



SHOTGATE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2016

Dear Resident,

1. General Projects – Improvements within the Parish

The Parish Council is reviewing areas within the Parish for improvements and projects. Suggestions to date are: Seats/benches by the football pitches and picnic tables at the right as you approach the main Shotgate park from the road, by the trees near the bomb shelter area.

The northern area of the park, to be tidied up, suggestions are for a picnic bench here or another project.

If you have any ideas or requests or views on the above suggestions, please contact either the Parish Clerk or a member of the Parish Council so that this can be considered for 2016/17 projects – thank you.

2. Consultation on Basildon Borough Draft Local Plan

The Draft Local Plan for Basildon Borough Council is now available for an eight week public consultation ending on 24th March, 2016. These plans include a large development of properties – 400 within the Shotgate area and are open for public review and response. The Parish Council had a presentation for residents at an Extraordinary Meeting on Thursday 18th February. The Parish Council has responded with a number of reasons for objecting to this large development. Residents are invited to attend Wickford Community Centre, Market Road on Wednesday 16th March, 2016 between 2.00 – 8.00 p.m. Please do attend, as these proposed plans are likely to affect the community.

3. Public Transport – Buses

Our thanks to Trevor Hammond the Parish Council's Transport Representative for attending these meetings and reporting his findings back to the Parish.

4. Essex Police

Subsequent to press information and correspondence to the Essex Police Headquarters in Chelmsford and enquiries from residents, at this moment in time, the Parish Council is unable to confirm areas where it will affect the community with the reductions on the local policing.

5. Allotments

Sadly, despite a committed group of residents and some councillors on an Allotment Association, no land has become available for use by the residents of Shotgate within the Parish and as such there will not be any further meetings with regard to this for the foreseeable future. Allotments can be rented in Wickford at Market Road and Runwell by the Church.

6. Crossing Improvements

The Parish Council has requested for either a pedestrian or pelican crossing at Southend Road near the junction of Bakers Road, unfortunately Highways has not approved this. Additional requests for a zebra crossing in Hodgson Way from the housing estate behind the industrial area were reviewed, the original requests have been turned down by Highways, although other improvements in an attempt to make the Southend Road safer to cross have been promised.

7. Parks within Shotgate

The condition of the main pathway in Manston Park Shotgate in particular via the Blake Hall entrance has been reported repeatedly during this and previous years with Highways for improvement, but unfortunately to date this has not yet been repaired/replaced.

The Parish Council has been successful in its request for funding and offered £10,000.00 ECC CIF grant towards projects in the three park areas. All three projects have approval from Basildon to go ahead and installation of new equipment should be installed by early summer 2016.

8. Wickford Memorial Service

For the first year, the Parish Council – Shotgate was represented by the Chairman with the laying of a wreath at Wickford Memorial Service, it is intended that this will be repeated in future years.

9. Essex Police and Essex Fire and Rescue Service

A notice has been displayed on the notice board for Parish Safety Volunteers. If you are interested, please contact either the Parish Clerk or the Chairman – thank you.

10. Alicia Avenue – Safety Driving

A number of residents have raised concern with regard to the speed and vehicles being driven on the wrong side of the road at the blind bend at the avenue. Another issue is the parking on the bend at Alicia Avenue which is exacerbating the situation, please do try not to park on the bend as it is a blind spot. Although it is appreciated it is a minority, it is for the safety of all, please do take extra care in and around the parish. Although the Parish Council is pleased that finally there have been some results with work on the promised Bridge Road S106, it has been disappointed with the condition of the new surface.

11. Illegal Substances

An awareness of substances unsuitable for the area at Shotgate has been raised and anyone aware of such activity is asked to contact the Police direct – thank you.

12. ECC Pay Back in the Community

The Parish Council is considering accepting the non payment ECC Pay Back in the Community to improve some of the areas within the Parish that have yet to be cleaned, cleared and possibly painted in the next couple of months.

13. 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. The dates remaining for this Year are: Tuesday 12th April, Tuesday 10th May, Tuesday 14th June, Tuesday 5th July, Tuesday 13th September, Tuesday 11th October, Tuesday 8th November and Tuesday 13th 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>

14. 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 asked to telephone or email her regarding enquiries on 01268 457488

carolemorris24@hotmail.com

Cllr. Malcolm Buckley does not hold regular open surgeries but can be reached by residents on 01268 472586,

either 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 contactable by telephone on 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
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Jackie Woolf	13 Alicia Avenue	Tel: 01268 763720
Mark Biddle	59 Woodberry Avenue	Tel: 01268 562877
Martin McClenaghan	9 Boreham Close	Tel: 07962 231094

Parish Clerk – Georgina Bassett, 306 Maplin Way North, Southend on Sea, Essex. Tel: 01702 584158

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

Street Care 01268 533333 – press no. 1

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.