

SHOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

It is only February but the Shotley Parish Council has been extremely busy with various projects.

The Play Areas Working Group, which is being led by Cllr Craig Mills and is looking at new play equipment provision for Lloyd Road and Kingsland, is in a very good financial position with just over £62,000 in earmarked reserves. More volunteers are needed to help with the various stages of the project so if you are a parent/grand-parent, young adult wishing to represent your age group or just someone keen to help, we would love to hear from you.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is also making progress and an initial (recoverable) budget of £10,000 has been set for the first phase.

We are delighted to continue to be able to support various groups and projects in our parish and so far this year we have already:

- Sponsored half of the cost of a VE Day celebratory outing in May for the Shotley and Erbarton Social Club
- Granted £200 towards the costs of the VE Day events being organised by the "Shotley, Chelmondiston and Erbarton Anniversaries Committee"
- Supported the work of the SPS CIC with the provision of materials for shoreline footpath repairs
- Provided litter picking equipment for the Shotley Primary School in support of their litter clearance activities
- Agreed to support the "Walkers Are Welcome" National Litter Pick event with the loan of the necessary equipment
- Match-funded the Shotley Orchard Project to the tune of £240
- Agreed to loan our grass cutting equipment to help with the maintenance of the St Mary's Church grounds
- Continued sponsoring the Shotley and Erbarton Social Club meetings at the village hall

Finances: With regards to our financial position, we approved the budget for 2020-2021 (receipts for the period were projected at £81,851 and payments £90,523). The precept was set at £63,991, which gives the Parish a Council Tax Band D amount of £84.80. This is an increase of 3.00% on 2019/20, which is expected to be lower than all other local authorities.

Planning ahead:

We plan to have a Beach Clean event in April after the Easter break (details to follow).

We have written to SCC Highways and asked for the road markings between the Primary School and Bristol Hill to be repainted, as they are very faded or non-existent in places.

We will continue to carry out minor repairs and cut back the overgrowth within the Heritage Park, so it is ready for the Spring/Summer seasons.

We will continue to clear the footpath between the School and East View Terrace to ensure pedestrian safety on that route to school.

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