

**Shotley Open Spaces**  
**Thursday 12th September 2019 Minutes**  
**Bristol Arms 13.30**

**Apologies:** S Rolin, J. Leach, I Saunders.

**Attendees:** G Pugh, G Richens, M Pugh, D Gent, C de Boer, T L Randall, I Peters., D Davis, Hayley Rigby.

Hayley spoke to us about her role as a Community Advisor with CONNECT FOR HEALTH. She will be visiting the village on a regular basis working in conjunction with the surgery. She will be offering confidential, helpful non judgemental advice referring residents to appropriate services and activities. Her remit will be to enhance the Health and Wellbeing of anyone who feels they have issues in this sphere. We are keen to support her in any way she sees fit. Hayley is also a Health Walk leader and she will be attending our next Health Walk as part of her training and to explore our environment.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting:** Approved and Signed.

**2. Walking update:** 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 walk from Pin Mill to Shotley on Sunday 8th December 11.00. We have heard no further about the walk in conjunction with Tania Sicling, with her care leavers group. It was agreed that more of the walk leaders would take on the Health walks so that Gary doesn't end up doing them by default. Casper would like

to do the next two, neither Geraint or Gary can assist so other walk leaders will help out on these walks. Derek Davis mentioned the D Day celebrations next year on May 31st and the suggested walks in conjunction were discussed. We agreed to offer the same walks as last year, with the same leaders, for the Walking Festival. Get back to Geraint with your preferred dates (we also need to confirm if we are going to increase charges for the walks and include refreshments in conjunction with the pubs and church). Derek Davis reported on the inaugural meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Planning Group. Initially it was agreed that he would Chair it with Shane Rolin as his Vice Chair. Other members present were Peter Stebbings, Brian Ives, Shaun Sams, William Wrinch and Jeanette Briscoe. Jane Leach and delegates from the Surgery and the School are also expected to join. On Wednesday 19th the long awaited Play Equipment Committee is going to convene. A discussion about a "foraging walk" was held. Ian Peters is going to put his thinking hat on and come back with further advice. Perhaps we should investigate further before trying to organise one. The time of year is key in this.

- 3. TAG:** It was decided to repeat the format of our previous Suffolk Day celebration on 21st June - Arthur Ransome walk, Hog Roast and Family quiz at the Bristol Arms. The walk starts from Pin Mill at 13.00. It coincides with Fathers day. Other venues throughout the Peninsula

will advertise their offerings for Suffolk Day in the near future.

**4. Maintenance:** Geraint has agreed to source a couple of decent pruning saws. The portable defibrillator “market research” is progressing. The sailing club has agreed to fund the secure box with £250 and Ian was tasked with conveying our thanks for this kind gesture. David Wood has offered to match fund £250 so we have enough money for the box. We still need a local electrician to volunteer fitting of the box via a fused spur switch, or someone to pay one to do it. The defibrillator will be donated to us by Dani Bailey, a friend of David Rhys, my youngest son. She runs a private paramedic team and will advise us further in due course.

**5. Merchandising:** The Calendar has gone on sale and initial feedback is very positive. Marian put us all under the customary pressure to SELL, SELL, SELL!

**6. Treasurers Report:** All expected funding from outside agencies has come in. We have £7,000.17p in the bank at present.

**7. AOB:** The bench on Bristol Hill will be installed this week. The electric bikes are now out on extended loan. I will give the loanees assessment forms. Gary reported on RAMS - Recreational Access Mitigation Strategy. Stephanie Walsh is talking to us regarding this at 12.00 on Thursday 19th next week followed by a walk from the Bristol Arms. Ian related an anecdote from this year regarding the Ringed Plover chicks

that fell victim to dogs being allowed to roam near the marina. We should, perhaps, be more proactive in SOS regarding this issue.

Casper reported on the SPCIC. They intend to do work on the rotating single height gabions near Cockle Creek and the concreted section from the end of the picnic area to the bottom of the garden of "Waterside". It will be interesting to see if they get permission from the separate owners of these sites. He further reported on the secrecy surrounding the UKPN survey. One of his committee is to view it after signing a non disclosure agreement. He will not be able to report back to the CIC or discuss the survey with anyone. It was queried if the Parish Council has already seen this report, their trust status with UKPN has not been determined. Ian stressed that wild flower planting should only be done under advice. He is happy to give some. Gary spoke about funding an updated reprint of the AONB leaflet. We have almost run out of copies.

Meeting closed 15.00. Next meeting THURSDAY 7th November 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.