



# **SHOTGATE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2015**

Dear Resident,

This newsletter covers a number of issues that have been considered and/or resolved within the Parish recently and is the first with the recently elected councillors following the General Election on 7th May 2015 but unfortunately there were only 4 applicants for the 7 positions

Thanks go to previous Cllr. Hodges who has been on the council for 8 years and Cllr. Houghton during the past few months for their commitment to the community and also to Cllr. Vickers for holding the post of Chairman following Paul Knott leaving the Parish.

## **1 General plans – 2015**

Having been re-elected at the May elections we four remaining councillors are happy to build on the innovations that have been already introduced over the two terms of office since Shotgate council was first formed in 2007 and we must say it has been rewarding to hear the support from fellow residents of what has been achieved thus far.

We have further plans for our area and Shotgate Council has already placed orders for new Rubbish bins to be located at the junction of Bruce Grove and Sandown Road, near the Community Hall/Baptist Church and inside the front park area by the ornamental sign. Additional dog bins are being considered for the Parish as part of the plan to keep the area cleaner and more pleasant to walk around and hopefully people will take advantage of these facilities.

The Ornamental Archway at the entrance of Shotgate Park from Southend Road was installed in April of this year. The official opening should be rescheduled for July and everyone is invited to attend.

In addition we are also looking at improving our parks around the Parish with improvements to Shotgate Park gates and additional recreational equipment, Crouch View small park to be enclosed and improved and some additions to Bawdsey Path and hopefully over this next term we can finalize these, obviously they will depend upon the availability of grants which we apply for. We cannot underestimate the importance of new ideas from our residents so if you do have any suggestions that can fall within the remit of your local council do make contact with any of the listed councillors or the Parish Clerk. Even better, would be to join us and become a Councillor. There are as of printing, 3 positions available within the Parish and the Chairman/Parish Clerk would like to hear from you if you are interested in further information to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

## **2 Public Transport – Buses**

Appreciation of thanks to the past Transport Representative for volunteering within the Parish for a number of years. The Parish Council does not currently have a transport representative and would appreciate if anyone is interested in this volunteer post to contact the Clerk or Chairman for further details.

## **3. Allotments**

Despite various meetings from Parish Councillors and volunteers within the Parish during the past term of the Parish Council, unfortunately no land has surfaced for use within the Parish for this.

## **4. 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 8<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## **5. Alicia Avenue**

Residents concerned that the main green area at Alicia Avenue had regular issues with teenagers playing with

footballs. The noise, language and playing on the whole area including gardens.  
The Council request a reminder to residents for children's' consideration with ball games within the Parish.

**6. Bus Shelters in Southend Road**

The replacement panels at the bus shelter in Southend Road have been installed and many thanks go to Cllr. Vickers for his work on the installation of the window panes. One pane has sadly already been defaced.

**7. Railway Bridge**

It may be useful to note that the pass under the Railway Bridge is now open. It is access to the Wick Country Park ore to the Frew Medical Centre other than the footbridge over the railway. For those walking they should find it a quicker route.

**8. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

Keith Allen (Chairman)	28 Fourth Avenue	Tel: 01268 570099
Peter Vickers (Vice-Chairman)	274 Southend Road	Tel: 01268 767703
David Harrison	49 Alicia Avenue	Tel: 01268 734768
Gerry Fanthorpe	18 Meadowland Road	Tel: 01268 462871

**Clerk to the Council**  
Mrs. Georgina Bassett  
306 Maplin Way North,  
Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

**Essex County Councillors**

Cllr. Malcolm Buckley  
Cllr. Nigel Le Gresley

**Basildon Ward Councillors**

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

**Neighbourhood Policing 07875003503 or 101**

**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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