

Shotley Open Spaces
Minutes 16th November
Bristol Arms 13.30

Apologies: AP, JL, Sue Cushing, MP, SR.

Attendees: GR, TLR, RC, DG, PS, HG, IP, IS, Richard Wrinch, DerekD.

1. **Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed and Signed.
2. **Walkers are Welcome:** Gary welcomed Richard most warmly as PC rep. Especially as he is already a member of our group and on our email list along with Barrie, Jim and Maureen. GR reported on his visit, with GP, to Clare this week. They are now proud to be the SECOND village in Suffolk with WAW status. A set of their impressive walking pamphlets were on display. We have all been invited to their WAW launch next month. Our updated Explorer Guides are due back from the printers soon. Gary hopes to take delivery this week. It is much improved with four routes including the Arthur Ransome route. We unanimously agreed to cover the shortfall in funding of these leaflets if it is not forthcoming from elsewhere. The maximum this would be is £450. It is proposed we investigate a new route for next year to coincide with the peninsula theme of World War One. In conjunction with Ganges Museum this would be a Naval Heritage walk. Richard advised us “Managed Retreat” may have a bearing on future walks as it is now back on

the agenda to some extent. We offered to support him in any way possible if this impacts on his land.

3. **Tourism Action Group:** An 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. Suffolk Day (21/6/18) will go ahead again. Perhaps our BBQ this year could include locally sourced Venison! The big LCD screen, sourced by Stour and Orwell Society, is going to be held by Oliver Paul at the Food Hall. We can apply for use if there is an appropriate event available. (Any ideas?) SOS may be facilitating a Holbrook entry into the Suffolk Walking Festival if they can organise a date and route.
4. **Parish Council:** Richard spoke at length about the Public Statement that has been produced, and Published on Social Media, by their Clerk. He argued passionately that the meeting we have been suggesting, to iron out the increasing difficulties we are having, should be pursued. His wish to institute an informal small group to meet and make this happen was welcomed. We agreed to postpone our intended response until we see the outcome of his approach to the PC. He intends to ask them to nominate another Councillor to join him in this with Gary and one of our members. It was agreed that I should not be in this group.

5. **Ongoing Maintenance:** There was a very successful Work Party recently. Some of us joined the Rehabilitation team in the ongoing repair of concrete alongside the picnic area. One outdoor leaflet dispenser was replaced and another one will be replaced next week. The next tidal window for this concreting will be Sunday 10th. December.
6. **Gun Deck Working Group:** No further news at this time.
7. **Marketing and Promotions:** Marian has sourced the polo shirts and will be delivering them on the weekend. There is a full zip hoody available if anyone wants it (large).
8. **Treasurers Report:** Total cash in £9,330.
9. **A.O.B:** Health Walk next Wednesday Starting at the Marina followed by “Lunch and Launch” of the Community Connector Project at the Village Hall. Full details on FaceBook. Ian will be calling a Work Party this week (hedge below East View Terrace). A question was also asked about who was driving the repairs to the steel pilings on the footpath. It is to be hoped the Parish Council will ensure these repairs are carried out to community satisfaction by UK Power Networks.
10. **Meeting closed:15.35**

**Next meeting 19.30 Thursday 14th December Bristol Arms,
(Quarterly evening meet to include members who work.)**