

Shotley Parish Council

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on Friday 29th June 2018 (4.00pm) at the Village Hall, The Street, Shotley.

Present: Cllrs B Powell (Chairman), R Green, M Williams and Mrs D Bedwell (Parish Clerk).

Public gallery: Three members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Cllrs R Wrinch, B Higgs, B Nichols, J Catling and N Green. Cllr G Richens was not expected to attend due to his DPI on the main item for consideration.
- 2. Declarations of interest with regard to items on the agenda and additions to register:** Cllr R Green declared a non-pecuniary interest on item 4 as he was the SPC liaison member with the SPS CIC.
- 3. Public participation at meetings:** An update was requested with regards to the newly installed post box on Bristol Hill and Cllr B Powell provided a response.

The Parish Council's appeal to SCC Highways following the last Parish Council meeting had successfully resulted in the overgrown verges being cut back within a matter of days, which was most appreciated by all.

Concerns were raised due to media broadcasts about the financial challenges currently being faced by the Ganges developers and it was suggested that a meeting was held with them in order to clarify whether this was likely to affect Shotley. Clerk to action.

Questions were asked regarding the refurbishment of the Ganges Mast and the donation of £60,000 made to the Ganges Museum a number of years ago by a local resident (name provided)- why were these funds not used to repair the Mast as intended now that the Ganges developers had been unsuccessful with their government grant application. Cllr B Powell to make enquiries with the Ganges Museum and report back.

- 4. Phase 3 /coastal erosion matters:** To consider the request for funding from the Shotley Peninsula Shoreline CIC Steering Group for public liability insurance costs, company registration fees and publicity printing costs of up to £731: Following a brief update on the current position of the newly formed group, members were given a breakdown of the costs for which the funding was being requested. It was resolved to approve funding up to £730 at this point, which would cover all the expenditure listed and allowed for a small margin should it be necessary.

Should the group be successful in their other funding applications for set-up costs, the Parish Council may be able to recover some or all of this initial funding at a later date but this was not conditional to this resolution.

Part of this funding was an initial set up fee already paid by a member of the Group, which the Parish council agreed to reimburse at the next Parish Council Meeting.

- 5. Date of next meeting:** PC Ordinary meeting July 19th.

With no further matters to be transacted, the meeting ended at 4.55pm.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____