

Shotley Open Spaces
Minutes 14th December
Bristol Arms 19.30

Apologies: JL.

Attendees: GR, TLR, DG, IP, IS, GP, CdeB, MP, AP, SR, Richard
Wrinch.

1. **Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed and Signed.
2. **Walkers are Welcome:** Gary reported that both Pat Scolfield and Roger Cushing had decided to leave the committee. Both want to stay active members of the group and Pat is still happy to keep our log of volunteer hours worked. He put on record his grateful thanks for their past work and support. Clare has invited us to their Alliance meeting at 10.30 on 19th. January, followed by a walk at 12.30. Those wishing to participate, along with myself and Gary, please let us know ASAP so that we can inform them of numbers for catering reasons. Cromer is hosting the National WaW on October 13th. next year and we intend to take part. It may entail an overnight stay. More details will be forthcoming in due course. Jane will be completing our annual report to WaW by the end of this month. We have five walks, including Annettes, in Suffolk Walking Festival (May and June next year).

3. **Tourism Action Group:** Gary reminded us about the Evaluation Event is to be undertaken at the Food Hall (11/1/18) to look at the achievements this year. It will feature a promotional Video which has been compiled, and a panel of contributors including Gary. The big LCD screen is now held by Oliver Paul at the Food Hall. We can apply for use if there is an appropriate event available. The first ten uses will be free. Golden wood was suggested as a venue, along with the land behind the Village Hall. Richard suggested that Armistice day and the development of the WW1 TAG theme could be looked at. He mentioned the “Wrinch” window at Erwarton Church as one highlight. There is already a CD, from the nineties, available which could add valuable source material. It was on sale at the Woolverstone Christmas craft fair last week.
4. **Parish Council:** Richard still feels that the meeting to iron out the difficulties we are having, should be pursued. He intends to ask them to nominate another Councillor to join him in this with Gary and one of our members. In view of the response he suffered when he broached this with the PC after our last meeting, we have issued a formal complaint to Babergh.
5. **Ongoing Maintenance:** Our Maintenance Schedule for 2018 has been updated and submitted to the Parish Council.

6. **Gun Deck Working Group:** Ian Saunders repeated that he has had no responses to previous emails to the PC. He was advised to copy subsequent ones to the Councillors.
7. **Marketing and Promotions:** Marian has only 70 or so calendars left. She thanked those members who had sold their allocation and praised the shops and pubs for their help. Manish had, as usual, been generous in his help and sold more than all the others.
8. **Treasurers Report:** Total cash in in the bank last month was £9,330. This month, 14 Dec 2017, it is £9797.55. £1,000 is due as the remainder from the bike project. We paid £450 towards the Explorer Guide costs to cover a shortfall in their expected contributions.
9. **A.O.B:** A team called “Shotley Open Spacers” will be filming an episode of EGGHEADS on Thursday 18th. January in Glasgow at 07.30! The contestants are Derek Davis, Marian Pugh, Gary Richens, Ian Peters, Shane Rolin, and Geraint Pugh.

It was agreed our SOS committee should meet once every 2 months for the foreseeable future. Extra meetings may be called if required.

Meeting finished 21.30

Next meeting 13.30 Thursday 13th February Bristol Arms