

## SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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	December 9 <sup>th</sup> 2013 Minutes	Action
	<u>Minutes of a General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council held in Clark House, Shipston on Stour at 7.00pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2013</u>	
	Those Present:- Town Councillors: Cllr V Murphy, Cllr I Cooper, Cllr B Healey, Cllr A Ivens, Cllr F Ivens, Cllr R Munden, Cllr P Rathkey, Cllr M Trapp, Cllr P Vial, Cllr J Warner	
	SDC: Cllrs Cheney, Kenner	
	Press: 1 Public: 4 + 2 guests	
	Introduction The Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs Veronica Murphy, welcomed Town Council members, the press, and the public to the December Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council.	
1 2	Apologies for absence – Cllr. Noyce Cllr Rathkey proposed that apologies be accepted, seconded Cllr Warner – unanimously agreed	
3	Declarations of Interest Item 5 – Shipston High School – Cllr Rathkey (School Governor)	
4	Previous minutes Cllr A lvens proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr Healey – unanimously agreed	
5	<b>Shipston High School</b> The Town Mayor welcomed the Head teacher, Jonathan Baker and Deputy Chair of Governors, Bob Armstrong. Mr Baker thanked STC for the support already given, he gave an update on funding issues for Phases 1 and 2 of the re-development of the school site. It is hoped that WCC Cabinet will confirm funding and Phase 1 will commence in Spring / Summer 2014 ready for the new intake in September 2015. Mr Baker asked for continued support from STC, the Town Mayor stated that STC need to lobby WCC. The cost for Phase 1 is £1.6m, Phase 2 is £2m, and the 5 phase project is estimated to cost £10m. Following discussion Cllr Cooper proposed that STC should write to WCC to ask how much S106 funding achieved over the last twenty years should have gone to the High School which, through lack of maintenance, is now ranked as amongst the worst school buildings in the county, seconded Cllr Warner – <b>unanimously agreed</b> Cllr Rathkey commenting as a parent of children attending the school congratulated the staff on the turn around of the once failing school and its current success.	
6	<ul> <li><u>Clerk's Report</u> – additional items reported:</li> <li>SDC Planning requested that STC consider relevant sites in Shipston that would benefit from funding from the Public Open Space contribution for the Springhill site. <i>TC to respond</i>.</li> </ul>	

7	Reports	
	Town Councillors	
	<b>Clir. Vial</b> - attended riverside walk meeting and continues to update STC social media sites.	
	<ul> <li>On behalf of TM, launched the second Shipston Link Bus, attended a Planning Training Day and made mulled wine and mince pies for the Neighbourhood Plan stall at the Victorian Evening.</li> </ul>	
	Clir. P Rathkey – attended the Civic Service and Planning Working Group meeting.	
	<b>Clir. A lvens</b> – attended Civic Service, monthly litter pick and carried out a playground check.	
	<b>Clir. I Cooper</b> – attended the Victorian Evening – excellent event – thanked Catherine Martin and	
	volunteers who manned the Neighbourhood Plan Stall which raised £200.	
	Clir. J Warner – reported:	
	Two residents from Sadler's Close have asked if the street lights in their road could be turned back	
	on during the night, elderly and disabled residents reside there and feel very vulnerable.	
	Parking issue in Riverway due to Stratford Road developments has been resolved but vehicles are	
	parking in Badgers Crescent and Mayo Rd causing problems for the Medical Centre.	
	<ul> <li>The WI would like to donate to QAPAG</li> </ul>	
	Christmas lights were not working opposite The Plantation. TC will look into the matter	
	Cllr R Munden – concerned with parking issue in The Driftway noting the impossibility for	
	emergency vehicles to pass. Cllr Trapp noted that vehicles have been seen driving across	
	Rainbow Fields front lawn to avoid parked cars. (SNT have been informed)	
	<b>Clir. B Healey</b> – attended planning committee, GP, Planning, Riverside Walk meetings and the	
	Civic Service. He reported that two street signs need repair in Gunn End and Donnington Road.	
	<i>TC will contact SDC</i> <b>CIIr. M Trapp</b> – attended Comms. Meeting, planning training, Civic Service and helped man the	
	Wool Fair stall at the Victorian Evening.	
	Clir. F ivens – reported;	
	<ul> <li>Attended finance, comms and planning meetings. Completed an allotment inspection of both</li> </ul>	
	sites with the Deputy Clerk and allotment forum, the next allotment forum meeting will be in	
	January. The forum is improving communication between STC and tenants.	
	• The meeting for the Warks. Flood Resilience project held on 14Nov2013 was sadly only attended	
	by two residents from the same address. Results of the questionnaire will follow.	
	Cllr. Murphy – attended; a demonstration at the Flower Club, Awards Evening at the High School,	
	Side by Side Theatre, Mother's Union at Coventry Cathedral, Community Forum at Quinton and	
	the Town Band Christmas Concert. The Mayor joined the Town Clerk at the WALC AGM in	
	Warwick and attended a training day for Planning and working group meetings.	
	County Council - Cllr. Saint - sent apologies - unable to attend the meeting	
	District Council	
	SDC – Clir. Cheney – reported:	
	<ul> <li>Asked PCSO Andy Steventon to look into the parking issues by the Medical Centre. Vehicles</li> </ul>	
	can only be moved on if they are causing an obstruction.	
	<ul> <li>After a cabinet meeting in January is hoping a draft of the Core Strategy will be submitted.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Has objected to the Banner Homes development adjacent to Oldbutt Road.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>The bus stop opposite The Plantation has been re-instated, residents have complained but</li> </ul>	
	this is a legal bus stop.	
	<ul> <li>Issues with permits at the Telegraph Street Car Park will go to cabinet in January.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Questioned where the S106 money from 'The Village' development had gone?</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Cllr Munden noted that the sign for the Honington turn has still not been repaired and on the</li> </ul>	
	amount of litter in the area.	
	SDC – Clir. Kenner – reported:	
	• The school require more funding for their development plans, possible S106 funds need to be	
	secured from any future housing developments in the town.	
	• Objected to Banner Homes development because: executive homes only and Highway issues.	
	ASL will appeal in the New Year, after an environment impact assessment has been	
	submitted. Cllr. Kenner noted that food retailers Sainsbury's had shown some interest.	
	Shipston Forum	
	Forum Editor reported:	
	Front page – Election for 2 new STC councillors	
	Remind residents about visibility in the dark	
	Community Grants	
	Will add Severn Trent emergency number 0800 783 4444 to contact list	

8	Open Forum for Parishioners	
0	Mr Legge complimented the school, he objected to portrait of the Queen in the entrance to NCH Mrs Strach asked Cllr Cheney for any progress on her request for a dropped kerb at Berry Close Catherine Martin noted that the painted foot prints at the primary were now at an extremely dangerous crossing point, because of the inconsiderate parking of other parents. <i>(TC to write to Primary School)</i>	
9	<ul> <li>Neighbourhood Plan (NP)</li> <li>The Victorian Evening – received good responses to the work being done.</li> <li>There is an NP display in the windows of Clerkenwell House</li> <li>The group received funding from CLG – this will fund a project manager to take the plan forward</li> <li>Next meeting of the NP group – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	
10	Changes in how parking is operated – stakeholder questionnaire Following discussion on the WCC questionnaire, Cllr Vial proposed that STC respond with the views of the meeting, seconded Cllr Trapp – unanimously agreed	
11	Planning Matters – no new planning applications or decisions received	
12	<ul> <li>General Purposes Working Group</li> <li>Cllr F Ivens gave the report on behalf of the group:</li> <li>WCC have been appointed to carry out various tree works in the town</li> <li>GPWG requested that the Town Clerk should write to the WCC Arboricultural Officer to ask when the leylandii trees at Darlingscote Road will be removed; noting that once the trees are removed GPWG would be better able to judge what should replace the leylandii. Following discussion Cllr Vial proposed that the leylandii should be replaced as soon as possible with trees and hedging, as advised by WCC Arboricultural Officer, seconded Cllr Trapp – vote – 6 for, 4 against – motion carried</li> <li>Cllr Cooper proposed that STC reconsider the previous decision to remove the leylandii, no Cllr seconded the motion – motion failed</li> <li>Lawns to mow will be repainting parking bays, realigning and securing the concrete blocks and digging out and replacing fence between the Tile Gallery and the allotments at a cost of £450 – Cllr Healey asked the exact work to be carried out and materials used be clarified.</li> <li>Noting Cllr Saint's absence, GPWG request news on funding for permanent 30mph sign</li> </ul>	
12	<ul> <li>Communications Group</li> <li>Cllr Murphy went through her report: <ul> <li>Anne Sankey Award – funding was provided by Sankey family, Comms group will write to the family noting that STC wish to continue the award and will fund future medals.</li> <li>Confirmed decisions made at the precept meeting to offer a further one year contract to Catherine Martin to edit and produce the Forum; and the website contract will be awarded for a further year to Redwax. Delivery has improved, but cannot guarantee 100% delivery, the group may consider re-advertising for a delivery agent.</li> <li>A request from Cllr Vial for funding for facebook has been passed to FWG</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
13	<b>Finance Group</b> Cllr Cooper gave an explanation of the recommended precept request for 2014/2015, he noted that at £206,000 it would remain the same or less for the last five years and that with an increased tax base it should translate into a slight decrease in charge for residents. Cllr Cooper proposed that the precept request for 2014/2015 be £206,000, seconded Cllr Rathkey – <b>vote – 8 for, 2 abs – motion carried</b>	
14	Correspondence - No matters raised	
	<b>Finale</b> The Town Mayor noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January, 2014 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm. The Town Mayor asked all those present to join her in a Christmas toast, a loyal toast to the Queen and also to Shipston, following which she thanked fellow councillors, press and public for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45 pm	
	Signed Date	
	Councillor Mrs V Murphy Town Mayor Shipston on Stour Town Council	