

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

**County Councillor Wood**- the county council agreed the appointment of Deborah Cadman as the new Chief executive. Support for her appointment was across the political divide. A cabinet meeting was going to take place in January. Budget papers would be looked at in order to decide what Council would do in the next financial year. The final decision would be made at the full council meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Suffolk Broadband Business Survey- As part of the drive to get Suffolk a better broadband service the council has launched an online survey to gather information from businesses across the county asking where faster internet is needed. This is the final opportunity to contribute to this important survey. The survey can be found at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SuffolkBusinessBroadbandSurvey>

**District Councillor Roberts** reported that the use of the Peninsula Community Recycling Centre needed to be sustained if the centre was to remain open. There was a clear message of "use it or lose it" as the limited level of use achieved so far made the site, as currently managed, economically very suspect. A further review meeting was expected later in January when the basis for operation would be discussed. Any one interested in joining a local group of volunteers to help with the site was asked to contact Tony Roberts. Olympic Grants- Suffolk CC has launched a series of small grants (max £500) to allow parish councils to organise events to coincide with the torch relay, "big dance", or opening ceremony.

**The SNT Report for December** showed there were 2 crimes reported in Shotley: the theft of a motor vehicle and criminal damage to a wall.

**Shotley Stour Footpath Renovation Group**- confirmation had been received from Babergh DC that the planning application for the additional 48metres of gabions had been approved. Remedial work had been carried out on the footpath behind the gabions. Shingle that had been washed away in high winds and tides was replaced. A number of funding applications were in the process of being submitted in order to facilitate the next phase of the project.

A **planning application** for the erection of dwelling and garage (following demolition of existing dwelling and garage) for Cockle Creek Cottage, Rose Farm Lane, was **supported** by the council.

A **planning application** for the change of use from amenity land to garden, erection of fence (existing fence removed) at no 9 Garden Close was **not supported** as it was felt that it could be detrimental to the rest of the properties in the Close.

**Babergh approved** the erection of 48m of erosion protection to the foot of Shotley Cliff and the erection of a single storey front, side and rear extensions at no 2 Rose Court.

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