

**Shotley Open Spaces**  
Minutes 15th February  
**Bristol Arms 13.30**

**Apologies:** AP, IS

**Attendees:** GR, TLR, DG, IP, HG, GP, CdeB, MP, AP, SR, JL, Richard Wrinch.

1. **Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed and Signed.
2. **Walkers are Welcome:** CD, GR, JL, TLR, GP attended Clare Launch. Mary Evans, County Councillor for Clare, championed a WaW sign at the entrance of the town for them. Cromer had one many years ago. Eye, Snape and Shotley are contacting their County Councillors for similar support. David Wood is supportive too, along with Highways and Rights of Way. Shotley has been recognised as becoming a “destination of choice” for walkers in many publications since Christmas. We want to expand on this recognition as a stopover to assist our local business base. The first “birthday” of Shotley as a WaW village is Easter Monday 2nd April. We will celebrate this with a family walk, treasure hunt, family quiz and Hog Roast. Anyone willing to help with the organisation and participate in the festivities would be most welcome. Our WaW annual report was warmly welcomed and we have paid our £40 registration for next year. We have been asked to have a stall in the

Cromer WaW annual conference. There is a full week of activities there. It has been suggested we send a delegation to take part. Accommodation needs to be booked, people could join us for all, or part, of the week.

3. **Tourism Action Group:** The Arthur Ransome “Wash Up” at the Food Hall was very successful. A really nice pamphlet has been produced celebrate the events.
4. **Parish Council:** Regarding their public statement, published on FaceBook and deleted after one day (also refused by Noticeboard and Shauns Shorts) we have decided to “park” any official complaint. However a Freedom of Information request may be our route to finding out the truth of their “legal” advice which is shrouded in secrecy. Richard remains convinced that we should all make every effort to progress Phase 3.
5. **Ongoing Maintenance:** Our Maintenance Schedule for 2018, updated and submitted to the Parish Council, is being put through the “Risk Assessment” mill yet again by the Clerk. “Insurance requirements” are being queried, we await her further response. Several areas of pavement have been cleared of brambles in responds to requests from the public.
6. **Gun Deck Working Group:** Ian Saunders absent. No new reports.
7. **Marketing and Promotions:** Marian reported that the 400

calendars cost £1019.88. Sales garnered ££2023 giving us a profit of £1003.12. A vote of thanks for her efforts was unanimous.

8. **Treasurers Report:** We have £10,223.39 in the bank. £5000 is earmarked for Phase 3. We may be getting £1000 from the AONB in the near future. Expenses for Danny Rawlings, web site 13 Nov 2016 to 12 Nov 2017, £173.83.
9. **A.O.B:** “Shotley Open Spacers” EGGHEADS adventure on Thursday 18th. January was most interesting. Broadcast is expected some time around October. We have many walks organised both Walking Festival and Health Walks. Tony, Jane, Carol, and Rachel are all doing walk Leader training in March. Casper expressed dishpan ointment at responses he has received from James Cartilage! He was advised to contact the PC regarding bus stop benches.

Meeting finished 15.00

**Next meetings Bristol Arms: Thursday 15th. March 13.30,**

**12th April 19.30**