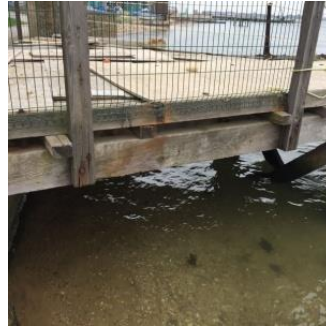


Pier Newsletter 7

The Board has been considering next steps, both in light of the planning appeal outcome, and the workload on the volunteer Directors and other volunteers.

Our next Investors Meeting will be on Friday 6th September, Shotley Village Hall at 7pm.



Planning Application

Reviewing the Planning Inspector's comments, we feel there is considerable additional work involved to formulate our new application to take into account his comments.

In light of this, the Board has decided to refrain from rushing to submit the next planning application.

Due to recent success in gaining new grants, we can start work on the existing structure while we plan new details of the proposed buildings and platforms.

The formulation of thorough planning applications takes a considerable amount of time and effort by volunteers and we not wish to over-burden them by setting short deadlines.

By taking time to consider carefully, we will have a better chance of success next time



Letters of Support

We feel we need at least 100 letters of support to accompany our next planning application, and in fact, it would be great to have more. If you could send a letter of support to us, that would carry quite a bit of influence at the planning committee.



Hand written or typed letters from you stating that you support the revised plans and why you want to be able to take shelter, have some refreshments on the pier, or you can mention any other aspect of your reasons for supporting us.

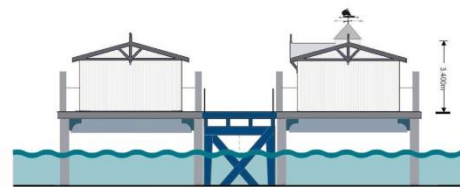
Please mention any activity that you are interested to do as a group - artists, photography class, yoga or Tai Chi, exercise class, walking – whatever you personally find appealing about our plans helps planners see the range of interest from the public. This also helps when we are applying for specific grants.

If you wish to use the pier for water based activities such as fishing, kayaking, swimming or any other water based activity, please mention it in your letter.

Please post letters of support to Redlands, Main Road, Chelmondiston, IP9 1DX, or email scanned letters to shotleypier@gmail.com

Following very wide consultation, including a vote about the roof shape, we feel we have addressed concerns about the previous plans.

At the previous investors meeting, we listened to reactions to our plans, and several helpful ideas were suggested, which we are now incorporating into the plans.



Front Elevation (North) from road – workshop left, visitors centre right
1:100



Back Elevation (South) from river – visitors centre left, workshop right
1:100



Click on this link to see superb new drone footage on YouTube which shows the pier in its current state



Coffee Morning is Wednesday 7th Aug

Come and enjoy our Wednesday coffee morning! 10.30am - 12 at the Red Lion in Chelmondiston

We will have the 3D model on display at the coffee morning for those who haven't seen it yet, and as ever, a chance to catch up on our latest news and views.

Colin Slee is our August Artist. Born in Devon, he visited Suffolk for years before moving to Woodbridge in 1996. He regularly exhibits at Snape Maltings.



News from Pierside Snacks

We operated for several weekends with excellent results, lots of customers, and our team enjoyed chatting and cooking bacon butties and burgers, along with hot and cold drinks.

Challenges in this new operation have included objections from the Marina to the location of the unit, windy weather which is a big consideration for a mobile operation, and a shortage of volunteers to train and supervise the paid workers during this period due to other family commitments or health problems.



We had intended to operate with the existing unit till September when we are upgrading to a newer and more flexible unit. However, the cost of short term renovations proved more than we wanted to spend, so we have decided to save that money and wait until our new unit is ready. We know this is disappointing for many of our customers but we feel this is prudent financially.

We have already seen strong demand from vegans, so we will install separate cooking hobs to keep meat separate from vegan choices, and a soup station for the autumn is being planned.

Volunteers Needed

We know that most people appreciate and understand that we are volunteers working incredibly hard to get the pier restored to be an asset for the community.

Volunteers organise and run fundraising events such as the monthly coffee mornings and the annual art exhibition, as well as apply for grants and other fund raising



Volunteer Directors spent about 200 hours last month in meetings with funders, getting quotes from 10 companies bidding to do various aspects of the imminent works, attending the pier with potential contractors, and providing paperwork to the funder.

Inevitably, some volunteers need to have a rest, or have family commitments, or have work to do elsewhere, so we do need to gain new volunteers along the way.

If you have talents to offer, be assured we gladly receive your efforts without asking you to do more hours than you wish. While some give a lot of time, it is just as helpful to have volunteers who take on one task!