



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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June 11th 2012 Minutes

Action

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council held in Clark House, Shipston on Stour at 7.00pm on Monday 11th June, 2012

Those Present:-

Town Councillors: Cllr F Ivens, Cllr I Cooper, Cllr A Ivens, Cllr R Munden, Cllr V Murphy, Cllr P Rathkey, Cllr M Trapp, Cllr P Vial, Cllr J Warner, Cllr M Wildish

SDC: Cllr R Cheney, Cllr J Gullis

WCC: Cllr C Saint

Press: 2

Public: 4

Introduction

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs Fay Ivens, welcomed Town Council members, the press, and the public to the Annual meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council.

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies received from Cllr. Noyce
2. Cllr Murphy proposed that these apologies be accepted, seconded Cllr. A Ivens – **unanimously agreed**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
No declarations made
6. **Previous minutes**
Cllr. Murphy proposed that the minutes of the May 14th meeting, be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr. Cooper – **unanimously agreed**

Clerk's Report

The Clerk gave an update;

- Transition Shipston have confirmed that their Harvest Fayre will be held on the 30th Sept 2012
- Keith Higginson from the Lions has enquired if the bunting in the town could be replaced as part of it has fallen down. The town clerk will request a quote.
- Informed the council that Shipston is featured in the July issue of Cotswold Life.
- The Queens Avenue Park Action Group has raised £11,000 to date.
- Catherine Martin will present media training for all cllrs on Monday 18th June at New Clark House.
- Requested any outstanding acceptance of office forms to be returned and could councillors please update their website pen portraits if they have not already done so.
- The new councillor induction day is at Ettington Community Centre 23rd June 2012.
- Has received invitations to meet with ASL & Budgens supermarket. After discussion Cllr. Rathkey proposed that STC do not meet with Ainscough, seconded Cllr. Cooper, 2 for, 7 against – **motion denied**. The Town Clerk will write to Ainscough to arrange a meeting. The invitation from Budgens will be discussed at the additional meeting to be held on 18th June 2012.
- WCC letter informing of changes to the street lighting will be considered on Monday June 18th.

8.	<p><u>Town Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr. Murphy reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending the Mayor making at Whitnash and the Wool Fair which was again a tremendous success. Cllr. Murphy praised the Town Crier for her work on the day and all who helped with the small reception held at New Clark House. • Thoroughly enjoyed the Jubilee weekend, thanked the Mayor for her part in organising the Community Songs of Praise at St. Edmund's, commenting on the beautiful flower arrangements and the exceptional playing by the Town Band. Cllr. Murphy congratulated the Jubilee Crew on their efforts in producing a first class day on Monday 4th which was very well attended. • No further news on the street light at the Sports Club. • Congratulated Shipston Young Farmers on their appearance in Countryfile on television. <p>Cllr. A. Ivens – Attended a General Purpose meeting and is helping to clear the Brailes Rd Depot.</p> <p>Cllr. Munden – Received 3 requests from residents for a dog bin to be placed at the new Shipston House development. Cllr. Fay Ivens will bring this to the attention of the GPWG.</p> <p>Cllr. Rathkey – enjoyed judging the dog show at the Jubilee celebrations and congratulated the team on a successful day.</p> <p>Cllr. Wildish – reported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thoroughly enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations and felt that there was a strong community spirit throughout the day. • Has read the Waste Core Strategy and passed on a report to the Town Clerk. • Residents have requested that Police contact numbers are displayed somewhere in the town. These numbers are in the back of the Forum every month. • Received complaints that a grass area in Saddlers Avenue has not been cut for several weeks. The Town Clerk will look into this and report back. • Enquired how far STC were with the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Cooper stated that he will be reporting on this later. <p>Cllr. Warner – Was pleased that the Jubilee celebrations went off so well and hoped that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.</p> <p>Cllr. Cooper – reported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Miles is currently working on a proposal for the Neighbourhood Plan and a steering group will be formed in due course. • An issue has occurred with trade waste from retailers in Sheep Street with waste being left out all weekend to be collected on Monday. Town Clerk to contact. • A manhole cover in Old Road is badly damaged. Town Clerk will report this matter to Highways. <p>Cllr. Trapp – reported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a busy month working up to the Jubilee weekend and was amazed how many people turned up. The torch-lit procession was a tremendous success and Cllr. Trapp also felt that there was a real community spirit at the event. Cllr. Trapp passed on her thanks to everyone who helped and will announce final costs as soon as they are available. <p>Cllr. Vial – Attended the Wool Fair adding that some of his photos are in the local papers. Will be reporting on planning later in the agenda.</p> <p>Cllr. Fay Ivens – began her report mentioning the many events she had attended during the past month. These included; the Town Band Centenary March, the arrival of the W.I. Olympic Torch, lunch at Herons Café at the Primary School, Coventry Cathedral's Golden Jubilee Service, the handing out of commemorative bookmarks to the pupils of Shipston schools and the Community Songs of Praise & Flower Festival at St. Edmund's Church. The Mayor went on to congratulate the Jubilee Crew on their wonderful extravaganza of fun on Jubilee Monday followed by the memorable lighting of the Beacon with thanks going to Mr Sid Peachey and his team led by Scobie Edmunds, all of which would not be possible without the volunteers in Shipston who give so much of their free time.</p> <p>Other issues Cllr. Ivens raised were the parking in the Driftway on both sides of the road. The Mayor asked Cllr. Saint if it would be possible to have double yellow lines on one side of the road as even the Emergency vehicles are struggling to get through and also vehicles are double parking by Spencer's & Seccombe's in Market Place blocking access for the Link bus.</p>
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9.	<p><u>County Council</u> WCC – Cllr. Saint – reported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed with the points raised on parking in the Driftway and Rainbow Fields. Traffic calming is an important issue and Cllr. Saint will look into the matter. • Thoroughly enjoyed the lunch at the Primary School and congratulated the young people on their achievement. • Unfortunately missed the Wool Fair but congratulated the Town Council on its success in bringing the community together. • That the County Council are relieved with the equal of the Fire Service Crew that were on trial in Stratford and feel that it is a fair verdict as no-one who had anything to do with the building have been brought to justice. • Cllr. Munden questioned Cllr. Saint on how road repairs are carried out having observed a worker stamping in tarmac with his feet. Cllr. Saint stated that minor works are done as simply as possible and if we have a specific complaint to request the Town Clerk to contact Jeff Morris at Highways. Cllr. Warner handed a photograph of a large pothole in Berry Avenue to the Clerk who will look into the matter. <p><u>District Council</u> SDC – Cllr. Cheney – reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoyed the Wool Fair and apologised for missing the Jubilee celebrations. • Has also received complaints on how road repairs are carried out and is in contact with Jeff Morris. • Had taken up the issue of parking in the Driftway with County Council two years ago. Unfortunately any yellow line schemes have been cut due to lack of funding. • Is aware of the parking issues between Spencers & Seccombes in Market Place and has also received complaints that the Link bus cannot get through due to the parked cars. • Disappointed that the Planning Committee meeting for the CALA Homes development is at Ettington Chase rather than in Shipston. <p>SDC - Cllr. Gullis – began his report by passing on his thanks and congratulations on the success of the Wool Fair and Jubilee celebrations. He followed on reporting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would also prefer the Planning Committee meeting for the CALA Homes proposed development on the 5th July to be held in Shipston. Cllr. Gullis feels this is inconvenient for the residents of Shipston wishing to attend. • Will be discussing a disabled parking application from a resident of Berry Avenue with Nadim Zahawli. • Cllr. Wildish added that he feels the CALA meeting being held at Ettington Chase is not too much of a problem as it is only for registered speakers not an open forum. Cllr. Vial added that although technically true it is disappointing. <p><u>Shipston Forum</u> Forum Editor reported: The July issue would be quiet compared to the June issue, but it would include news on the recent celebrations.</p> <p><u>Open Forum for Parishioners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Martin thanks members of the Wool Fair and Jubilee Crew for the fantastic events organised for the town. 	
10.	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> Cllr. Vial noted that the planning application for change of use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS 12/00403/OUT – Land North of Campden Road – amendment – further observations by 22 June 2012 – following discussion Cllr. Cooper proposed to re-state existing comments, seconded Cllr. Rathkey – vote 7 for, 3 abstentions – motion carried 12/01180/TPO – Horse chestnut – crown lift to 4.5 m – Campden road (WCC Gavin Callard) – Cllr Vial proposed no representations, seconded Cllr. Rathkey – unanimously agreed • PLANNING DECISIONS BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCIL None received • PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMITTEE • 11/02700/FUL – The Shambles, Market Place – change of use – Permission with conditions 	

12.	<p><u>General Purposes Working Group</u> In the absence of Cllr Noyce, Cllr. F. Ivens introduced the report discussing issues raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The working group are working on emptying the depot at Brailes Road and expect this to be completed by the end of July when the lease ends. • The group are looking at sites for a bench in memory of Matthew Payne • The group have looked at the possibility of a replacement seat outside the Co-op, they will check stock at the depot. 	
13.	<p><u>Finance Working Group</u> Cllr. Cooper introduced his report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Cooper explained that minor amendments had been made to the financial regulations, concerned mainly with rules on spending limits, he recommended that they now be accepted by STC. Cllr. Cooper proposed that the revised Financial Regulations be accepted, seconded Cllr. Rathkey – vote 9 for, 1 abstention – motion carried 	
14.	<p><u>Financial Matters</u> Cllr. F Ivens proposed that all invoices be paid, seconded Cllr. Vial – unanimously agreed</p>	
15.	<p><u>Correspondence</u> Correspondence 11 – from Mr. Ashby concerning the purchase of New Clark House - Cllr. Rathkey stated that he had already replied in detail to questions in previous letters and will enter into no more correspondence on this subject. Correspondence 12 – letter re the land reclaimed from the football club by the landowner – Cllr. Cooper asked if there had been any updates, Cllr. Saint noted that he had not received a response from the landowner Correspondence 14 – from Bob Neill MP – following an explanation, Cllr. Rathkey noted that he had forwarded the letter to Nadhim Zahawi MP who will refer comments to the DCLG. Correspondence 17 – letter should have been listed as thank you to Mayo Road Trust for contribution towards road resurfacing at Rugby Club</p> <p><u>Finale</u> The Town Mayor noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday 9th July, 2012 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00pm.</p> <p>The Town Mayor thanked fellow councillors, members of the press and public for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.</p> <p>Signed..... Date.....</p> <p>Councillor Mrs F Ivens Town Mayor Shipston on Stour Town Council</p>	