

This is a brief summary of the key points from the **Shotley Parish Council Meeting**, held on **19 July 2012**. More details will be in the minutes next month.

The **Safer Neighbourhood Team** report for June showed four crimes in June – one of theft from an automatic machine or meter; criminal damage to a vehicle; theft and criminal damage to a dwelling. In addition, there were two further reports of anti-social behaviour which were being investigated. Car regs had been taken and if further issues arise, noise abatement notices will be issued. The SNT in conjunction with the Suffolk County Council, were proposing changes to the approach to parking management in Shotley and SCC will in future actively support police enforcement of the Highway Code in relation to parking on footways and on the highway verge. A letter will be delivered to Shotley residents in the near future to advise of the details – along with strategically placed posters. The Parish welcomed this approach.

There were no objections to **planning applications** for Raleigh Lodge, School Road, Shotley – Erection of dwelling and double garage; and 62 The Street, Shotley – Erection of rear lean-to extension and front entrance porch (demolition of existing outbuilding) – although it was noted that a bat survey was not included in the application despite bats being seen nearby. **Applications approved by Babergh:** Ambersham House, Estuary Crescent – Erection of single-storey rear extension and Cockle Creek Cottage, Rose Farm Lane – Erection of dwelling and garage (demolition of existing dwelling and garage).

Former HMS Ganges site – Having considered as much documentation as physically possible and taking into account resident's views at the open meeting last week, the Parish Council broadly supported the current mixed use plan and are pleased to see that many of the buildings of historic value have been retained and that the proposed design, materials and layout are sympathetic to their surroundings. It did however, have reservations and these were set out in a response to Babergh. *Further details elsewhere in this issue and on the website.*

It was agreed to locate a **shelter** incorporating a bench at the gabion end of the Shotley Cliff once permission had been sought from the landowner.

The **Transfer of ownership of the Bristol Hill Conveniences to the Council** was still ongoing due to communication difficulties with Babergh. It was hoped that this would progress well before the end of the Summer.

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