

SHOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE- January 2018.

UK Power Networks: Some technical difficulties have resulted in delays to the delivery of the project but it is hoped these will be resolved very soon.

The process for the reinstatement and landscaping of Whinny Queech is also due to start with a public consultation – date to be advertised as soon as agreed.

The offer of £10,000, which is ring-fenced towards the provision of new play equipment, has been formally accepted so now would be a good time for Shotley mums, dads, grandparents and young people to get involved in the formation of a Play Areas Working Group to look at funding opportunities, plans for new play areas, public consultations and everything else that goes into such an exciting project. If you would like to get involved please get in touch.

Storm damage to the Coastal Path (West of Bristol Hill): Despite our current position regarding Phase 3 Erosion Protection (details on the website) and the fact that the responsibility for the maintenance of public footpaths falls to SCC Rights Of Way, the Parish Council is doing all it can, by working with a number of statutory bodies, to see what can be done do reinstate/repair the areas affected, even though some of it is not on Parish Council owned land.

Initial urgent repairs have already been completed at no cost to the tax payer thanks to the excellent working relationships established with our partners. Work continues on this front.

Budget and Precept for 2018/2019: The Parish Council has approved a minor increase on its precept of 2.9% (to £58,830), which is in line with inflation. This income will help pay for the street lighting, emptying of bins, grass cutting, the Bristol Hill public conveniences and day to day running of the Parish Council, as well as grants to various local charities and groups.

A higher increase would have been desirable but members had to take into account that the District Council will be increasing its own budget in terms of social care provision and police, which will place an additional financial burden on low income parishioners.

Shotley Website: We continue to strive to be your local “go to” site, with up to date news, events, groups updates and other curiosities. Please send us your updates, news, and any other contributions to shotleypc@btinternet.com; or just call me on 01473 788248 with your details. You can also find us at <http://shotley.onesuffolk.net>

Meeting dates for 2018: 18 January, 22 February, 15 March, 19 April, 17 May (APM), 24 May (APCM), 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November, 13 December.

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