

Clerk's Report – March 2025

Training/Seminars attended:

- End of Year – Audit preparation (Scribe)
- Strategic Planning (Scribe)
- Devolution update - Babergh (report attached)

Litter Picking: GHGW are planning to organise a litter pick of Hyams Lane and beyond for the Great British Spring Clean week.

Community Speed Watch: no-one has come forward to coordinate the scheme. I am awaiting delivery of the equipment held by the previous coordinator.

Stag Beetle Refuge Hapenny Field: a group of GHGW members made a good start on putting boundary logs around the stumpery at Hapenny Field. They were joined by a local resident and also enjoyed offers of refreshments by another local resident. More logs are required to complete the project.

Grant application: Simon Hooton, on behalf of GHGW, submitted a successful grant application to **Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape** for developing his “Stories for a Changing Planet,” aimed at 10 – 14 year olds, but also suitable for adults. The grant is from their Sustainable Development Fund. Simon has recorded these stories and they will soon be available to download. He has also trialled some live storytelling sessions. Currently, apart from the cost of the flyers (the invoice for which is included in this month's payments), SH has paid all the invoices to date and will put in a claim to the Council once the grant funds have been received. The final paperwork has now been submitted. If the grant is received in the next couple of weeks, ideally SH will need to be reimbursed before the end of March which is the end of our financial year.

The Shotley Peninsula Alliance: representatives of the Alliance will meet with Arthur Charonian before the end of March to discuss whether the unique aspects of the Peninsula can be considered in the planning process

Defibrillator: a message has recently been received that the defib may have been deployed and a check is being made to establish it is in order.

House boundaries from Denmark Gardens and The Cut/Petticoat Lane: I received a request to confirm the boundary of a house in Denmark Gardens. On re-visiting some research undertaken several years ago, it appears the boundaries are not necessarily clear – some appear to be in the middle of the hedge. I referred the resident to their house deeds and sent them a copy of the previous research. I have heard nothing since.

We have received some advance warning of road closures on Primrose Hill, which has been circulated to Councillors – hopefully put on the PC facebook page too.

Jo Hazlewood

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