



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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January 12th 2015 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 January 12th, 2015

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

SDC: Cllrs. Cheney & Kenner Press: 1 Public: 13

Introduction

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Philip Vial, welcomed Town Council members, press and public to the January Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council. He noted that Sheree Johansen was ill therefore item 5 of the Agenda (SDC Empty Home Team presentation) would not take place. Also reports from SNT and SAFAG would be taken out of Agenda order following item 4. These minutes reflect the order of the meeting.

1 **Apologies for absence** – none

2 **Acceptance of Apologies** – n/a

3 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr. Vial declared a pecuniary interest in item 11 of the Agenda (Ellen Badger MIU) and said that he would leave the room for the item and pass the Chair to Cllr. Warner.

4 **Previous minutes**

No corrections to minutes of December 8th. Cllr. Warner proposed the minutes of the meeting of December 8th be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr. A. Ivens – **Vote taken - unanimously agreed**

7 **Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG)**

Phil Wragg, representing SAFAG, gave a presentation of the group's activities & achievements since being formed in 2014 and their projects for the coming year. Cllr. Vial thanked the group for their hard work. Cllr. Cooper explained the timeframe for the group to apply for Council funding.

Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

PC Craig Purcell presented his end of year review for 2014, highlighting the crime statistics for the SNT area. Cllr. Vial thanked PC Purcell for his increased visibility within the town. Cllr Rathkey asked PC Purcell for his opinion of the value of CCTV in the town. PC Purcell replied that he found it valuable.

6 **Clerk's Report**

In addition to the written report already circulated to councillors, the following items were dealt with:

- Details of Bob White's funeral
- STC awarded the Foundation level of the new Local Council Quality Award. STC will work towards achieving the Gold Level.
- Cllr. Scobie clarified that repairs to the rattling grate at the Rugby Club had been jointly funded by the Rugby Club and Greenfields Nursery.
- Cllr. Vial proposed suspending Standing Orders to allow discussion of a government consultation on the potential capping of Council precepts. Seconded Cllr. Rathkey. **Vote taken, 11 for, 1 against – motion carried.** Following discussion, Cllr. Vial proposed that the wording of the response to the consultation proposed by the Town Clerk be accepted with the addition of a comment referring to STC's prudence over the last 6 years. Seconded Cllr. Scobie – **Vote taken - unanimously agreed.**
- Following discussion about a request to add additional inscriptions to the back of a memorial at the cemetery, Cllr. Vial proposed allowing the request, seconded Cllr. Scobie. **Vote taken – 11 for, 1 against – motion carried.**
- The Town Clerk requested permission to discuss with Chair of Sustainability Working Group the wording of the reply to SDC about planned use of S106 money.

7	<p>Reports Town Councillors Cllr. Saunders – attended the Dementia Awareness Day at New Clark House and said it had been very worthwhile. She is seeking a solicitor to advise on Riverside Walk and asked for recommendations from Councillors. She felt it would be worth assembling a team to help move the project forward. Cllr. Vial proposed that Cllr. Saunders form a working group with the assistance of Cllr. Henderson. Seconded Cllr. Ferrier. Vote taken - unanimously agreed. No reports from Cllrs. Henderson, White, Scobie, Rathkey and Vial. Cllr Warner – a resident has reported repeated dog fouling at the Cemetery by a known individual. Details to be passed to Town Clerk to write to the dog owner. State of potholes at Darlingscott Road junction and in Station Road commented on. Cllr. Murphy - welcomed Cllr. Henderson. Attended Dementia Awareness Day and commented on the encouraging response from others attending. Cllr. F Ivens – attended the Dementia Awareness Day. Cllr. Cooper – welcomed Cllr. Henderson’s return to the council Cllr. Ferrier – had received a number of representations from residents regarding the Spring Hill planning application, the Portobello junction and the delay in the Core Strategy. Cllr. A Ivens– had reported a number of faulty street lights.</p>	
8	<p>District Council Cllr. Kenner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will follow up the S106 monies due for the Paddock View development. Thanked the Town Clerk for alerting him to it. • Portobello junction – explained his reason for setting up the petition and reported 1500 signatures so far. To be presented at meeting on 5 February. Said that the opinion of highway engineers is that a roundabout is safest solution. • Ellen Badger MIU – petition has 337 signatures. Said that NHS Trust has responded positively and stated commitment to keeping it. Proved useful in assisting Warwick Hospital during recent high demand for services. • Will attend the Core Strategy hearings on 21 January. <p>Cllr. Cheney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid respects to Bob White. • Has signed the Portobello petition and supports the building of a roundabout. • Had expressed his concerns about Ellen Badger MIU reduction in hours. • No approach yet to SDC Planning by developers of Shoulderway Lane/Hawthorn Way. • Attended the Core Strategy consultation and hopes it will be approved. • Youth Club is being well attended and has 2 part time youth workers. <p>Shipston Forum Forum Editor reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2015 edition to include special focus on Dementia Awareness. • The Portobello Crossroads debate will be featured and also a further update on the Neighbourhood Plan. <p>Open Forum for Parishioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Keitley started the Facebook campaign about the Portobello junction and asks the Town Council to give the matter priority in their considerations. • Guy Legge said that he would like to have been consulted about the planning application for the rendering of the property neighbouring his home. • Marianne Westwood spoke in favour of a roundabout at Portobello junction and said that she thought extra traffic to the town could be adding to the issue there. • Pete Smith asked who is responsible for the footpath in Orchard Close. He expressed concern about the number of posters being attached to lamp posts in the town – Cllr. Vial referred him to the District Councillors. He said that many gullies in the town are still blocked. Town Clerk will discuss with WCC. He also asked about the availability of a Freephone number for access to Public Services – to be passed to General Purpose Working Group. 	
9	<p>Planning Matters NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS– discussed at Planning Working Group meeting (22Dec2014) <i>These applications discussed by the Planning Working Group actioned using standing order: Section 3b(xv)</i> 14/02675/FUL – Springhill, Stratford Rd – Vehicle access – amendment – PWG recommendation: continue to object 14/03343/FUL – 60 Hawthorn Way – Flat roof car port – PWG recommendation: no representation 14/03389/ADV & 14/03397/LBC – 11 High Street – Replacement fascia, signage, projecting sign PWG recommendation: no representation to both above applications For 3 applications above, Cllr. Cooper proposed PWG recommendations be accepted, seconded Cllr. Henderson – unanimously agreed</p>	

9	<p>NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS 14/03296/FUL – 6 Queens Close – Erection of one new dwelling. After detailed discussion, Cllr. Vial proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. Warner. <u>Vote taken, 11 for, 1 abstention – motion carried.</u> 14/03212/FUL & 14/03246/LBC – 21A Sheep St – Extend modern wing, infill courtyard, replace roof lights. Cllr Vial proposed no representation, seconded Cllr. Scobie. <u>Vote taken - unanimously agreed</u> 14/03539/FUL – 3 Pound Close – Garage conversion PD rights removed. Instruction from SDC that this application is to be ignored.</p> <p>PLANNING DECISIONS BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCIL 14/02797/FUL – 56 Church Street – rendering to property (retrospective) – Permission 14/01447/FUL – Plot 2A Tilemans Lane – Convenience supermarket – Refusal 14/02924/FUL – Shipston High School – 8 additional car space – Permission with conditions 14/02720/VARY – Shipston High School – Vary condition 2 – Permission 14/02736/VARY – Land West of Hornsby Close – Vary condition 2 - Permission 14/02795/LBC – 6 High Street – Reinstate window, chimney etc. – Consent granted with conditions 14/02589/FUL – 11 Caudlewell Drive – Conversion of garage, build garage – Permission with conditions</p> <p>PROPOSED NEW CAR WASH ON GYRATORY CAR PARK – Cllr. Vial explained that PWG had received a presentation from the developer about the proposal. Discussion followed and Cllr. Scobie proposed that the Town Clerk write to the developer saying that STC vehemently object to the proposal. Seconded Cllr. Ferrier. <u>Vote taken – unanimously agreed.</u></p> <p>ELECTION OF CHAIR – Cllr. Vial nominated Cllr. Ferrier. Seconded Cllr. Scobie. <u>Vote taken – unanimously agreed.</u></p>
10	<p><u>Portobello Crossroads</u> Cllr. Vial expressed sorrow at the recent fatality at this junction. Councillors discussed the matter in detail and were in favour of making representation to WCC Highways about the traffic dangers at both the Portobello and Darlingscott crossroads. Cllr Vial proposed supporting the petition and writing to WCC requesting a roundabout at Portobello and other safety measures on the A429 between the Portobello and Darlingscott Road junctions. Seconded Cllr. Saunders. <u>Vote taken – 10 for, 2 against – motion carried.</u></p> <p>Discussion took place on a proposal from Cllr. Ferrier - WCC highways should take into account the detrimental effect this development (and others) on the Campden Road will have on the safety of Portobello Crossroad. A further (fatal) road accident occurred on Christmas Eve. We request that if WCC Highways is minded not to object to this development it should be made dependant on S106 money being requested to facilitate safety improvements at the junction. STC continues to object to this development on the grounds of its earlier letter to SDC Planning. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Warner. <u>Vote taken – 11 for, 1 abstention – motion carried.</u></p>
11	<p><u>Ellen Badger Hospital – MIU Department</u> Cllr. Vial left the room and Cllr. Warner chaired the meeting for this item. Cllr. Warner presented the background to the recent reduction in opening hours and Councillors debated the reasons and the representation they would like to make to maintain 24/7 services at the department. Cllr. Ferrier proposed that STC requests re-instatement of the service for a period of 12 months during which time STC would assist in promoting the service to town residents. Seconded Cllr. Henderson. <u>Vote taken – unanimously agreed.</u></p>
12	<p><u>Royal Garden Party 2015</u> Cllr. Vial nominated Cllr. F Ivens. Seconded Cllr. Cooper. <u>Vote taken – 10 for, 2 abstentions – motion carried.</u></p>
13	<p><u>CCTV Provision by Stratford District Council</u> Cllr. Rathkey presented background information to the provision of CCTV in the town. A discussion took place and Cllr. Rathkey proposed that STC write to the Chief Executive of Stratford DC and Chris Saint to ask whether the correspondence received from Robert Weeks is the view of Stratford DC and legally enforceable. Seconded Cllr. Cooper. <u>Vote taken – unanimously agreed.</u></p>
14	<p><u>Communications Group</u> Cllr. White reported that the group is working on a strategy for the use of social media. A contract for maintenance of the website has been agreed. Cllr. Henderson asked that consideration also be given to elderly residents who do not use social media.</p>
15	<p><u>Finance Working Group</u> The group's report was noted. Cllr. Cooper said that work on Precept is ongoing.</p>

16	<p><u>Financial Matters</u> The Town Clerk reported 3 additional payments to those listed. Cllr. Henderson asked about the payment amounts for Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Cooper replied that they were within the budget allocation. Cllr. Cooper proposed that invoices be paid. Seconded Cllr. Vial. <u>Vote taken, unanimously agreed.</u> Income received was noted.</p>	
17	<p><u>Correspondence</u> Item 98 (state of track at Rugby Club) – Cllr. Rathkey said that the letter was received after the previous Town Council meeting and he had spoken directly with the resident about the matter.</p>	
18	<p><u>Co-option for Councillor Vacancy</u> A question and answer session took place with Alan Marshall and Brian Cooper. A vote was taken and Brian Cooper was co-opted to the council.</p> <p><u>Finale</u> The Town Mayor noted that the next general meeting will be held on Monday 9th February, 2015 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 at 9.45 pm.</p> <p>Signed..... Date.....</p> <p>Councillor Philip Vial Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council</p>	