

**SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR
TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes**



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November 10th 2014 Minutes

Minutes of a General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council held in New Clark House, Shipston on Stour at 7.00pm on Monday 10th November, 2014

Those Present:-

Town Cllrs.: P Vial, I Cooper, M Ferrier, A Ivens, F Ivens, V Murphy, P Rathkey, S Saunders, D Scobie, J Warner

WCC: Cllr. Saint SDC: Cllrs. Cheney & Kenner Press: 1 Public: 9

Guests: Pete Betteridge Paul Cartwright, Janet Connor, Neil Harper from Shipston Sports Club

Introduction

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Philip Vial, welcomed Town Council members, the press and the public to the November Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council.

1 **Apologies for absence** – Peter White.

2 **Acceptance of Apologies** – Proposed by Cllr. Warner, seconded Cllr. Rathkey – **unanimously agreed**

3 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr. Murphy declared a personal interest in Shipston Sports Club

4 **Previous minutes**

Corrections to minutes of October 13th – none. Cllr. Murphy proposed the minutes of the meeting of October 13th be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr. A. Ivens – **unanimously agreed**

Following a request from Cllr. Rathkey it was noted that the Civil Charities group would be invited to the October Town Council henceforth to report on their activities

Corrections to minutes of October 27th – none. Cllr. Murphy proposed the minutes of the meeting of September 22nd be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr. A. Ivens – **unanimously agreed**

5 **Shipston Sports Club**

Representatives of the club summarised the club's history and outlined their plans for refurbishment of the Club House. Having obtained funding from other sources they have a shortfall and would like to apply for funding from STC. Councillors asked a variety of questions and Cllr. Vial concluded the discussion by asking the Club to submit a grant application.

A discussion took place about the insurance provision within the STC's lease of the site to the Sports Club. Cllr. Vial proposed that STC continue to insure the Club House building only. Seconded Cllr. Scobie – **unanimously agreed**

6 **CCTV Provision by SDC**

Discussion took place on the reports provided by Cllr. Vial and PC Craig Purcell about the SDC provided CCTV within the town and its usefulness in identifying and reducing criminal incidents. Cllr. Scobie proposed that STC oppose paying the sum requested by SDC on the principle that it is not seen as beneficial to the town. Seconded Cllr. Rathkey- **vote taken, 9 for, 1 abstention – motion carried**

7	<p>Clerk's Report – additional items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grate in Mayo Road at the entrance to the Rugby Club has been removed and filled in at the initiative of Greenfields Nursery. SDC have now closed the case and the neighbouring resident is pleased with the result. • A new gate has been fitted at the Shoulderway Lane Allotment site. • Bunting in the High Street is to be removed in the next few days. Christmas Trees have been ordered. • Sandbags have been offered by WCC and STC has placed an order. • STC has been asked to provide street names for Cala Home development of former Norgren site. Cllr. Rathkey proposed that the matter be referred to GPWG to bring proposals to next Council Meeting. Seconded Cllr. Scobie – vote taken, 9 for, 1 abstention – motion carried <p>Cllr. Rathkey expressed his concern that the nuisance caused by the grate in Mayo Road was resolved by the Nursery and that the Rugby Club took no responsibility as landlord to the Nursery.</p>	
8	<p>Reports</p> <p>Town Councillors</p> <p>Cllr. Murphy – no report.</p> <p>Cllr. F Ivens – praised the Remembrance Service and had taken part in the recent litter pick.</p> <p>Cllr. Saunders – Tourism website is progressing – searchable but not fully populated yet. Update on Riverside Walk – 1 landowner has agreed to principle of altering current right of way to a riverside route and a meeting is scheduled with SDC to understand the process and costs to do so. Cllr Saunders has a meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss the project.</p> <p>Cllr. Scobie – attended the Remembrance Service</p> <p>Cllr. Ferrier – gave details of WALC meeting on CIL and Core Strategy. Importance of completing Neighbourhood Plan was stressed at the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Warner –, attended Remembrance Service, had details of a public spaces protection order which she will pass to Clerk, attended WALC meeting on openness of local government, asked about the new Shipston Award – Cllr Vial said that further discussion on it would be added to the December Agenda.</p> <p>Cllr. A Ivens – attended Remembrance Service and litter pick</p> <p>Cllr. Cooper – asked for STC to write to British Legion to thank them for organisation of Remembrance Service.</p> <p>Cllr. Rathkey – attended Remembrance Service and reminded the meeting of the 2 minute silence scheduled for Tuesday 11 November in High Street.</p> <p>Cllr. Vial – thanked the High School for a very respectful Service of Remembrance the previous week.</p> <p>County Council Cllr. Saint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave details of the growth Deal and said that both SDC and WCC were ready to make applications • Referred to discussions taking place about independence for regional authorities and that Warwickshire might be included in this discussion at some future date <p>District Council</p> <p>Cllr. Kenner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDC Core Strategy hearing will begin January 2015 • Gave an update on a variety of planning issues facing SDC • Objected to ASL3 application on grounds of visual impact, housing mix and pressure on education resources • Attended Stratford CAB AGM. Supports positive contribution they make to a large number of people. <p>Cllr. Cheney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave an update on a planning decision in Alcester • Objected to ASL3 application. Will attend meeting with Pegasus (Agents of ASL) • At recent surgery number there was a complaint that leaf blowing in the town is starting before 8AM • Youth Club continues to be very popular, approx. 50 members, more help is needed. <p>Questions from Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. F. Ivens asked for updated on the installation of vehicle activated signs. Cllr. Saint replied he did not know but will follow up. • Cllr. Rathkey asked what weight is carried by STC objections to planning proposals and to what extent the area of restraint argument has in planning decisions. Cllr Saint replied that District and County Council are trying to strengthen the weight of Town/Parish Council representations. Cllr Kenner replied that the area of restraint argument has limited weight overall. <p>Shipston Forum</p> <p>Forum Editor reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead story – Small Business Saturday on 6th December 2014 • The editor asked to be advised of any small businesses in the town that could be featured. 	

9	<p>Open Forum for Parishioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benjamin Stockford queried the decision about the application made for his son's headstone. Cllr. Vial explained a reply could not be given at this meeting, but that a meeting to discuss the matter privately can be arranged. Gwen Keily asked about progress on a salt/grit box and dropped kerbs for Berry Close. Cllr Saint will follow up dropped kerbs and GPWG will follow up the salt/grit box. Jane Pearce expressed feelings of some residents of increasing isolation from the Town Council.
10	<p>Recycling Centre</p> <p>Cllr. Cooper noted that the centre should support users, but residents are complaining that the opening hours are too short. Cllr. Scobie said that a consultation of residents would add weight to any case the STC presents. Cllr. Saunders reminded Council that Sue Walker has offered her services to do surveys. Cllr. Vial proposed that the Comms Group organise a consultation of residents. Unanimously agreed</p>
11	<p>Planning Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS <p>14/02797/FUL – 56 Church St – rendering to front of dwelling (retrospective). Cllr. Ferrier proposed objection on the grounds that it is not consistent with the rest of the street and was never rendered, seconded Cllr. Saunders – vote taken, 6 for, 1 against, 3 abstentions – motion carried</p> <p>14/02691/TREE – Redwood Park, London Road – T1: Giant Sequoia, raise crown to 2m. Cllr. Vial proposed no representation, seconded Cllr. Warner – unanimously agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLANNING DECISIONS BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCIL <p>None received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFERRED TO SDC PLANNING COMMITTEE <p>13/02360/OUT – Land off London Road - Outline for 55 dwelling and associated works. When date for hearing is fixed a Councillor will attend to present STC's opposition.</p>
12	<p>Skate Park Lease</p> <p>Queries raised at previous Town Council meeting have been answered positively by solicitor therefore lease will proceed as agreed at previous meeting.</p>
13	<p>Sustainability Group</p> <p>The group's report was noted.</p>
14	<p>General Purposes (GWP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In reference to surface water drainage at Shouldwerway Lane Allotments, Cllr Vial proposed acceptance of GWP's recommendation - STC should not take responsibility for water naturally moving to the lowest level without human intervention, landowners do not have responsibility for water finding its natural level. Seconded Cllr. F. Ivens. Unanimously agreed. Recommendations for names for Norgren Site Cala Homes Development deferred to next Town Council Meeting.
15	<p>Communications Group</p> <p>Discussion took place on a Shipston version of the Moreton Times publication. Cllr. Rathkey proposed that the Town Council reject moving from a Shipston Forum to the Moreton Times and we retain the editorial integrity of the Forum as it stands today. Seconded Cllr. Vial – 8 for, 1 against, 1 abs – motion carried</p> <p>Cllr. Cooper raised the matter of wi-fi signal strength in the Council Chamber. Clerk to follow up.</p>
16	<p>Finance</p> <p>The group's report was noted and concern was expressed about market provider LSD's slow response. Finance Group will research other providers.</p>
17	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>Income receipts were noted. Cllr. A. Ivens proposed that all invoices be paid, seconded Cllr. Murphy – unanimously agreed</p>
20	<p>Correspondence – Noted.</p> <p>Finale</p> <p>The Town Mayor noted that the next general meeting will be held on Monday 8th December, 2014 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm.</p> <p>The Town Mayor thanked fellow councillors, press and public for their attendance and closed the meeting to press and public at 9.10 pm in order to discuss confidential matters.</p>
<p>Signed..... Date.....</p> <p>Councillor Philip Vial Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council</p>	