

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

The **Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign** gave an update on the Ipswich to Shotley cycle path campaign – two phases were to be concentrated on for the time being = Bourne Hill to Freston Boot and Shotley Street to the Foot Ferry. The proposed routes have been walked and detailed drawings were still awaited from Suffolk County Council. It was stressed that these were only PROPOSALS at this stage and a full consultation would be carried out with local people before anything progressed.

PC Debbie Tyrell attended the meeting and reported that there had been five crimes in October: two burglaries; one criminal damage to a house; one criminal damage to a vehicle and one indecent/threatening message. She was aware of the issues at the Lloyd Road area and would continue to build on the work done by PC Gary Austen.

Research into the costs and dimensions of a **skatepark** were presented to the Council. A Facebook page had been set up and had 100+ members. The Council thanked Jamie and Dale for their hard work and hoped to be able to use the information once suitable land became available within the village.

Residents were experiencing problems receiving replacement **Textile Recycling Bags** – Clerk advised that she had been given a supply by Babergh and for the time being residents were welcome to collect bags from her address until alternative arrangements could be made.

Cllr Wood advised that a full consultation had commenced on the proposed merger (or more collaboration) of the Suffolk Fire Service with Cambridge and Peterborough.

The **Myshotley.com** website was continuing to be updated regularly, and new groups were being added. There had been some issues with the newsfeed and these were being addressed.

It was hoped that the finalised **2013 Business Directory** would be distributed with the December edition of the Noticeboard.

A representative from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust attended the meeting to outline on what being a “Cluster Project” would mean to the **Shotley Heritage Park**. Over the next four years they would advise on wildlife projects, sources of funding, siting and content of information boards and wildlife conservation and help prepare a management plan. They had already sourced funding of £250 for new tree planting and two barn owl boxes.

The ownership of the **Bristol Hill Public Conveniences** had now been transferred to the Parish from Babergh and signs had been put in place to note this. It was hoped that residents and visitors alike would leave the facilities as they would wish to find them and report any problems to the Clerk immediately.

Planning Applications approved by Babergh: Chez Nous, Kingsland – Erection of single-storey rear extension and 67 Great Harlings – Erection of first-floor side extension over existing garage/study, and two-storey rear extension.

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