

## **Shotley Open Spaces Minutes 10th MAY 2018 Bristol Arms 13.30**

Apologies: Alex P, Ian P, Mel C, Michael C.

Attendees: Gary R, Derek G, Ian S, Marian P, Geraint P, Shane Rolin, Jane L, Tony LR.

We currently have ten committee members, our full complement is 12. Two people have shown an interest in joining. Mel Connell and Michael Connell were proposed by MP. and seconded by MG. The motion was passed unanimously. They are both welcomed most warmly and will be a valuable addition to our ranks.

1. Minutes of last meeting: Confirmed and signed.

2. Walkers are Welcome

Eye have invited us to the celebration of their WaW Launch. Jane, Marian and Geraint will attend. After the festivities and walk there will be a WaW Alliance meeting. The day will begin at 09.30 On 24/5/18. We will enquire regarding their Village WaW signage and ask if there has been a problem "advertising consent". General feedback continues to suggest that WaW membership has encouraged more visiting walkers locally and businesses regard it positively. We intend to garner info. from village businesses for use on our stall at the National Conference in Cromer. We will need to make enquiries regarding accommodation there. (Would it be possible to get sponsorship towards the resultant expenses?) Upcoming walks are coming thick and fast, we will publish the first six on our web site and social media.

3. Tourism Action Group

Next meeting 12th June Woolverstone Marina. The Lawford Randalls will be our delegates to this again. If the TAG continues will support it. We have made a big contribution but not really gained much except a large workload. Increasing our contact with Harwich, and working jointly with them, could bear fruit in the future.

4. Parish Council

It was noted they had neither given apologies, nor turned up yet again. My recent e mail to our four SOS members on the PC has been ignored by all of them. There is nothing in the PC minutes to suggest they have decided to cease communication with us. It was suggested there may be a secretly agreed strategy, to close our lines of communication, on their behalf.

## 5. Ongoing Maintenance

Gary outlined the recent problems of the Service Level Agreement with Sodexo, and the fact that Barrie Powell has deliberately misled us with a doctored document. This has resulted in us having to cancel the two most recent bookings to do work around the Heritage Park. Despite repeated requests, over the last three months, the Parish Clerk has declared herself to be “too busy” to respond. The following motion was proposed by GP. Seconded by IP:

“In the absence of guidance and information from the Parish Council, Shotley Open Spaces finds itself unable to continue working on their property”.

This motion was carried unanimously and has been conveyed to all committee members.

## 6. Marketing and Promotions

MP has paid the invoice to Think Ink. The advert will be distributed to those Groups detailed in the back of Noticeboard. “Action” pictures will also be sought from SPYC, Pier, History, SSC, Unfit Footie, and anyone else who shows interest. TLR will make himself available as a photographer if groups require. Photos to be, in JPEG format, to be submitted: BY END JULY 2018.

“PEOPLE, PLACES and PASTIMES in Shotley”

There are still some polo shirts available for sale.

## 7. Treasurers Report

Cash as of April 6th: £11,265.51

## 9. A.O.B.

SUFFOLK DAY 21/6/18. Arthur Ransome Walk then by DIY BBQ.

SPYC Push the Boat Out, 19/20 May: SOS “walks” stall all welcome.  
Meeting ended 15.30

**Next meeting Thursday 28th June Bristol Arms 19.30**