

**Shotley Open Spaces
Thursday 8th August 2019 Minutes
Bristol Arms 13.30**

Apologies: S Rolin, I Peters. (Mike and Mel have taken the decision to stand down from the committee as most of our meetings are when they are at work). They remain valued and enthusiastic supporters.

Attendees: G Pugh, G Richens, M Pugh, D Gent, C de Boer, J. Leach, T L Randall, I Saunders, Mike Woodward.

1. Minutes of previous meeting: Signed and Approved.

2. Walking update: 60/40 was the split for Walking Festival fees last year. We did more walks this year for even more people. As a WaW village we now get 80/20 so our walks gained us £282. We have agreed the dates for Health Walks this year. Wed 16 Oct (Village Hall), Wed 20 Nov (Bristol Arms), Wed 18 Dec (Village Hall), all at 11.30 as usual. SOS will also be promoting the WALKING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS charity from Pin Mill to Shotley one Sunday in December (yet to be decided). A walk in conjunction with Tania Sicling, with her carer leavers group, will also be undertaken in the coming month. The next WaW Alliance meeting will be at the Bristol Arms will be 18 Sept 10.30 . Members wishing to greet our guests at this need to let us know. A short walk will probably follow this meeting.

3. TAG: We completed all the work for producing 5,000 Childrens

Walk leaflets on budget. The TAG decided to fund a further 10,000, which have already been distributed to all Schools on the peninsula and lots of businesses - including the Food Hall and Jimmys Farm. Ian Saunders found our deliberate mistake. (Mentioning 2 extra Geo Caches in the Arthur Ransome Walk.on the Stour NOT the Orwell).

4. Maintenance: We don't need any more equipment at present, storage is areal problem. We mostly use and maintain our own personal gear. A couple of decent pruning saws are needed and we have already agreed to buy them soon. We have details of the portable defibrillator that was. acquired by Clare. It was fully funded by their Parish Council, who are most supportive of them and appreciate their input into the community. In principle we are all in favour of exploring this ourselves. I will do more "market research" through local paramedics and first responders and intend to publicise this locally for others to have the option of offering expertise, skills and financing. **(Do members of SOS wish to contact other groups, friends or professionals who could assist)?**

5. Merchandising: The Calendar is in production. Well over 100 photographs were entered and the final selection have been sent to the printers with accompanying text. Proofs have been returned. Marian is confident she will have them ready for sale before the end

of August and suggest a launch date early in September. The cost will be £7, meaning no increase for the third consecutive year. Some of the profits could help finance the defibrillator if there is not enough support from other possible funders. TLR proposed a vote of thanks to Marian for the time she devotes to this for us. Unanimously agreed.

6. Treasurers Report: Up to date accounts were circulated. Total to date was £4,956. £3,750 has been paid out for the Family Walk leaflets and confirmation of refunds towards this has come from Babergh and the AONB. Calendar outlay was £810.47. The WaW conference in Kirby Steven this year will be attended by Gary, Carol, Jane and Steve. It was agreed to fund £150 towards costs.

7. AOB: Regarding £1,000 offer to the CIC for assistance with costs of a survey. Casper said that the SPC had stated “no survey was needed”. He further stated the Parish Clerk had admitted their own report needed amendment. The statement on the PC web site clearly states that their figures include £11,000 to fund this report. We will leave the matter on the table until advised further..

We have now had a response from the PD re. The bench on Bristol Hill and will proceed ASAP. In future we may look at other sites.

Regarding the electric bikes. The AONB have asked us how these trials are going. There have been no takers for them in recent, inclement, months. However, I have had two enquires in the last week so fully

expect them to be going out very shortly. Hopefully on extended trials this time, rather than odd days or weekends as in previous loans.

Casper voiced his appreciation of the new and suggested he would be willing to trial one of the bikes if no suitable offers came from within our wider membership.

Meeting closed at 1520. Next meeting THURSDAY 12th September 13.30. WaW Alliance Meeting Wednesday 18th September 10.30.

Let us know if you intend to welcome our guests from Eye, Clare et al. We need to know for catering as we normally serve light refreshments. There may be a short walk afterwards.