

# SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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# July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 Minutes

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# Minutes of an additional Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council held in Clark House, Shipston on Stour at 7.00pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2012

#### **Those Present:-**

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

SDC: Cllr R Cheney WCC: Cllr C Saint

Press: 0 Public: 22

#### Introduction

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

- 1. Apologies for absence apologies received from Cllr. Rathkey
- 2. Cllr Vial proposed that these apologies be accepted, seconded Cllr. Murphy unanimously agreed
- 3. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

Item 4 - Cllr. F. Ivens

# 4 Planning Matters

This item was led by Cllr. Vial, as chair of planning group.

Mr. Sebastian Tibenham of Pegasus Planning on behalf of ASL gave a presentation on the proposed development of Land off Campden Road. He noted that it was reasonable to engage with STC to discuss financial arrangements that will go with the project.

Cllr. Vial noted that STC would be making no response today, but may ask questions.

Mr. Tibenham continued with his presentation outlining various changes to the plans; moving the allotments to the boundary with the Sheldon Bosley Hub, building heights and so on, these amendments are on the SDC website. Responses from various agencies were noted on a variety of issues that are relevant to all large scale planning application.

Mr. Tibenham introduced Tim Willis of WCC Adult Social Care, to give a presentation on residential care. Mr. Willis gave an informative talk on the Extra Care Housing proposed for the site; he offered cllrs the opportunity to visit an example of this type of housing. He stated that in Shipston 130 extra care units would be needed to meet the 20% increase in over 65s.

Cllrs. were invited to ask questions:

Cllr. Cooper noted that the proposed site for the extra care homes was a substantial distance from the town centre, and was also on a relatively steep gradient, he was shocked that a closer site had not been sourced. Mr. Tibenham responded that the gradient levels met current standards, and that there was a possibility of a bus or private taxi service to the site.

Cllr. Cooper asked if the application should not be an overall plan including the new medical centre. Mr. Tibenham responded that ASL will provide a GP drop in service.

Cllr. Wildish noted that this was a long term solution for Shipston's care needs, asked what plans there were for land the land on the north of the plan. Mr. Tibenham stated that there were no current plans for this area, it would not be developed for building use because of its height. Cllr. Wildish asked what the intended use was for the community building, Mr. Tibenham responded that there had been a number of suggestions.

Cllr. Munden noted the large number of ponds planned for the site, he considered them dangerous to young children and that secure fencing would be needed. Mr. Tibenham stated that they were shown as a possibility, and that they help with sustainability, but that fencing can be provided to make them safe.

Mr. Tibenham made a closing statement, noting that funding was available for connectivity; bus links, town centre signage, town centre investment. Funding could be up to £500,000 and that discussion should take place to ensure that it is effectively used. The new homes bonus would be up to £1.7 million, mostly going to SDC but STC could have up to 20% of this ring fenced.

The play scheme for Queen's Park could get funding, as well as for an all weather hockey pitch. Cllr. Noyce asked what supermarket was proposed; Mr. Tibenham stated that none at present, but it was likely to be one of the "big four".

Cllr. Vial thanked Mr. Tibenham and Mr Willis for their presentations.

# 5. New Code of Conduct

Following an explanation that SDC hope to accept a new code of conduct on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, it was decided to move this item to the August agenda to give cllrs the opportunity to compare the two drafts of the new Code of Conduct.

# 6. Co-option of Councillors

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Cllr Vial proposed that standing orders be suspended to allow item 6 to be discussed without the presence of the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business, seconded Cllr. Trapp – **unanimously agreed** 

Cllrs had previously interviewed two candidates and asked for additional time to reflect on the applications. Following discussion and a secret ballot for each candidate the following was agreed. Adrian Jelf be co-opted to Shipston Town Council. The second candidate received a split vote, it was agreed that a further vote should take place at the August meeting.

#### **Finale**

The Town Mayor noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00pm.

The Town Mayor thanked fellow councillors, members of the press and public (in their absence) for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

Signed	Date
Councillor Mrs F Ivens Town Mayor	