



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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April 11th 2016 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 April 11th, 2016

Those Present:- Town Cllrs; J Warner, I Cooper, B Cooper, M Ferrier, F Ivens, V Murphy, P Rathkey, S Saunders, D Scobie, P White. Cllr. Perry arrived at 7.15 during item 7.

Stratford District Council (SDC): Cllrs. C Saint & J Barker

Warwickshire County Council (WCC)....Cllr. C Saint

Public: 10

Press: 0

Guests: 5

Introduction

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Jackie Warner welcomed Town Council members, press and public to the April Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council (STC).

1 **Apologies for absence** Cllrs Henderson and Westwood

2 **Acceptance of Apologies** Cllr. White proposed acceptance of apologies, seconded Cllr. Murphy
Unanimously agreed.

3a **Declarations of Interest** None

3b **Dispensations received by Clerk** None

4 Dave Squires presented the donation made by the winner of the Neighbourhood Questionnaire draw to Kate Harbridge & Julie Saunders of the Shipston Cancer Support Group.

5 **Previous minutes**

Page 1, item 5 – “seconded Cllr. Perry” to be replaced by “seconded Cllr. White”.

Cllr. Murphy proposed the minutes of the meeting of 14th March 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr. Saunders – **Vote taken – 8 for, 2 abstentions – motion carried.**

6 **Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk’s report was noted. The Mayor asked Cllr. Barker to follow up the training session for the CAT.

7 **Reports**

Town Councillors - The following reports were given:

- Cllr. Ivens said ‘Clean for the Queen’ had taken place and was very successful.
- Cllr. Rathkey had received a complaint about abandoned caravans in the layby off the Fosse Way between Tredington and Darlingscott. The Clerk had passed the matter to the Police. Cllr. Saint suggested referring it to Streetscene at SDC. The Clerk will take the appropriate action.
- Cllr. Warner had attended the open day at the Sports Club with Cllr. Murphy.

Cllr. Perry arrived at this point.

County Council Report by Cllr. Saint

- Traffic lights, rather than junction re-alignment, are now being explored as an option for Portabello.
- Cllr. Warner asked for clarification on the 50 & 50A bus routes. Cllr. Saint explained that WCC and Oxfordshire CC fund the routes and Oxfordshire are reducing their funding. He believes that the services will continue but at a reduced level and free travel bus permits will be unaffected.

District Council Report by Cllr. Barker

- Cllr. Barker has gathered a portfolio of photos of the recent flooding.
- Severn Trent Water has cleared residents' gardens of flood debris.
- She will make a submission to the Core Strategy consultation about the Medical Centre.

District Council Report by Cllr. Saint

- A management restructure at SDC will bring about cost savings.
- He encouraged STC to include comments about the Medical Centre in their responses on the Core Strategy.

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No report this month

Shipston Forum

The Editor said that the May edition will have 4 Wool Fair related adverts. The front page will feature the Wool Fair and Shipston Award. Cllr. I Cooper requested an advert for the Italian Market on 2nd May.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Cllr. B. Cooper gave a report on how the NDP has progressed in the last year. He, Cllr. Ferrier and Cllr. Henderson, together with some dedicated residents have gelled into a hardworking committed team. Cllrs B Cooper and Ferrier will continue to retain their accountability to STC for the progress of the plan. The team is currently engaged in preparing the draft plan and should soon be at a point where the plan will face increasing stakeholder scrutiny. He asked STC to continue to provide support and particularly feedback. The team's objective is to submit the plan to SDC in September 2016.

Riverwalk

Cllr. Saunders said there was nothing new to report.

Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG)

No report this month.

8 Open Forum for Parishioners

- Mr Wardak thanked Cllr. Saunders for arranging the cleaning of the mobile home for the retired Sexton.
- Andrew Halliday expressed his concern that the intensity of the proposed development for 39 London Rd would pressure the screening of the existing site.
- Jo Barker expressed her concern about emergency access, light obstruction and development intensity at the proposed new development at 39 London Rd.
- Catherine Martin said that the Public Right of Way at the Caudlewell development on Stratford Rd would be closed for 6 months and she asked if anything could be done to speed up the re-opening process. Cllr. Saint said that he would follow it up.

9 Planning Matters

Cllr. Ferrier noted that 16/00639/FUL & 16/00347/REM – 39 London Road would be discussed as the first item after the presentation by the developer.

Planning proposal for 39 London road

Mr O'Reilly gave details of his planning application and then answered questions from Councillors.

Planning applications *Applications discussed by the PWG actioned using standing order: Section 3b(xv)*

16/00639/FUL & 16/00347/REM – 39 London Road – re-submission of 15/03905/FUL – demolition of existing and build 5 dwellings. After detailed discussion, Cllr. Scobie proposed no representation for 16/00347REM and objection for 16/00639FUL. Seconded Cllr. Perry. **Vote taken - 16/00347REM – 10 for, 1 abstention, motion carried. 16/00639/FUL – 5 for, 5 against, 1 abstention – casting vote by Mayor was for – motion carried.**

16/00186/FUL – Stour Bank, Hay Meadow – Change of use from day centre (C2) to independent living (C3b).

Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. Murphy. **Unanimously agreed**

16/00695/ADV – 11 High Street (Co-op) – Signage (retrospective). Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. Murphy. **Vote taken – 9 for, Cllrs B Cooper & Warner did not vote – motion carried**

16/00779/TREE – 36 Telegraph Street – T1: reduce height, T2: thin 25% and prune. Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. Scobie. **Unanimously agreed**

15/01478/FUL – Land off Shoulderway Lane – 109 dwellings etc. – amendment and additional information (further observations only). Cllr. Ferrier proposed continuing to object as previous submission. Seconded Cllr. Warner. **Unanimously agreed**

New planning applications

16/01002/FUL – Former IMI Norgren Site – erection of 111 dwellings etc.(previously: 11/02380/OUT). Cllr. Scobie proposed objecting until STC had held discussions with the developer and detail promised by developer to STC had been supplied. Seconded Cllr. White. **Vote taken – 10 for, 1 abstention – motion carried.**

Planning decisions by district or county council

None received

It was agreed to postpone discussion on the Core Strategy until next meeting.

Consultation on proposed changes to planning process

Following a short discussion, Cllr. Scobie proposed that STC choose not to respond. Seconded Cllr. Ferrier.

Unanimously agreed

Cllr. Ferrier said that he was stepping down as Chair of planning with immediate effect. Cllr. Rathkey thanked him for the hard work and dedication he has given to the role during his time as Chair.

10 **Sustainability Working Group**

The written report was noted.

11 **General Purposes Working Group**

The written report was noted. Cllr. Ivens proposed that allotment fees for 2017/18 will be as follows:

New Street Full Allotment--- £43 Half Allotment--- £21.50

Shoulderway Lane Full Allotment--- £34 Half Allotment--- £17.00

Seconded Cllr. Scobie. **Unanimously agreed**

Cllr. Ivens noted that in item 11.3 of the Agenda the project manager is Studio 27 not Studio 21.

Cllr. Scobie thanked Cllr. Ivens for the huge work done thus far on the Cemetery Lodge project.

12 **Communications Working Group**

The written report was noted.

13 **Finance Working Group**

The written report was noted. Cllr. I. Cooper proposed accepting the quote from our current insurers AON, for a term of three years at an annual premium of £3,056.06, with a 5% annual discount applied for agreeing to a three year term. Seconded Cllr. Rathkey – **unanimously agreed**

16 **Financial Matters**

The Town Clerk reported 8 additional payments to those listed. Cllr. Warner proposed that invoices be paid.

Seconded Cllr. Perry. **Unanimously agreed.**

Income received was noted.

17 **Correspondence**

None received.

Cllr. Warner proposed closing the meeting to press and public to discuss nominations for the Shipston Award in private. Seconded Cllr. White. **Unanimously agreed.**

Finale

The Mayor noted that the annual meeting will be held on Monday 9th May, 2016 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm. The Mayor thanked fellow councillors, press and public for their attendance and closed the public part of the meeting at 8.35 pm

There followed private discussion of the nominations for the Shipston Award. The Mayor closed this part of the meeting at 8.42pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Councillor Jackie Warner

Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council