

This is a brief summary of the key points from the meeting of the **Shotley Parish Council**, held on **15 March 2012**. More details will be in the minutes next month.

One of **Shotley Pier's** new owners attended the meeting to inform the Council of its plans for the future of the pier. They were looking at a commercially viable restoration. Some ideas were: a "spud barge" - a refuelling depot for boats and possibly reinstating the kiosk as a seasonal fresh fish outlet. Unfortunately at the moment it does not look like the general public would have access due to insurance issues. It was stressed that plans are at the very earliest stages.

County Councillor Dave Wood advised that he would be standing down as Babergh Chairman; that there was to be a remodelling of Adult and Community Services and the consultation on the proposed Suffolk Heritage Organisation had gone to Scrutiny Committee.

SNT's monthly report for February showed three crimes: one each of harassment, common assault and criminal damage.

The **Community Warden reported** that litter was no better this month; repairs to fencing around the tennis courts were underway; graffiti had been found on various walls around the village and he was attempting to clear this up; tree pruning where necessary was ongoing.

The Footpath Group confirmed that a quote for design options had been sought and Suffolk County Council had agreed to fund this; the legal process for purchase of the cliff was being progressed.

There were **no objections** from the Council to a planning application for the erection of a single-storey extension with first-floor balcony at **10 Gate Farm Road**; **Babergh had approved** the planning applications for: **48 Great Harlings** for removal of low and dead/dying wood from the Pine Tree; **72 Great Harlings** for the erection of a rear conservatory; **33 Blake Avenue** to fell a Pine Tree; **9 Garden Close** to allow change of use from amenity land to garden (by erecting a fence). **Babergh** also advised an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State for the Environment in respect of **Cockle Creek Cottage** - erection of dwelling and garage (following demolition of existing dwelling and garage).

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