

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

Apologies: R Double . (Mel and Mike? Meetings in working hours).

Attendees: G Pugh, G Richens, M Pugh, D Gent, C de Boer, J.Leach, S Rolin, T L Randall, I Peters, I Saunders, A Thompson

1. Minutes of previous meeting: Signed and Approved.

2. Walking update: GP, CD, JL, SL and GR attended the West Stowe

launch of the walking festival. Gary was interviewed by Lesley

Dolphin as soon as he arrived. Apparently she publicised his

comments later. We have about 40 walkers attending the WW1

submarine walk on Wednesday. The 2 Rivers walk is on Saturday.

Health walks agreed are: This Thursday 16th (Bristol), Wednesday

17th July (Bristol), Wednesday 21st August (Rose), Wednesday 18th

Sept (Bristol), SUFFOLK DAY (21st June) will be combined with our

Walkers are Welcome anniversary celebration. Banners, Bunting,

FAMILY Quiz and a Hog Roast costing £10 a head. Children walking

with participating parents will get their pig free!

2. TAG: "Focus on Families" . Web won a funding package from the

AONB, Babergh and David Wood. By adding £500 from our own

funds we can produce Family Walks based on our two circular Health

Walks from the Bristol and the Rose. The target deadline is before the

school holidays. We need to explore ways of getting feedback from participating families.

3. Maintenance Work: The last session at Marsh Lane was well attended. A session at the school is agreed for Monday 20th, 09.30 to 11.30. Another session for Wednesday 29th May 09.30 to 11.30 in the Tudor Close area is also agreed.

4. Merchandising: MP suggested a cut off date for photos in late June. If something exceptional turns up in July she can consider it. 300 calendars could raise £1200 if all are sold.

5. Treasurers Report: Balance is £7,294.62. Fuel and repair costs due out, £1,094 due in from David Wood. Bench and WaW sign to be bought in near future. Expenditure of £169.99, plus cost of two pruning saws, agreed by all.

7. AOB: WaW Conference in Kirby Steven, Saturday 12 Oct, being attended by Gary, Carol, Steve and Jane. Anyone else going should book accommodation soon. IP reported over cutting at Golden Wood. He had dealt with the culprits. Casper discussed closer links with the Shoreline CIC. We reinforced our support for their aims and willingness to loan PR aids. Our web site and email lists must remain GDPR compliant. HAS, Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities policies have been approved and embedded in our Web Site.

Meeting closed at 1520. Next meeting THURSDAY 8th August 13.30.