

## **Shotley APM 24.5.07 – Item 4 – Chairman’s Report**

The Parish Council has had a more settled look this year with no changes to personnel. Our Clerk and RFO (Responsible Financial Officer) have had a busy year, each catching up with items from the previous year, or years in some cases – and I would like to thank them both for their diligence.

At the election in May three councillors stood down after many years’ service: Claire Sullivan, Anna Long and Brenda Hooper. I would like to thank them all very much for the work that they have put in for the Parish whilst serving on the Council and hope that they enjoy the peace and quiet of every third Thursday evening in the month. We welcome onto the Parish Council David Armes, Jim Catling and Tony Ingram.

The main items of interest in the year have been the three continuing items (!): Ganges, The Marina and Playgrounds. On the first two, all you can say is ‘watch this space’. The playgrounds are two recreation areas for the village – there have been some problems from older youths gathering at these sites – but we are trying very hard to produce further recreation amenities for them but wheels seem to grind very slowly when you want answers from powers above. More on this in the Parish Plan Implementation Board Report, item 13.

I would like to thank all the councillors for the work they put in – especially Graham Steel for all his work to do with the Ganges planning application, and Jeremy Peters for his running of the MyShotley.com website.

**Cllr R Wrinch**  
**Vice-Chair**