

SHOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council continues to make progress with its two main new projects: The Neighbourhood Development Plan and the Play Areas (Lloyd Road and Kingsland) Regeneration. Initial meetings have been held and working groups have been formed. However, if you would like to get involved, particularly with the Play Areas, we would appreciate your help, as there will be lots to do!!

We were delighted to have been able to support the “Outstanding” Ofsted rated Kidzone, not just with the provision of a letter of support for their Community Infrastructure Levy major funding application, but also with initial funding of £1,500, to help the charity with their expansion project.

We have also been approached by a local resident wishing to establish a Community Orchard, which will hopefully see the planting of more trees in our village. If you would like to be a part of this project, please get in touch.

Although not an official consultee in the planning process, the Parish Council felt very strongly about the potential loss of the historic asset that is the “Queen’s Head” pub in Erwarton. A recommendation for the refusal of the recent change of use application was agreed and comments sent to Babergh DC, in support of our neighbouring parish’s efforts.

Accounts for the first and second quarters remained on target and were approved. Budget and precept for 2020/2021 were due for approval in January 2020.

The bollard at the entrance to the allotments on The Street will be regularly monitored by our Cllr J Briscoe and we ask that allotment holders please do lock it when leaving the site for added safety.

In order to comply with GDPR and improve our communication strategy, we have adopted a new standard e-mail address for all our councillors and the Clerk, which should make correspondence much easier and safer. You may e-mail any of our councillors/Clerk on their dedicated e-mail addresses, as follows:

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You may also continue sending any enquiries to the Clerk's e-mail or postal address or by phoning 01473 788248.

Note from the Clerk: E and VJ days 2020: Following the successful Centenary commemorations of last year, I have rallied the troops (pardon the pun!) and our Committee has re-formed in order to look at how Shotley and neighbouring parishes can celebrate these special dates next year.

May Day is traditionally held on a Monday but will be put back to Friday 8 May 2020. The holiday will form part of a three-day weekend of commemorative events. Nationally, this will include more than 20,000 pubs encouraging people to toast the heroes of the war, while churches will take part in a "Ringing Out For Peace".

We are in the process of approaching local businesses and organisations so events can be co-ordinated and compliment each other. If you're also organising something or would like to get involved, please let me know.

The Shotley Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2020!!

