



# SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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## October 12<sup>th</sup> 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 October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Those Present:-** Town Cllrs; J Warner, B Cooper, M Ferrier, F Ivens, V Murphy, K Perry, P Rathkey, S Saunders, D Scobie, M Westwood, P White

Warwickshire County Council (WCC): Cllr. C Saint

Stratford District Council (SDC): Cllr. C Saint and Cllr. J Barker

Public: 5 Press: 0

#### Introduction

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

1 **Apologies for absence** I Cooper, A Henderson

2 **Acceptance of Apologies** Proposed Cllr Perry, seconded Cllr. Murphy. **Unanimously agreed**

3a **Declarations of Interest** None

4 **Dispensations received by Clerk** None

#### 5 **Previous minutes**

There were no amendments to the minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Cllr. Murphy proposed the minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr. Saunders – **Unanimously agreed.**

#### 6 **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was noted. In addition the following items were presented:

- Town resident, Eric Whitehead, has been awarded Chevalier distinction of the Legion d'Honneur by the French Government. It was decided to send him a letter of congratulation from STC and there is to be a feature in the Forum.
- Shipston Royal British Legion has invited the Mayor to read the lesson at the Remembrance Service.

#### 7 **Reports**

##### **Town Councillors**

The following reports were given:

- Cllr. Ivens said there had been hardly anything to pick up during the latest litter pick
- Cllr. Ferrier had received complaints about blocked drains outside Brewery Close and has reported it to WCC. Also complaints about brightness of new LED street lighting on Stratford Rd – suggested that STC contact WCC about fitting shields to dim the light. Further to request from SAFAG for a meeting with David Wilson Homes (DWH) about flood mitigation at proposed Shoulderway Lane development, he will invite DWH to a planning meeting.
- Cllrs. Westwood, White & Saunders offered congratulations to recent French Market and Totally Market in town. Totally Locally Market worked particularly well in chosen location.
- Cllr. Murphy regretted the passing of Lord Howe. She had attended civic events on behalf of the Mayor
- Cllr. Warner had represented the town at civic events in Alcester, Stratford & Leamington.

	<p><b><u>County Council</u></b> No report by Cllr. Chris Saint this month.</p> <p><b><u>District Council</u></b> <b><u>Report by Cllr J Barker</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDC has voted not to join the proposed West Midlands Combined Authority because they are not convinced of the benefits. SDC will reconsider who to join with.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Shipston Forum</u></b> The Editor reported that the lead story for the November edition is likely to be the award of the Legion d'Honneur to Mr Whitehead. Application for STC community grants will be included and promotion of the Victorian Evening will be on the back page.</p> <p><b><u>Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)</u></b> Policy statements have been drafted and will be complete by end of October. 12 December 2015 is the date of the Open Day, issue of questionnaires to follow. The group is starting to contact major stakeholders in the town. Website is due a revamp in November. Target to submit plan is February 2016.</p> <p><b><u>Riverwalk</u></b> Cllr. Saunders said there was no further progress but did question whether as a project it should be extended to a wider group than just the Town Council</p>	
8	<p><b><u>Open Forum for Parishioners</u></b> Guy Legge said that he thought the Town Council had acted with presumption in sending a letter of congratulations to the Queen and outlined his reasons why.</p> <p>Jaycee Jackson expressed concerns about the brightness of the new LED street lighting on Stratford Road, the speeding up of traffic leaving the town via the Stratford Road and safety measures proposed for the Portobello junction.</p> <p>Trev Trevethick spoke about access to the river and said that from a Tourism point of view it was vital for the town and he was not in favour of reduction of access or removal of the picnic bench.</p> <p>Frank Wardak spoke about river water control measures put in place to replace the weir at Barcheston and asked STC to write to the enforcement officer at the Environment Agency about it.</p>	
9	<p><b><u>CCTC – SDC invoice</u></b> There was detailed discussion about the benefits of CCTV in the town and the fact that there is no funding in this year's budget to pay the invoice for 2015/16. Cllr. Scobie proposed that STC does not pay the invoice for 2015/16. Seconded Cllr. Perry. <b><u>Vote taken, 9 for, 1 against. 1 abstention – motion carried.</u></b> Cllr. Ferrier then proposed including in the letter to be sent to SDC that STC will review the position at Precept setting time in respect of future invoices from SDC. Seconded Cllr. Murphy. <b><u>Vote taken, 7 for, 3 against. 1 abstention – motion carried.</u></b></p>	
10	<p><b><u>Planning Matters</u></b></p> <p><b><u>New Planning Application</u></b> 15/03473/TREE – Lansdowne House, Sheep Street – tree works. Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. Warner. <b><u>Unanimously agreed.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Planning decisions by district or county council</u></b> 15/02936/FUL – 23 Elm Road – 2 storey side extension - Refusal</p>	
11	<p><b><u>Portobello Crossroads</u></b> Cllr. Westwood explained the key facts from her correspondence with WCC about the crossroads and their proposed solution. Detailed discussion followed about the data provided by WCC and the measures STC feel are best suited to improve safety there. Cllr. Westwood proposed that the Clerk and Cllr. Westwood draft a letter to the Chief Executive of WCC summarising STC's view. The draft to be circulated to all councillors and sent when consensus reached. Seconded Cllr. Scobie <b><u>Vote taken – 10 for, 1 abstention – motion carried.</u></b></p>	
12	<p><b><u>Sustainability Working Group</u></b> The groups' written report was noted. Cllr. B Cooper gave a report on the last sustainability workgroup meeting which concentrated on the potential use of Section 106/CIL monies for designated local projects. It's proposed to include reference to these in the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire.</p> <p>Cllr. B Cooper spoke about the Joint Healthy South Warwickshire Funding for up to £10,000 for health related projects. There were no offers to take this further by the deadline date of 30th October.</p>	

13	<p><b><u>General Purposes Working Group</u></b>  Cllr. Ivens presented her report. Discussion focussed on the river bank by the Mill Hotel and it was concluded that the group would reconsider their recommendations for the area.</p>	
14	<p><b><u>Communications Working Group</u></b>  There was no report this month.</p>	
15	<p><b><u>Finance Working Group</u></b>  The written report was noted.</p>	
16	<p><b><u>Financial Matters</u></b>  The Town Clerk reported 4 additional payments to those listed. Cllr. Scobie proposed that invoices be paid. Seconded Cllr. Perry. <b><u>Unanimously agreed.</u></b>   Income received was noted.</p>	
17	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b>  Correspondence was noted.</p> <p><b><u>Finale</u></b>  The Mayor noted that the next general meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm.   The Mayor thanked fellow councillors, press and public for their attendance and closed the meeting to Press and Public at 8.46 pm.</p>	
<p>Signed..... Date.....</p>		
<p>Councillor Jackie Warner  Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council</p>		