the £300 application will be used. This survey will comply with due diligence.
- New legislation is in the process of being introduced which will mean the Local Authority can be more involved.
- Following the public meeting and events where members of the community met, some for the first time, it is hoped regular meetings could take place to bring people together.
- Potential uses for the Inn include a shop, coffee mornings, a book club.

4. Application for £300.00 received from the Shoscombe Community Benefits Society towards costs for the purchase of the Apple Tree Inn.	**ACTION**	**TIMELINE**
Discussions took place with councillors where it was agreed the Parish Council should support the community and maintain the identify of the village. It was made clear that the Inn and the Village Hall fulfil different requirements to the village – one would cater for spontaneous requirements such as the drop in tea/coffee mornings and a shop/book club whilst the Hall operates on an advance booking policy. It was then proposed by JWi and seconded by TM that the Council agree to donate the £300 - 5 in favour one abstention. The clerk will transfer this as soon as possible.	Clerk to transfer £300 to the SCBS account	ASAP