

This is a brief summary of the key points from the **Shotley Parish Council Meeting**, held on **20 December 2012**. More details will be in the minutes next month.

Feedback on **Babergh's Community Engagement** exercise was provided: overall 280 responses from the local area had been received and were still coming in. The detail was to be worked through at a later stage. Cllr Roberts reported that the final job allocation to integrate the workforces of Babergh and Mid-Suffolk Councils had taken place and the full re-organisation should be finalised by May.

Essex County Council had confirmed that the **Bathside Bay application** to vary the previous planning application had been withdrawn.

The **November SNT crime report** showed six crimes: two thefts from motor vehicles; one fear or provocation of violence; one burglary; one theft – other and one causing harassment. Information had been received regarding the **Speedwatch** initiative but it was felt that as the Council's finances were somewhat stretched at the moment, that this be looked at another time.

The **Footpath Group** advised that there was to be a further meeting between the statutory bodies and other interested parties in January regarding Zones 1&2, the sea defences and the picnic area; Lady Bristol had given permission for maintenance works to be carried out on the picnic area (as long as any other permissions needed were obtained).

The Council agreed to a funding request from the **Viking Forest Project** for part of the costs of an film projector for use at the village hall.

The developers of **the Former HMS Ganges** site have indicated to Babergh that the planning application is not financially viable if they have to pay S106 monies currently totalling £3 million and the SCC Highways estimate of £2 million for road improvements. They have suggested that they replace the estimated affordable homes (57) with private houses. The developers have been asked for their financial estimate of costs etc so that the veracity of their claim can be checked. Should they be able to prove their case and any decision to change the affordable homes mix or indeed other changes be put forward, these will have to be voted on by members at Babergh.

The Affordable Housing Working Party reported that Babergh were contacting various Shotley landowners to see if any were interested in selling their land for the development of affordable housing.

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