

Minutes of the Shotley Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, 25th May 2017 at 7:30 at the Village Hall, Shotley.

Present: Cllrs B Powell (Chairman), N Green, B Nichols, M Williams, R Green, J Catling, B Higgs, P Merrin, County Cllr D Woods, District Cllr P Patrick, District Cllr D Davis, Parish Clerk Mrs D Bedwell and nineteen members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Apologies received were noted. Due to Cllr B Powell expected late arrival, Cllr B Higgs chaired the meeting until 8:00pm.
- 2. To adopt the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 June 2016:** The minutes were adopted by those who had been in attendance.
- 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters raised.
- 4. Presentation of the Shotley Community Awards:** Community Awards were presented to Mrs Jo Lee, Mr Tim Cosby, Miss Karen Higgs, Mr Andrew Coulson and Mrs Maureen Coulson. Mr and Mrs Coulson had been unable to attend the meeting and would receive their awards at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 5. Shotley Parish Council Chairman's Report:** The Chairman's report was read out to those present and would be available on the Parish Council website.
- 6. Shotley Parish Council Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer's Report:** The Clerk / Rfo's report was read out to those present and would also be available on the Parish Council website.
- 7. Police Report:** A Police report was not available for the meeting.
- 8. County Councillors' Reports:** Cllr D Woods started by thanking members of the public for his re-election as County Councillor and delivered a detailed report, which would also be available online.
- 9. District Councillor's Report:** Cllr P Patrick delivered a report which included: Babergh's new initiatives with a view to building more houses and increasing the housing stock; the appointment of a new member purely to deal with planning matters and expedite such matters; the Babergh Locality Officer had been extremely helpful with the Shotley Pier Project, as had the Funding Officer, who was currently putting a bid for funding together to help the Pier raise much needed funds.

Cllr B Powell arrived at the meeting at 8.00pm and took over Cllr B Higgs.

District Cllr D Davis' verbal report referred to his involvement with various groups and initiatives within the peninsula, including the Shotley Open Spaces, Peninsula TAG and the Ganges Museum, of which he was the current Chairman. An update was provided on matters pertaining to the Ganges development and the developer's position regarding the swimming pool and the refurbishment of the iconic mast.

10. Reports from local organisations, groups and charities: Reports were received from Mr N Bugg on behalf of the Shotley Church, the Community Council, the Village Hall Committee of Management and the Bowls Club; from Mrs E Bugg on behalf of the Shotley Social Club and Whist Drive; from Mr G Pugh on behalf of the Shotley Open Spaces; from Mrs J Lawford-Randall on behalf of the Ganges Museum and from Cllr B Higgs on behalf of the Shotley History Group.

11. To receive suggestions and answer questions from the meeting: It was suggested that a microphone was used in future meetings as it was difficult for the public to hear what was said at times.

12. Any Other Business: Questions were asked about the need for the creation of two pads on farmland where the soil dug up by UKPN for cabling works between Shotley and Felixstowe would be stored temporarily. The pads would need to go through the planning process and further details would be known in due course.

Cllr P Patrick told those present that he and Cllr D Davis had been invited to go on the first local ferry voyage, as had the Mayoress of Felixstowe. They had thoroughly enjoyed the trip and encouraged others to try.

13. Refreshments: With no further matters to be transacted, the meeting ended at 9.00pm, followed by refreshments.

Signed:_____

Date:_____