

This is a brief summary of the key points from the meeting of the **Shotley Parish Council**, held on **20 October 2011**. More details will be in the minutes next month.

There had been **five crimes in September**: two of criminal damage; one of harassment; one burglary and one indecent/threat by message/e-mail. The Crime Reduction Officer for Babergh had been asked to suggest crime reduction measures and had visited Shotley – her report is to be discussed in more detail at the next OSAC meeting.

**MyShotely.com** - General maintenance of the site continues; the redesign has started with the first working party meeting on 12 October; the general look and feel of the new website was discussed along with a structure that allows users to navigate the site with ease.

The **Community Warden** reported that: Litter on the Stour footpath had been cleared by many and the bin area was working well, although dog litter was still a problem; dog litter bins opposite Shotley Gate PO and Gate Farm Rd repaired and Gate Farm Rd sign reset; the chainlink fence at Ganges playpark had been damaged by vandals – new fencing and posts ordered, damaged materials removed from site – this had been reported to the police and an insurance claim is to be made; the kissing gate at the footpath on The Street removed as it was rotten; tarmac at the entrance to Whinney Creech was a trip hazard and had been marked by SCC for repair; the cliff top path has been cut/strimmed; three dead trees in Ganges Rd grass area to be reported to BDC winter works team and Cherry Blossom trees to be pruned in Kingsland over winter.

**Two further benches** were to be installed at the newly revamped picnic area – these were funded by a local resident and the HMS Ganges Museum. Highways had made modifications to the new drainage outlet pipe adjacent to the picnic area.

**A Retrospective planning application** had been submitted to Babergh for the additional 48 metres of gabions.

A donation was made to the **Royal British Legion** for the provision of a wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

A working party was formed in order to further the aims of the Council so that more **Affordable Homes** could be built in Shotley for local people.

It was reported to the meeting that the **High Court** had found in favour of **Haylink's** appeal against the Inspector's decision on the **Reserved Matters** (404 Retirement Homes at HMS Ganges) on a technicality. It was expected that Haylink would be submitting a whole site, mixed-use planning application for the **Former HMS Ganges** site in December/January.

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