



# SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN NEW CLARK HOUSE, SHIPSTON ON STOUR AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2019

**Present:** - Town Cllrs: I Cooper (Town Mayor), B Cooper, M Ferrier, B Healey, F Ivens, V Murphy, S Saunders (arrived 7.07pm), D Scobie, J Warner, M Westwood, P White

Public: 9      Press: 0      WCC / SDC: 1      Clerks: 2      Guests: 3

### INTRODUCTION

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Ian Cooper, welcomed Town Council members, press and public to the March meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council (STC).

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies from Cllr. Henderson were noted. Cllr. Rathkey’s absence was noted.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – none

**3 DISPENSATION REQUESTS RECEIVED BY CLERK** – none

### 4 WARWICKSHIRE POLICE

Philip Seccombe, Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner gave a presentation on the current state of Warwickshire Police, his role as WPC and future developments in the service. Increased funding via forthcoming council tax increase will go countywide towards a wide range of areas such as Safer Neighbourhood Teams, 999 response, criminal investigation, rural crime and modern slavery. West Mercia are leaving the alliance with Warwickshire in October 2019 and Warwickshire will make a decision by the end of this month about their way forward.

Chief Inspector Dave Kettle talked about the challenges facing Warwickshire Police in the face of increasingly organised and professionalised crime. He gave a snapshot of what they have dealt with in the last 48 hours – responses to 999 & 101 calls, attacks on police, domestic violence, misuse of fire arms, street fights, theft and burglary, abductions and missing persons.

In the course of questions from councillors and the public, Mr Seccombe said that he would take back the request for more officers in South Warwickshire and it was reported that cross border networking and intelligence was increasingly taking place. Patrols in Stratford will be increased. An active neighbourhood watch programme was encouraged.

### 5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- **Cllr. Murphy proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr. Ivens. 10 for, 2 abstentions.**
- **Subject to deleting “with meetings requiring a quorum of 5 councillors” from the motion proposed in item 4, Cllr B Cooper proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February be accepted and as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr. Ferrier. 9 for, 2 abstentions – motion carried.**

### 7.4 SNT REPORT

This item was taken out of order to enable PC Purcell to return to his duties. PC Purcell said that crime was increasing in line with national trends and stressed the importance to his role of cross border networking and information from the community. He talked about the value of the neighbourhood watch programme and would like to strengthen it in Shipston. The Mayor thanked PC Purcell for all the hard work he does for Shipston.

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- **CLERK’S REPORT** - the Clerk’s written report was noted
  - Cllr. Ferrier offered to take photos of all STC community assets.
  - Imran Dean from Warwickshire Fire Service has invited councillors to view Shipston Fire Station any Tuesday evening in April. The Clerk asked councillors to let her know which dates they could make.
  - Gritting – the Clerk was asked to find out whether Tilemans Lane is already on the gritting route.

## 7 REPORTS

### 7.1 Town Councillors

- Cllr. Ivens complimented Shipston in Bloom on the town daffodil displays and also the Mayor on the success of the Valentine Ball.
- Cllr. Westwood had attended a training session on social prescribing in Warwickshire.
- Cllr. Warner congratulated the Town Band on reaching the final of a recent competition.
- Cllr. Healey has received a call from a resident about the appearance of the verge & culvert on the Campden Road above Oldbutt Road. Cllr. B Cooper said that arrangements were in place to improve the area.
- Cllr. Ferrier reported that he, Cllr. Ivens and the Clerk had met with Ladders about the Ridgeway land.
- Cllr. B Cooper had prepared draft terms for the Planning Committee and would circulate to current PWG members.
- Cllr. Murphy complimented Shipston in Bloom and the Town Band.
- Cllr. I Cooper said that there would be a show reel at the Annual Town Meeting of Shipston and asked councillors to forward ideas to CWG. The Clerk reminded working group chairs to submit their reports for the annual town meeting.

### 7.2 County Council & District Council - no report this month

### 7.3 District Council – Cllr. Chris Saint

- 1.5% increase to SDC precept
- Purdah starts on 19 March.
- He retires on 2 May.

On behalf of STC, Cllr. Scobie thanked Cllr. Saint for all he has done for Shipston as county and district councillor.

### 7.5 Shipston Forum – the April issue will include features on forthcoming town events and the community speed watch.

### 7.6 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Town Design Statement (TDS)

Cllr. B. Cooper reported that the group are looking at the feasibility of transferring the NDP information to the STC website and then closing down NDP website. NDP & TDS will be removed from future agendas as a routine item.

### 7.7 Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG) - no report.

## 8 Open Forum for Parishioners

- A resident asked whether there was a policy for replacing the dead trees planted last summer outside the Cala development.
- A resident endorsed the setting up and strengthening of a neighbourhood watch scheme.

## 9 PLANNING MATTERS – all planning applications can be viewed at: <https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/>

### New planning applications

- 19/00213/FUL – 12 Springfield Road – single storey front extension. **Cllr. B Cooper proposed no representation, seconded Cllr. Ferrier – unanimously agreed.**
- 19/00362/FUL – 10 Parsons Close – single and two storey extensions. **Cllr. B Cooper proposed no objection subject to the colour of the render being within the range white/cream/buttermilk to meet requirements of policy ENV3 of Shipston Neighbourhood Plan, seconded Cllr. Ferrier – 10 for, 1 against – motion carried.**
- 19/00394/FUL – Springhill, Springhill Close – extensions and change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden. **Cllr. Ferrier proposed objection on the grounds that it goes beyond the existing property boundary, seconded Cllr. I Cooper – 10 for, 1 abstention – motion carried.**

### Planning decisions by district or county council – were noted

- 18/03760/FUL – 11 Bannister Way – porch at front of property & window changes – Permission with conditions
- 18/03644/FUL – land at Campden Road – temporary sales access – Permission with conditions
- 18/03605/FUL – 1 Hay Meadow – single storey extension to rear – Permission with conditions

## 11 GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP (GPWG) Cllr. Ivens' written report was noted, updates as follows.

### 11.1 Following discussion, **Cllr. Ivens proposed using the reserve of £2500 set aside within the Asset Replacement Reserve for the purchase of a new water bowser. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper. 7 for, 3 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.**

## 12 HEALTH, AMENITY AND LEISURE PROJECTS (HALP) WORKING GROUP – no report this month.

## 13 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP (CWG) – no report this month

## 14 FINANCE WORKING GROUP (FWG)

An item on the Sheldon Bosley Hub will be added to the next council meeting agenda.

## 15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Invoices payable: three additional invoices were read out. **Cllr. I Cooper proposed that invoices be paid, seconded Cllr. Scobie – unanimously agreed**

Income received was noted

**Cllr. I Cooper proposed closing the meeting to press and public to discuss confidential staffing issues. Seconded Cllr. Scobie – unanimously agreed.**

The Town Mayor closed the public meeting at 8.45 pm. Next general meeting: - Monday 8 April 2019 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm

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**STAFFING**

**Discussion took place in private session and the recommendations of the Staffing Working Group were accepted.**

The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

Signed..... Date.....

Councillor Ian Cooper, Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council