



SHOTGATE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2015

Dear Resident,

The Parish Council is delighted to confirm that it now has a full complement of councillors and the Chairman on behalf of the councillors from the May election has been very happy to be able to co-opt new councillors and the Council is now up to full strength for the first time. A very warm welcome to newly appointed councillors Jackie Woolf, Mark Biddle and Martin McClenaghan.

Jackie Woolf: "I decided to apply for the post of councillor for Shotgate Parish because I care about the community. I have lived here for most of my life and my friends and family are all nearby - I am recently retired and have a little more spare time so thought I would devote some of it to the Parish Council. I am looking forward very much to getting more involved and hope that I can be of some use to the community."

Mark Biddle: "Thanks firstly to all the councillors for electing me and for making me feel welcome as a new member of the Parish Council. I was keen to join the Council because of all the improvements that I have seen in the area made by the hard work of the councillors. I hope that I can play a key role in continuing this good work. I know that I have a lot to learn and that is why I am keen to take advantage of any opportunities for training being offered. I also want to learn from the existing councillors as they have a great deal of experience and knowledge which I need to know in order to be an effective councillor.

I am looking forward to becoming involved in the working party groups and to participating in the Parish Council monthly meetings. I would like to communicate to the people of Shotgate just how hard the Parish Councillors work and that it is very important that we have one. I will be making myself known to people and listening to any issues or views that they may have with regards to Shotgate and encouraging them to attend the monthly meeting. As a dog walker in the area I have come to know a great many people and it also gives me the opportunity to see if anything needs attention.

I will have more to say for the next newsletter when I have attended the Working Party and the October Parish Council meeting and become more familiar with the workings of the Council. In the meantime thank you for electing me and I look forward to serving the community.

Martin McClenaghan: "I must first thank the Shotgate Parish councillors for co-opting me to the Council and of course the People of Shotgate, at whose pleasure I am delighted to serve. My reason for joining the Council was simple yet motivating; I was troubled to see a local governmental body that served the community understaffed. A fully staffed and enthusiastic Parish Council is essential to ensure that we continue to take what decisions we can as close to those who will feel the effects of those decisions, the People of Shotgate.

I am here to represent the views of all of us as a community, but cannot do that without your help. Local issues affect all of us, let's tackle them together. It would be great to here from any resident on issues the Parish Council is discussing and even better, come along to a meeting and make your voice heard!

1 General plans – 2015

The additional rubbish and dog bins have now been installed within Shotgate.

The Ornamental Archway at the entrance of Shotgate Park from Southend Road was officially opened in July by Essex County Councillor Kay Twitchen. The Parish Council has been very fortunate to have received funding over the years towards park projects etc. primarily from Veolia and Essex County Council and without these it would not have been possible to have completed so many projects within Shotgate.

The CIF application for three park areas has now been submitted and we are waiting to hear if we have been successful.

On a positive note, the route to Wick Park from Hurricane Way has been cleared, the Parish Council contacted the water company to ask for this to be resolved and it is delighted to confirm that it is now accessible once more. The Parish Council would like to extend its thanks to the water company for acting on this.

2. Public Transport – Buses

Our thanks to Trevor Hammond for being our Transport Representative.

Over recent months it seems as though there is a growing habit of people parking their cars on pavements and this seems to be happening more and more - people parking not just on the kerb but covering the whole pavement. Parking always has been and always will be an issue but it is obvious that most of these motorists don't stop to consider that people with prams, invalid chairs etc. can't get by safely and often have to either cross over or walk in the road. Lately Alicia Avenue seems to have been rather popular for this type of parking which makes turning in and out of the road extremely dangerous. **Please think again before parking on the pavement.**

3. Meeting dates

The Parish Council generally meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. (except during August when there is no meeting) and all residents and local businesses are welcome. Tuesday 13th October, Tuesday 10th November and Tuesday 10th December.

A useful link to Shotgate Parish Council website is I also think we should put a link to our page at <http://www.essexinfo.net/shotgate-parish-council>

4. Surgeries

For information Cllr. Nigel Le Gresley (Castledon & Crouch) and Cllr. Peter Holliman (Wickford North) relative to this Parish, hold a surgery on the first Saturday of each month at the Wickford Community Hall, next to the Library, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. An advert is usually put in all the local newspapers and on Face Book approximately two weeks before each date.

Cllr. Carole Morris - does not hold surgeries, but residents are free to telephone or email her on 01268 457488 carolemorris24@hotmail.com

Cllr. Malcolm Buckley does not hold regular open surgeries but can be reached by residents on 01268 472586 or meet him at a convenient location or he can be e-mailed on cllr.malcolm.buckley@essex.gov.uk

Cllr. Michael Mowe – does not hold Surgeries, but is always contactable by telephone 01268 463564, e-mail michael.mowe@members.basildon.gov.uk, or letter. He attends various meetings in his Ward - Shotgate Parish Council, Neighbourhood Police and Neighbourhood Watch meetings as well as other local meetings.

Parish Council Members

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David Harrison	49 Alicia Avenue	Tel: 01268 734768
Gerry Fanthorpe	18 Meadowland Road	Tel: 01268 462871
Jackie Woolf	13 Alicia Avenue	Tel: 01268 763720
Mark Biddle	59 Woodberry Avenue	Tel: 01268 562877
Martin McClenaghan	9 Boreham Close	Tel: 07962 231094

Clerk to the Council

Mrs. Georgina Bassett
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Essex County Councillors

Cllr. Malcolm Buckley
Cllr. Nigel Le Gresley

Basildon Ward Councillors

Cllr. Carole Morris
Cllr. Peter Holliman
Cllr. Michael Mowe

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Remember, the Parish Council is here for residents, please do contact any of the above for information or any ideas/suggestions you may have to improve the Parish and/or attend the meetings to speak at the open sessions at the beginning of the meeting, thank you.

Suggestions/comments from residents for improvements or future projects within Shotgate Parish would be appreciated.

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