

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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May 12th 2014 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 12th May, 2014

Those Present:-

Town Cllrs: Cllrs V Murphy, I Cooper, M Ferrier, B Healey, F Ivens, R Munden, P Rathkey,

S Saunders, M Trapp, P. Vial, J Warner

WCC: Cllr C Saint (arrived 8.00 pm) SDC: Cllrs Cheney, Kenner

Press: 1 Public: 7

Introduction

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs Veronica Murphy, welcomed Town Council members, the press, and the public to the Annual Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council.

Election of Town Mayor

In her last act as Town Mayor Cllr Veronica Murphy proposed that Cllr Philip Vial be confirmed as Town Mayor for the Mayoral Year 2014 to 2015, seconded Cllr. Healey – **unanimously agreed** Cllr Murphy passed the chain of office to the new mayor.

1 Cllr Vial signed the declaration of acceptance of office as Town Mayor.

The Mayor received the consort chain on behalf of Mayoress, Mrs Rachel Vial, who was unable to attend, but received the consort chain at the end of the meeting 2013/2014 consort Mr Aubrey Brookhouse

2 Election of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor asked for nominations for deputy mayor
Cllr Healey nominated Cllr Warner, seconded Cllr Trapp

Cllr Cooper nominated Cllr Murphy, seconded Cllr Rathkey.

Following a written ballot, Cllr Warner was declared Deputy Mayor

Cllr Vial passed the chain of office to the new deputy mayor.

Cllr Warner signed the declaration of acceptance of office as Town Mayor.

3 Vote of thanks for retiring mayor

In a vote of thanks to the retiring mayor Cllr Murphy, the new Mayor noted her many achievements during the year.

4 Reply by retiring mayor

Cllr Murphy spoke a few words, thanking her consort and the council for their support during her year in office.

- 5 Apologies for absence Cllr D Scobie; Cllr A Ivens
- 6 Cllr Munden proposed that apologies be accepted, seconded Cllr Trapp unanimously agreed

7 Declarations of Interest

None received

8 Previous minutes

Cllr Warner proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 14th April be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr Munden – **unanimously agreed**

- 9 Clerk's Report additional items reported:
 - No additional items or questions

10 Reports

Town Councillors

Clir Murphy – will present cheques from her charity fund raising at a future meeting, she noted that the new Shipston Heritage Centre will be officially opened at the Wool Fair, the centre is a progression on the success of the Wool Fair and is part funded by WCC Operation Footfall.

Clir Rathkey – noted that he had resigned as governor for the High School, future questions should be channelled through Clir Saint.

Clir Saunders – attended the councillor training course at Ettington

Clir Cooper – disappointed by the feedback from the annual town meeting, does STC need to consider better advertising.

Cllr Ferrier – Met with Warner-Budgens retail and asked why Lawns2Mow are photographing dog walkers.

Clir Munden – congratulated Shipston Excelsior for recent achievement in winning the league **Clir Warner –** reported on;

- Pothole at corner of Simpson Road
- Problem with bins at Berry Avenue involving Lawns2Mow
- Concerned about removal of funding from Young Fire Fighters group passed petition to cllrs

Clir Trapp – noted that the town was looking good – particularly the daffodils

District Council

SDC – Clir. Kenner – gave his report on SDC matters and issues:

- SDC confirmed the Core Strategy opposed, prefers Long Marston option
- Medical centre the priority is to find a new site
- Telegraph Street parking is still undecided
- Warner-Budgens meeting details of possible application
- Planning committee will meet re Norgren application
- Supports young fire fighters petition

SDC - Cllr. Cheney - reported:

- Concerned that elderly Telegraph Street residents would need visitor passes
- DCS passed today supported the Gaydon / Lighthorne Heath option, the plan should be completed by May 2015. There will be a targeted 6 week consultation, any comments to Planning Dept. There will be 10,800 new homes by 2031.
- Polling station a review of locations due to take place
- Medical Centre actively looking for new site
- Supports young fire fights petition
- Dog warden Sophie Peacock is still in post and operations from SDC

Questions:

- IC raised concerns about the impact on parking places in Telegraph Street for shoppers, could there be an option to convert second space to a visitor permit.
- JW 2 empty flats at Badger's Crescent, why are they left empty, is it SDC policy to keep a number of properties empty for emergency need

RC / JK – will have response for next meeting

• PV – noted that there has been a higher percentage of voting since the Sheldon Bosley Hub has been used for this purpose

Safer Neighbourhood Team (Police)

No verbal report this month Newsletter at: http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/your-neighbourhood/stratford-district/shipston/newsletter/

Shipston Forum

Forum Editor reported:

- Another busy month
- Articles on Mayor Making and Young Fire Fighters petition
- Anne Sankey award advert to be included

Cllr Vial proposed that the meeting be closed for Item 19 to discuss confidential staffing matters, seconded Cllr Cooper – **unanimously agreed**

11 Open Forum for Parishioners

- The Mayor asked Mrs Strach about the opening of her new Shop she noted that it was going well
- Mr Legge asked about the publication of draft minutes Cllr Vial noted that this would be discussed if a cllr put forward a proposal.
- Mr Crimp raised concerns about the future of the post office TC was asked to write to Co-op to ask what is holding up purchase

10 County Council

Cllr. Saint arrived at 8.00 pm - reported:

- There is to be a review of the ward boundaries, the Boundary Commission will publish a proposal it is not expected that there will be changes to Shipston
- Update on Broadband locally there have been no changes or improvements there will be no upgrades until next year.

Questions:

- PV asked what CS could do to help the Young Fire Fights to continue, CS agreed to arrange a joint meeting with STC, Chief Fire Fighter and himself.
- IC thanked CS for supporting economic development by fighting for support for the area
- JW reported potholes in Simpson Road and asked for an update on a previously report about verbal abuse at the re-cycling centre by a member of staff.

12 To approve:

Cllr Cooper proposed that standing orders and Financial Regulations be approved, seconded Cllr Vial – vote 9 for 2 against – motion carried

Cllr Cooper proposed a review of the two documents during the next 12 months, seconded Cllr Murphy – vote 10 for, 1 against – motion carried

13 Date for meetings:

Cllr Vial proposed that the calendar of meetings, dates and venues be accepted, seconded Cllr Trapp – unanimously agreed

14 Working Groups and representatives on outside bodies:

Membership of working groups agreed as follows:

General Purposes Working Group: FI; AI: RM; VM; SS: BH

Finance Working Group: IC; FI; VM; MT Staffing Working Group: PR: FI; PV; VM

Planning Working Group: PV; BH; MT; JW; PR; MF Communications Working Group: PV; IC; PR; MT; SS

Proud of my town and Emergency: As sub-groups of GPWG, membership will be from GPWG

Sustainability: MF; PV; PR; IC; MF; DS

15 Planning Matters

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS – discussed at Planning Working Group meeting

These applications discussed by the Planning Working Group actioned using standing order: Section 3b(xv)

- 14/01155/FUL Manor Lodge, Sheep Street single storey side extension and gate
- 14/01156/LBC Manor Lodge, Sheep Street single storey side extension and gate

Recommendation – no representation (to both Manor Lodge applications)

Following discussion PR proposed that "no rep" recommendation be withdrawn – application to be rescheduled for next planning meeting, seconded PV – vote – 6 for, 4 against, 1 abstention – motion carried

- 14/01014/VARY IMI Norgren Site modifications to flood risk assessment this has been responded to by the clerk under advice from the Chair of Planning using standing order rules with "No rep"
- 14/00976/FUL 28 Stratford Road oak framed garage with home office over Recommendation – no representation
- 14/01143/TREE Redwood Park Open Space, London Road T1 Leylandii reduce crown Recommendation no representation

Proposed PR, seconded MT that no representation be accepted for 3 above applications – **vote 10 for, 1 abs – motion carried**

14/00101/REM – IMI Norgren Site – Reserved matters
 See planning report – recommendation – no representation

Following discussion IC proposed that STC has some control or influence with the management company, seconded MF – vote – 3 for, 5 against, 3 abstentions – motion failed

PV proposed that the recommendation by PWG of "no representation" be accepted, seconded MT – **vote – 7 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions – motion carried**

PLANNING DECISIONS BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCIL

- 14/00428/FUL Greenfields Nursery, Mayo Road single storey extension permission with conditions
- 14/00570/FUL 11 Watery Lane single storey rear extension permission with conditions
- 14/00362/FUL 10 Green Lane demolition of garage and build new dwelling permission with conditions

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS – Planning Inspectorate

- 13/02571/OUT / APP/J3720/A/14/2217247 Appeal by Banner Homes for Land south of Campden Road Date to be confirmed request for additional comments to response already submitted
- 16 Sustainability Working Group

Cllr Vial proposed that the report be noted and accepted, seconded MF - unanimously agreed

17 Financial Matters

PV proposed that all invoices be paid, seconded MF- unanimously agreed

18 Correspondence -

(4) Letter from medical centre to ASL – Mrs Vial, practice manager was present and gave an explanation of the reasons for writing the letter.

Finale

The Town Mayor noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday 9th June, 2014 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm.

The Town Mayor thanked fellow councillors, press and public for their attendance and closed the meeting to press and public at 9.00 pm in order to discuss confidential staffing matters, minutes will be recorded but not included here.

Signed	Date
Councillor P Vial	
Town Mayor	

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