



SHOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL – UK POWER NETWORKS PRESS INFORMATION

Representatives of UK Power Networks attended the Shotley Annual Parish Council Meeting of 16 May 2019 at the request of the Parish Clerk, following an earlier meeting during which a number of requests for consideration had been put forward.

Responses to those requests, detailed, below, were provided by UK Power Networks to the Council and noted by those present.

Considerations regarding the Parish Council's legal position, possible subsequent actions and further use of the survey content will be subject to Parish Council consideration and resolution at future meetings.

The purpose of this press information is to inform the Parish of Shotley of the current position.

1. Play areas capital contribution: UK Power Networks had already agreed to a financial contribution of £10k towards play equipment provision (Kingsland and Lloyd Road), and following further consideration and a request from the Clerk, UK Power Networks have kindly agreed to a further contribution of £5k which has been received.

2. UK Power Networks cliff survey (cost £25k): A comprehensive survey of the Shotley Cliff (sheet pile area affected by the works and beyond) had been commissioned by UK Power Networks in order to ascertain a view on condition of the sheet pile wall, the cause and effect of incidents that occurred during drill works and SPC's request for the repair of the damage or financial compensation in lieu.

The Clerk's request that this survey was not only shared with the Parish Council but also with the recently formed Shotley Peninsula Shoreline Community Interest Company was approved, as a "goodwill gesture", by UK Power Networks.

In addition, UK Power Networks has also agreed to commission any minor alterations to the survey report, if necessary, in order to make it purpose-specific when used by either SPC or by SPS CIC.

This will represent a "benefit-in-kind" in the region of £36k (£25k for the cost of the wall survey and report, plus £11k for the proposed SPS CIC survey (which will no longer be necessary)).

Following an initial appraisal of the document, the Clerk recommended that it is not more widely released until a number of salient points are addressed by SPC, as the landowner. This was agreed as a sensible and prudent recommendation.

3. Additional support/funding: UK Power Networks were also asked for any support they may be willing to give on an entirely voluntary basis to the SPC and SPS CIC towards the ambitious coastal/cliff erosion project, either by way of capital funding, professional advice, partnership working/guidance or all three. Although no offer of capital funding has been forthcoming at this point, UK Power Networks will consider what appropriate support they can offer in future.

4. Damage to sheet piles: UK Power Networks has received feedback from the insurers and loss adjusters that no loss is demonstrated as a result of the incidents with drilling and given the very poor condition of the sheet pile wall that exists and its proposed planned replacement.

5. Whinney Queech reinstatement: UK Power Networks have agreed to pay for and will return to Whinney Queech in order to carry out the reinstatement of the area (once some last stage repairs are finalised). This is expected to take place by the end of July 2019.

6. Electric vehicle charging point in Shotley: The Clerk asked if UK Power Networks would consider either providing or supporting an application for the installation of an electric car charging point in Shotley. Initial response was positive but there is a process to follow that is available.

7. Extended contacts: UK Power Networks agreed to share contact details of professional bodies and organisations that may be able to support the SPS CIC.