

# Shotley Open Spaces

## Minutes 19th January 2017

### Bristol Arms 1.30pm – 3.30pm

**Apologies:** June LR, Alex P, Derek F, Ian P, Jane L,

**Attendees:** Gary R, Pat R, Derek G, Roger C, Pat S, Marian P, Geraint P, Derek D, Ian S

1. **Minutes of last meeting:** Approved and signed.
2. **Matters arising:** Short discussion re. schedule of work that had been demanded by PC. “Wickets” had also been thrown into the mix. Unable to request clarification from Barrie as he wasn’t in attendance. Concreting had been successfully patched. Could have done more but ran out of materials due to block on raising £50 ceiling for minor works. Shane Rolin was unanimously approved as replacement for D.F. on Committee. Proposer G.R. Seconder M.P.
3. **Walkers are Welcome:** Application is progressing, Gary has written “What Shotley has to offer” text for inclusion on our site. Will be loading it, with accompanying photographs, jointly with TLR. SOS site up and running, make it a favourite, have a good look, contact TLR with suggestions for input. Have look at Cromer site, Gary thinks we should aspire to something similar. GP tasked with looking at a St Mary’s Church precis for inclusion. Our unique possession of TWO Commonwealth War Graves sites. Other notable facts, Keats Grandson, First 2nd World War fatalities buried here, Erwarton Church (Anne Boleyn). Everyone log in LOOK and ADVISE.
4. **Parish Council Liaison:** Concern was expressed about recent developments and the fact that Phase 3 Erosion Protection seems to have fallen off the agenda somewhat. Negative comments about this matter from at least one PC member were being circulated. Gary to report back after attending their meeting Thursday 19th.
5. **Heritage Park maintenance:** The £50 “cap” has in fact worked out on average at £30 to date. It would still be more sensible to have at least £80 on offer so that more materials could be bought in prior

to things like the concreting. We were hoping to ask why this had not been agreed after Barrie had assured us it was acceptable. Costings for the current financial year to date could be calculated in two ways. 750 hours at £7 an hour or £50 a day per person plus £150 a day per Supervisor. We are happy to outline cost estimates for new works but timetabled ongoing maintenance is unworkable. Bill Jenman had informed us that there was no prospect of slipway improvement funding. However, the prospect of funding the whole of the footpath and picnic area surfaces was more positive. As far as our ideas for the Gun Deck was concerned he was also encouraging but didn't see a possibility of upgrading the path to wheelchair standards on this site.

6. **Gun Deck Working Group:** Ian S reported that no-one from Suffolk Archaeological Group was willing to come to the site. Simon Bailey of Babergh Heritage/Planning had stated we needed a Change of Use permit if making a viewing platform out of a gun platform. A reasonably good drawing of this site is needed.

7. **Treasurers Report:** Our account now has Shotley Open Spaces as its title. The Cheque book needs that name too! **Balance 19/1/2017 £7,470.**

8. **A.O.B:**

- a. "Volunteers and the Law." £500 for bespoke course for 12, or £70 for 2 persons to attend a course 11th May in Lowestoft and feed back? Agreed to send 2 people in May.
- b. Calendar 2017 "Shotley Through the Seasons" to be the theme. Publish this on FB after Noticeboard comes out.
- c. Entering team in Big Quiz 28th January.
- d. Gary still needs people to "adopt a path". They will be going up on the web site. Comments and offers requested please.

**Meeting Closed: 15.00 EXACTLY...**

A later meeting was held by GR, GP, IS and MP with Reps from Babergh DC and the TAG. We discussed SOS making an 'Arthur Ransome Trail' from Pin Mill to Shotley. It is 50 years since the death of Arthur Ransome, 80 years since he wrote 'We didn't mean to go to Sea' featuring a boat trip from Pin Mill to Shotley. The trail will features aspects of the book. SOS will institute this trail for the WaW initiative. We will work with BDC and the TAG to access external funding to create a leaflet and information boards for the trail.