



Minutes of the Shotley Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday, 24th May 2018 at 7:30 at the Village Hall, Shotley.

Present: Cllrs B Powell (Chairman), R Wrinch, N Green, M Williams, J Catling, G Richens, District Cllr P Patrick, Parish Clerk Mrs D Bedwell and fourteen members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from County Cllr D Woods, Cllr B Nichols, Cllr R Green, Cllr B Higgs, and a small number of members of the public and group representatives.
- 2. To adopt the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 25 May 2017:** It was resolved to approve the minutes.
- 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Presentation of the Shotley Community Awards:** Community awards were presented by the Chairman. Two recipients had been unable to attend and would be receiving their award at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 5. Shotley Parish Council Chairman's Report:** Cllr B Powell read out the Chairman's report to those present.
- 6. Shotley Parish Council Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer's Report:** The Clerk also presented her report to those present. The year-end accounts were yet to be approved by Council and would be made available to the parish once this had taken place.
- 7. Police Report:** A specific report had not been received but minutes of Police liaison meetings were available on the website with up to date crime figures for the area.

8. County Councillors' Reports: County Cllr D Wood's report had been made available to the parish via the website.

9. District Councillor's Report: District Cllr P Patrick gave those present a detailed report on Babergh and local matters.

10. Reports from local organisations, groups and charities: Reports had been received from a number of local organisations and some were presented verbally to the meeting, including:

- Shotley and Erwarnton Jubilee Community Council
- Shotley Village Hall Committee of Management
- Shotley Church Heritage Committee
- St Mary's Church
- Shotley Open Spaces
- Shotley Social Club
- Shotley Whist Drive
- Shotley and Erwarnton Good Neighbours Scheme
- Shotley Rose Bowls Club

11. To receive suggestions / questions from the meeting: The new owner of Shotley Vineyard provided an update with regards to this new venture. Various revenue streams were being considered and a planning application for a "glamping" site would be forthcoming in the near future. This resident had been attending the Parish Council meetings in order to be able to answer any questions on this matter, should they be forthcoming, as they were very keen to work with the local community;

A representative of the Shotley Pier Project also provided an update, including that a planning application for works to the pier had recently been submitted, three large grants had been applied for and members had been tirelessly working behind the scenes;

A resident from Gate Farm Road explained to those present the history pertaining to the Gate Farm Caravan Park: The site had been sold in 2015 and a planning application for twenty residential caravans had followed, which had been refused. The refusal had been due to long standing restrictions imposed as a result of an earlier appeal to another application. An application for lawfulness of use had also been refused in 2014 for some thirteen caravans. However, during the previous twelve months the site had been continuously occupied and Babergh DC did not seem to have carried out any enforcement action. It now appeared that the site had been sold again to "Park Leisure Homes" which indicated that further planning applications would be forthcoming.

Attempts at contacting Babergh Enforcement had been disappointing and there was a general concern by residents of Gate Farm Road that the location would be developed into a large caravan site.

District Cllr P Patrick gave a brief update with regards to the current position of Babergh Planning and Enforcement and suggested that he would raise this matter with the relevant individuals.

12. Any Other Business: No other business was raised.

13. Refreshments: The meeting ended at 8.45pm and was followed by refreshments.

Signed: _____ Date: _____