

Shotley Open Spaces Minutes 28th JUNE 2018 Bristol Arms 19.30

Apologies: Alex P, Ian P, Mel C, Michael C, Shane Rolin, Jane L, Tony LR. Casper DB

Attendees: Gary R, Derek G, Marian P, Geraint P,

1. Minutes of last meeting: Confirmed and signed.

2. Walkers are Welcome

RE. Cromer 2018: The committee voted unanimously to support up to 3 members and 3 guests in attending the annual meeting. The discounted prices of £40 and £25 will be paid by Gary before the end of June. Gary and Jane have already indicated a desire to take part. It is hoped that Ian Peters may be interested too. Other committee members should let us know if they are keen to take part. It would be a great opportunity to advertise our local walks and businesses. Casper has reported regarding his request to the PC about seats at bus stops. They are considering finding sponsorship for one. We are not sure if they will be sponsoring one themselves, we could consider some help in this. Will await minutes of their last meeting for clarification.

3. Tourism Action Group

They want to know if we have progressed the WW1 walk idea in conjunction with Ganges. It was decided that Gary and Derek G would engage with Derek D and Tony LR to push on with this. The last Peninsula Booklet the TAG produced has had all copies distributed and more are to be produced.

4. Parish Council

Suffolk Day duties precluded Gary attending PC this month. Richard W, Maureen W and Barrie P have all agreed to represent the PC at our meetings. However, no one turned up today, or proffered apologies. Gary has made written enquiries regarding a range of concerns, especially inconsistencies regarding Barrie and statements he has made. There have been no replies to date. This has been particularly upsetting in light of general deterioration of the Heritage Park and no evidence of this problem being addressed.

5. Ongoing Maintenance

Marsh lane work has attracted a high level of excellent feedback. We will need to revisit this month, especially the areas we had to "soft pedal" on last time due to nesting birds. We cannot address the

concerns of locals re. Whinney Queech. Gary will pass on these complaints at the next PC. There is a bit of the Permissive Path around Colwills field that we may look at soon.

6. Marketing and Promotions

MP has broadcast the advert re.

“PEOPLE, PLACES and PASTIMES in Shotley”

some photographs have already been submitted. Children MUST be approved by their parents for inclusion in any of these submissions. Derek D has been most generous but only 6 groups have entered (so far). A list of groups to be “chased up” was mooted. We will run a stall at the ROSE FUN DAY 21st July. Volunteer from ALL sections of our membership will be needed. A gazebo will be chased up by Geraint.

There are still some polo shirts available for sale, contact Marian.

7. Treasurers Report

Balance 6/4/18 £10,772.56. Current position: Invoice from Babergh now arrived so we can pay them £2,687.60. This will leave us with £7,162.75 in the bank (£5,000 reserved for Phase 3 IF it happens).

9. A.O.B and forthcoming dates.

SUFFOLK DAY 21/6/18. Arthur Ransome Walk then by DIY BBQ. Rather disappointing turn out. Will not do free BBQ next year. Maybe something in conjunction with Bristol? We were asked to start Health Walks in Chelmo but feel this should led by someone there. However we would be happy to help them start this up initially.

Stour and Orwell Forum 17/7 Woolverstone Marina 9.30

Health Walk Thursday 19/7 Bristol Arms 11.30

Health Walk Leaders 16/8 Hadleigh Library 10.30

Cattawade / Flatford (Stour Festival) 16/9 Meet Cattawade 10.00

WaW Alliance Meeting 27/9 Bristol Arms 10.30 (Walk at 13.15)

Meeting Closed 21.15

Next meeting Thursday 30th August Bristol Arms 13.30