

**Shotley Open Spaces
Thursday 14th March Minutes
Bristol Arms 13.30**

Apologies: Mel C, Mike C, T L Randall, I Peters,

Attendees: G Pugh, G Richens, M Pugh, D Gent, C d Boer, R Double.

J.Leach, S Rolin, Barbara Moss Taylor

1. Minutes of previous meeting: Signed and Approved.

2. Shotley Peninsula CIC: Barbara outlined our mutual concerns and we all agreed there was total support for their aims and objectives regarding our shoreline. However we had concerns that a survey would only confirm the outcomes we had experienced in the past. Our close working with all the Statutory Bodies had brought us to the conclusion that the only acceptable solution was gabions . We offered our notes, and source materials, as evidence. Particular reading for the CIC members should be “Cliff Instability and Erosion Management in Great Britain. A Good Practice Guide”. I have a copy of this but do not want to lend it out. However, two copies of this book (and other source material) was given to the Parish Clerk after a weekend symposium attended by Gary and I was reported back to a PC meeting some years ago. Barbara felt that, without a survey, they would have difficulty progressing towards any sort of meaningful fundraising. In light of this Gary suggested they would have more

chance of raising the sum if they could prove they had actually raised something themselves. Funding bodies always look to what has been achieved, however little, when considering bids. To this end he suggested we offer up to £1,000 from our funds as MATCH FUNDING for money raised by the CIC itself. Some of us were concerned that monies we had earmarked for physical work, rather than consultancy, would be wasted. However, in a spirit of wishing to be as helpful as possible to a fellow group of volunteers; with whom we have every sympathy; we unanimously acceded to his proposal.

3. Walking Update: Our five walks, including the naval heritage submariners walk are included in the Walking Festival. All are scheduled for 11.30, except the Shotley Stroll, which has a PM start. Health Walks for June July and August are already agreed. The 13th July Walk will be in conjunction with Harwich. The Edith Cavell train Carriage will be a feature at their end. Leaflets will be supplied tons when they are updated and reprinted. SUFFOLK DAY (21st June) will be combined with our Walkers are Welcome anniversary celebration. Banners, Bunting and a Hog Roast costing £10 a head. Children walking with participating parents will get their pig free! Casper enquired about the possibility of drone footage being used for publicising Health Walks. Gary will explore this. Does anyone have a drone owning friend?

2. **TAG:** Lottery “Awards for All” funding has been sought. We await developments. David Wood will help us with WaW sign, Bench on Bristol Hill and a little Family walk funding (£1,094). Rough costings are: Sign £700/Highways (DW £300 us £400), Bench £621 (DW £494 us £127 walking festival payments plus fitting), Family Walk £300. Match funding Proposed by DG Seconded by JL (Unanimous).
3. **Maintenance Work:** Proposed work at Brickyards already done? Gary to check present situation. Feedback awaited from IP re. Packards and Colwills steps. Offer of lawnmower by RD accepted with thanks. GP advised that John Pipe had undertaken to look after cutting at the Marina end of Marsh Lane. We will hold a work party there 21st March 09.30.
4. **Merchandising:** MP asked for permission to take advantage of an early payment deal with Think Ink (810.47 for 300 calendars). We agreed that we should pay this.
5. **Treasurers Report:** Our balance is £8,118.29 of which £5,000 is earmarked.
7. **AOB:** No further Business
- Gary reported that the PC had refused to part fund a new bench on Bristol Hill again. However Richard Wrinch had suggested revisiting this in the near future.
- Meeting closed at 1520. Next meeting TUESDAY 14th May 13.30.