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

The Website Manager, Steve Leach reported that the front page and news page for the new website were ready for a phased launch. The One Suffolk website would be looked at again as a possible host site and it was hoped to finalise the look/content after a meeting of the working party in late April/May.

The Community Warden, Matt Clarke reported that litter was getting worse; the uprights were now in place at the tennis courts; all Limes at Kingsland play area trimmed (2 maples still to do); the trees around the edge of Ganges play area to be trimmed in the near future; and disturbingly dog litter was on the increase all around Shotley but most particularly at the walkthrough between Broadwater Gardens and Estuary Crescent and around the Ganges Play Area

DOG WALKERS *PLEASE NOTE THAT MATT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING YOUR DOG'S MESS – IT IS ILLEGAL NOT TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND DISPOSE OF THE MESS RESPONSIBLY – HE GETS COVERED IN THE MESS WHEN STRIMMING FOOTPATHS AND HAS NOW HAD TO ABANDON THIS ACTIVITY FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE. IF YOU ARE SEEN ALLOWING YOUR DOG TO MESS AND DO NOT REMOVE IT, YOU WILL BE REPORTED TO THE AUTHORITIES AND COULD BE FINED UP TO* ***£1000.***

The Footpath Group reported that legalities were proceeding with regard to the purchase of the Stourside Cliff, land ownership research re the picnic area was still on-going before further work could be done to the surface/drainage; and design work for Zones 1 & 2 (picnic area to end of sheet piles) had commenced;.

HMS Ganges - the planning application had been received by Babergh who were going through the validation process. It was expected that if it passed this, then the hard copies of the plan would be delivered to the Parish late April at which time a Chair's briefing and a public meeting will be organised. The Environmental Statement was to be vetted and then along with interested parties' responses, the Planning Officer will write his report for the Committee around end July/early August.

There were **no objections to the following planning applications**: Blacksmiths Cottage, Ipswich Road - Erection of two-storey side extension and erection of cartlodge with storage in roof; 22 Kirkton Close, Shotley – Erection of two-storey side extension and front porch; The Happy Fryer Kingsland Shotley – Erection of external flue (for hot food preparation equipment) (existing flue to be removed). **Babergh had approved** the following application: 10 Gate Farm Road Shotley – Erection of single-storey extension with first-floor balcony.

The Council agreed to join the **Allotment Association** so as to receive legal and practical advice with regard to the current situation at our two allotment sites.

Shotley Open Gardens were granted a sum of £150 to cover printing costs.

The Council agreed to sponsor a Race for £25 for the **Shotley Rangers Race Night**

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