

This is a brief summary of the key points from the meeting of the **Shotley Parish Council**, held on **25 February 2010**. More details will be in the minutes next month.

Following **BDC's planning refusal of the HMS Ganges Reserved Matters Application (for 404 Retirement Homes)** it was agreed that a public meeting to garner the views of the village be held in the next few months and the Council to put together points **for a mixed development** to be considered by BDC's Development Committee, the developer and other parishes in the form of a "shopping list" backed up with our evidence ie less than 325 homes, Inspector's evidence, planning obligations etc.

The application for Listed Building Consent for the **Ceremonial Mast of the former HMS Ganges** was granted – this will involve the lowering of mast and temporary removal from the site in order to facilitate repairs prior to re-erection in its former position

The **BT telephone box at Church Green** had been adopted by the Council at the request of local residents. The telephone equipment was to be removed by BT at no cost to the Council although we would now be liable for the boxes general maintenance.

A grant of £1500 was agreed for the purchase of **new tables for the Village Hall**. The Council was to participate in the **Spring Clean Suffolk event** again this year and a date to be set and advertised in due course.

It was noted that **Hutchinson Ports (UK)** had advised that they are applying for a **Bathside Bay consent variation** to extend the period of consent for the development – official notification had not yet been received from Tendring District Council. The **Stour Footpath Group** reported that a meeting had been held with statutory bodies this week at the trial tyre wall where the worst erosion of the cliff was taking place. They were wholly sympathetic to what had been done and why. The Environment Agency advised that the trial materials used constituted unlicensed waste but as it was obvious the Group were willing to work in partnership with all statutory bodies, they would adopt a flexible approach to the replacement of the waste with more suitable materials. The EA advised they were unable to help with funding for this project. Babergh advised that a planning application would be needed to carry out any new works and they advised they would help draft this although the Council would need to pay the fee. Another meeting was to be held in 3-4 weeks time to thrash out a medium term solution. Funding would be a major issue as any solution was likely to be costly and to this end a grant application would be submitted to the Council at the March meeting.

The **Safer Neighbourhood crime report for January** indicated two crimes of theft and the Council agreed to fund village hall hire costs for four SNT surgeries throughout 2010.

There were **no objections to planning applications** for:

- 14 Great Harlings - removal of dead limbs and thinning of 1 no. Scots Pine Tree, removal of lower limbs and crown reduction of 1 No. Corsican Pine tree
- 66 Great Harlings – Erection of single-storey side extension
- Shotley Primary School – Reduce size of existing canopy, install Portakabin, create platform area, create buggy store
- Anglian Water Pumping Station & Public Conveniences, Bristol Hill - Construction of new vehicular access
- Ruponda, The Street, Shotley – Erection of first floor rear extension

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