

Shotley Open Spaces

Minutes 16th February 2017

Bristol Arms 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Apologies: Alex P, Derek F, Jane L, Ian S, Pat S,

Attendees: Gary R, Pat R, Derek G, Roger C, Marian P, Geraint P, Ian P, Barrie P, Heidi G, Tony LR, Geraint P.

1. **Minutes of last meeting:** Approved and signed.
2. **Walkers are Welcome:** Application almost completed. We should hear if we have been accepted near the end of March. Both Babergh and Suffolk want to celebrate our successful inclusion in WaW. They will give us £1000 to help fund this. We may have contributions to update leaflet replacements from Parish Council, AONB, David Wood locality fund and possibly another £500 from SCC. Geraint, Ian P, Jane and Gary may all be interviewed by Lesley Dolphin re. Suffolk Walking Festival. Claire Parker wants us to be WaW ambassadors as we already have been for Woodbridge and Hadleigh. The WaW Festival 24th May should be celebrated: Soup a Lunch? WALK (VOTY mailing list)? Lesley D? Suffolk Radio? EADT? Already in Countryside Supplement of EADT 22nd April. WaW group to progress (Ian P, Jane L, Tony L-R, Geraint P, Gary R).
3. **Tourism Action Group:** Attended by GR, GP, MP. Main focus of the meeting at Suffolk Food Hall was the Arthur Ransome celebrations. Christian Zemmann announced he had bought a new 8 seat ferry for taking people to Pin Mill. Tracey Brinkley (Babergh Tourist Information) chaired.
4. **Phase 3 Erosion Protection:** No go ahead as yet! Legal problems need to be addressed by SALC and the PC. Not much information is available about the legal issues, only a suggestion that “Individuals are using historical issues, they are causing delays”. These need to be cleared up.
5. **Heritage Park Maintenance:** Gary attended the PC meeting Thursday 19th. Signed Terms of Reference. Subject to us letting them know in advance we are cleared to continue saving them time and money. Written confirmation of Insurance statement made at PC meeting is needed prior to modifying the schedule.

6. **Gun Deck Working Group:** No developments. Change of use situation has not been clarified. Grants from Bill Jenman are being processed. he believes wheelchair access paving is a non starter. On the subject of footpath reinstatement (granite chippings) and picnic area surface (hogging) he is more hopeful.
7. **Marketing and Promotions:** Leaflets to be produced advertising “Seasons in Shotley” theme for 2018 Calendar, alongside more FB coverage. Transfers on SOS T shirts a disappointment. Didn’t stand up to washing very well. May look at viability of embroidery.
8. **Treasurers Report: Balance 19/1/2017 £7,419 only expenditure teas and coffees at last meeting (room donated free) Balance today £7,396.**
9. **A.O.B:**
 - a. Friday 24th. Feb. Big Quiz Team needed.
 - b. Matt Jones, new estuaries officer, coming to meeting 18th May.
 - c. Thanks to TLR for web work.
 - d. Ditto Barrie for work with PC.
 - c. Ditto Gary for humungous effort towards WaW accreditation.

Meeting finished: 15.00

Next meeting Thursday 16th March **19.00.**