

Shotley Open Spaces Minutes 30th August 2018 Bristol Arms 13.30

Apologies: Alex P, Mel C, Michael C, Jane L, Ian S

Attendees: Gary R, Derek G, Marian P, Geraint P, Ian P, Shane R, Tony LR, Casper DB, Ian P, Andrew T

1. Minutes of last meeting: Confirmed and signed.

2. Walkers are Welcome

Three delegate places were reserved but Ian P had to withdraw so Gary has applied for a refund. Walkers are Welcome premises in the village are to be approached for publicity material so that we can advertise them on our stall and throughout the festival.

Members reading this should contact Gary if they have anything to impart during this "trade fair" we are attending on behalf of Shotley. GP proposed, and IP seconded, that we earmark our funding from the Suffolk Walking Festival towards the cost of a bench at one of our bus stops. Casper had asked if it was possible to for the PC to fund three at the stops where he had seen walkers sitting on the ground. However, they are looking at sourcing funding for only one, at the top of Bristol Hill. The proposal was carried.

Gary will enquire about the progress of their deliberations and see if they could make any savings on the cost of a bench if we undertook to install it.

3. Tourism Action Group

Very little news from them at present.

4. Parish Council

Nobody has turned up yet again. The proposal to drop this item from the agenda was unanimously accepted. Gary has undertaken to share anything relevant to them if necessary. Several current councillors are in receipt of these reports anyway.

5. Ongoing Maintenance

Casper has taken on the task of maintaining our database of volunteer hours and tasks completed. Marsh Lane will get its final facelift of the season on THURSDAY 6th SEPTEMBER at 10.00. Volunteers will be welcomed if they respond to our calls for help. The permissive path on Colwill land near the Heritage Park will be checked again.

6. Marketing and Promotions

MP voiced her disappointment at the response from supporters

when we asked for volunteers on our stall at the Rose fete. However, we did raise £33, towards trimmer fuel costs, on the day. Selection of photographs had been completed, in a marathon session, by her and Gary. There was a marvellous response from the community groups, with a large number of photographs submitted. The proofs had been returned very swiftly by our printers and she had sent corrections back by return. The Calendars have already been posted, delivery is imminent! Gary proposed thanks to her for the time and effort she has put in to this task yet again.

7. Treasurers Report

Balance today is £7,600, including the £5,000 that we bid for in 2013, specifically earmarked for Phase 3 construction work.

9. A.O.B and forthcoming dates.

A discussion was raised about our relationship with the Shoreline Management Group (SPSCIC if it gets its hoped for designation). We are unanimously in favour of assisting them and offering any advice or information they seek. If they are agreeable we wish to offer a liaison person from within our group to keep them abreast of what we are doing and feed back information they wish to share with us. It was felt that someone who was not on our committee would be best for this. As Casper is one of our most active volunteer workers and passionate about the SMG he would seem the ideal choice. He agreed to fulfil this role if they feel it would be helpful.

Meeting Closed 15.40

16th Sept. Stour Festival Walk Cattawade to Flatford and back
Meet Cattawade 10.00

27th Sept. WaW Alliance Meeting Bristol Arms 10.30 (Walk at 13.15)

Thursday 25th October SOS meeting Bristol Arms 13.30

**Thursday 22nd November SOS meeting Bristol Arms 19.00
(Mel, Michael, Alex : would this suit you?)**