

## **SHOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

**Ganges development:** We have met with both the developer and SCC Highways and in order to make the best decision regarding a choice between a roundabout or a priority junction, assessments and surveys will be carried out to look at the number of vehicular movements, traffic flow, pedestrian and cyclist access and safety, and route to school.

We have requested that traffic entering and exiting Kitchener Way is included, as the main access point to some 400 houses, which it now will. We have also insisted that a solution that will represent what is best for Shotley long term and considers the impact that the forthcoming Ganges and Marina developments will have in terms of traffic numbers and flow is at the forefront of any final decisions.

**UK Power Networks:** We have held a number of meetings with the relevant statutory bodies in order to ensure that Shotley is left in an even better position, once works are completed, than it was before. The following has been agreed so far:

- The cliff and footpath recently damaged by drilling works will be reinstated and proposed works have been agreed with the Parish Council, Rights of Way and Natural England, as well as the Environment Agency.
- Whinny Queech will not only be re-instated but will also be completely landscaped, with new planting, new trees and new fencing! We will soon be holding a public consultation at the Shotley Village Hall to ask for your views, so please do come along and make them count.
- At a meeting that Cllr Powell, our Chairman, Cllr N Green and I attended, we were very successful with negotiations and reached an agreement that £10,000 would now be donated to the Shotley PC Play Areas fund, which will in time go towards the provision of new play areas in Lloyd Road and Kingsland. This, added to the existing (and due to increase) play area reserves of £25,000 and an existing S.106 fund of another £25,000, could mean that this may happen sooner rather than later.

**Help!** We have been trying for a while to put together a Play Areas Working Group, to help the Council with this project, so any mums, dads, grannies and grand-dads out there, as well as young people, please join us if you can spare a few hours a month.

**Shotley Gate Post Box:** After many months of persisting with Royal Mail, a new post box on Bristol Hill has finally been approved and will soon be gracing the top of the Hill.

**Shotley Website:** We continue to strive to be your local “go to” site, with up to date news, events, groups updates and other curiosities. There is still plenty of work to be done and we would like to ask you to please keep sending us new material.



**The Shotley Parish Council would like to wish all our parishioners, visitors, volunteer organisations, local community groups, networking partners, supporters and helpers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

We have again this year commissioned three festive Christmas trees (Village Hall, Shotley Church and Bristol Hill) and we hope you all enjoy them.

**I would personally like to thank Mrs Eileen Bugg, Miss Sharon Ratcliffe, Mr Andrew Keeble and Mr S Meacock for being part of a hard-working team and for looking after our various facilities in Shotley. A good job well done!**

Please send us your updates, news, and any other contributions to [shotleypc@btinternet.com](mailto:shotleypc@btinternet.com) ; Or just call me on 01473 788248 with your details. You can also find us at <http://shotley.onesuffolk.net>

Please note that I will be on annual leave during some of December but our councillors will be out and about to receive any reports you may have.

**Meeting dates for 2018:** 18 January, 15 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.

**Dina Bedwell**, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Shotley Parish Council