This is a brief summary of the key points from the meeting of **Shotley Parish Council**, held on **16 April 2009**. More details will be in the minutes next month.

It was reported by County Councillor David Wood that **plasterboard** could not now be landfilled or collected at the local civic amenity facility, it could however still be deposited at Foxhall.

The Shotley Film Project will be screening their film on Tuesday 26 May at 7pm at the Village Hall to which the whole community is invited. A discussion around "building bridges" will follow.

Work had commenced at **Church Green** with railway sleepers and paving being installed/laid.

A sum of £500 was granted towards the **London Sinfonietta Orchestra Project** to perform at the **Shipwreck** in Shotley on **Thursday 4 June at 5pm and 7pm** – this project seeks to celebrate new music and poetry inspired by Suffolk's changing landscapes, traditions and memories.

Ian Peters and **Beverley Coleman** were nominated for the SPC **Community Achievement Awards**.

There were **no objections** raised to the erection of a chimney at **7 Rose Court**, Shotley or to the erection of a pitched roof over existing flat roof at **59 The Street**, Shotley.

Revised plans and information had been received for comment from Babergh regarding the former **HMS Ganges** site for the **404 retirement community development** – excerpt of our reply:

> *The SPC are surprised that BDC are prepared to accept an ES that only meets the standard set by IEMA Grade C - "satisfactory despite omissions and inadequacies" and given the sensitive nature of the site adjacent to ecological areas of global significance, the historical heritage and the unsustainable location the highest standards should be applied. Errors and omissions described in previous correspondence have not been addressed and we remain of the view that the ES has not described in full the impact of this development – lack of young people in the demographic, education impact, no health assessment etc.*

The SPC were also asked to make relevant comment about the **potential impacts of the development upon the Orwell and Stour Special Protection Areas** but it did not feel qualified to provide a detailed comment on the potential impacts. However, it could see no advantages or benefits to the environment.

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