

**Shotley Open Spaces
Committee Meeting 17 August 2017
Draft Minutes Bristol Arms 13.30**

Apologies: Alex P, Ian S, Pat S.

Attendees: Gary R, Derek G, Heide G, Roger C, Ian P, Marian P, Geraint P, Shane Rolin, Jane L, Casper DB, Barrie P, Robbie G, Tony LR, Andrew T.

1. Minutes of last meeting: Confirmed and signed.
2. Walkers are Welcome

First meeting of WaW Alliance to be held tomorrow at Bristol Arms. Leaders for this debate required. Volunteers: Gary R, Shane R, Geraint P, Marian P, Jane L, Tony LR. Visit to Eye due for 10th Sept, in conjunction with Shotley Walking Group. Our Health Walk was attended by Sue Calver and was very successful. Next walk scheduled Friday 15th Sept. We will take on board "rest" comments from the last walk.

3. Tourism Action Group

Electric bikes have been collected and will be reported on after the trials. Volunteers are needed to take part in these trials. We have volunteered to fix leaflet holders on the information boards that have been installed for the Arthur Ransome Trail. Next years theme "World War One". Next TAG at Brantham Bull 12th Sept.

4. Phase 3 Erosion Protection

B.P. reported that nothing much had happened. The PC is still looking for permission to store lime from the river excavations. Will store it anyway on land kindly offered by RW. He asked us not to report anything about Lottery Funding. Application for adverse possession re. Picnic Area Foreshore is problematic. They may apply for a "licence" instead.

5. Ongoing Maintenance

Payback team 16/8/17 did a great deal of work on the Heritage Park. The Marsh Lane day generated a huge number of "likes" on FB.

6. Gun Deck Working Group

Have been told to "hold fire"! Ian needs to get "change of use" permission. Bill Jenman has applied for grants re. Information boards. Then permission will be needed.

7. Marketing and Promotions

Last year calendar cost £951.88, this year it will cost £1,019.88. Increase is £68. Profit will be £3.45 on each calendar, total profit £1,380. James Standard has offered some professional shots FOC. Payment was Proposed by Roger, Seconded by Derek and unanimously approved.

8. Treasurers Report

Norman Bugg audited our 2016/2017 end of year accounts and found them to be accurate. Bank Balance to date on 17 August 2017 is £9026.50 in credit but much of this is already assigned elsewhere.

A.O.B.

The new "WELCOME TO SHOTLEY" sign that we are donating to the village has been designed by Gary and Marian. It is in the process of being constructed. The siting permission will be sought so that it can be placed where the present VOTY resides. Everyone present, including our guests, raised their hands in unanimous approval. Ian Peters made a request for NOTICEBOARD to be published on or Web Site. Gary proposed and Tony seconded that we comply with this. Unanimous agreement ensued.

Meeting ended 14.50

Next meeting Thursday 21 September 19.30 Bristol Arms

Those intending to attend the walk in EYE with Shotley Walking Group to date:

Carol, Roger, Geraint, Marian, Tony, June, Gary, A.N Other. Anyone else wishing to join us please contact Gary in the next few days as we have to give them numbers for the pub meal.