

## **Shotley Parish Council teams up with the Shotley & Erwarnton Good Neighbours Scheme**

As part of last night's meeting of the Shotley Parish Council (SPC), it was agreed to join forces with the Shotley and Erwarnton Good Neighbours Scheme (who are already funded and supported annually by SPC) rather than re-invent the wheel and a resolution was passed that additional financial support would be made available as and when that is necessary (they have plenty of funds at the moment). Before any decision regarding funding is made, councillors will be consulted electronically. The Parish Clerk has been working closely with the group and hopes to increase their database of volunteers with people who came forward to her appeal for help last week.

She has set up a dedicated Facebook page called SHOTLEY CORONA BUDDIES specifically for information, requests for help, offers from prospective volunteers etc - if you are on social media please join.

The Parish Clerk now has delegated power to enable her to manage the affairs of the Council on behalf of the Councillors. A schedule of any decisions made under this scheme will be maintained to enable Councillors to keep track of ongoing matters. It is not expected that there will be many outside of the existing scope apart from assets getting damaged and needing repair, for example.