



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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<u>August 13th 2012 Minutes</u>	Action
<p data-bbox="323 647 1264 748" style="text-align: center;"><u>Minutes of the General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council held in Clark House, Shipston on Stour at 7.00pm on Monday 13th August, 2012</u></p> <p data-bbox="204 822 408 853"><u>Those Present:-</u></p> <p data-bbox="204 853 1177 913">Town Councillors: Cllr F Ivens, Cllr I Cooper, Cllr A Ivens, Cllr A Jelf, Cllr A Noyce, Cllr P Rathkey, Cllr M Trapp, Cllr. P Vial, Cllr J Warner, Cllr M Wildish</p> <p data-bbox="204 974 603 1005">SDC: Cllr R Cheney, Cllr J Gullis</p> <p data-bbox="204 1034 331 1095">Press: 2 Public: 23</p> <p data-bbox="204 1196 363 1227"><u>Introduction</u></p> <p data-bbox="204 1227 1377 1288">The Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs Fay Ivens, welcomed Town Council members, the press, and the public to the August meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council.</p> <p data-bbox="124 1377 1377 1881">1. <u>Apologies for absence</u> – apologies received from Cllr. Murphy and Cllr Munden</p> <p data-bbox="124 1451 1377 1512">2. Cllr Vial proposed that these apologies be accepted, seconded Cllr A Ivens – unanimously agreed</p> <p data-bbox="124 1574 1377 1635">3. <u>Declarations of Interest</u> No declarations received</p> <p data-bbox="124 1724 1377 1881">6. <u>Previous minutes</u> Cllr. Murphy proposed that the minutes of the July 9th meeting, be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr. Vial – unanimously agreed Cllr Vial proposed that the minutes of the July 23rd meeting, with one amendment, be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr. Wildish – unanimously</p>	

The Town Mayor having declared an interest in the ASL application handed over to Chair of Planning. Cllr. Vial noted that he had expected discussion on the recent ASL presentation would be included on the agenda, he proposed that standing orders be suspended in order to allow cllrs to discuss issues raised, seconded Cllr Rathkey – **vote – 8 for, 2 abstentions – motion carried**

As chair of Planning Working Group, Cllr Vial asked cllrs for comments on the ASL presentation: Cllr. Rathkey noted that the planning application is for development on a Greenfield site and that it goes against the principles of the Draft Core Strategy, which states that any single site should not exceed 46 homes and that the planned supermarket is five times larger than the shop considered by the DCS, he added that the size of supermarket planned could destroy trade in the town centre. Cllr Wildish said that STC should listen to views from the audience

Cllr. Cooper considered that ASL are only interested in profit, adding that he did not believe any of their promises.

Cllr. Wildish stated that STC should engage with developers, ring fencing S106 money for town use.

Cllr Noyce asked how much benefit the town would receive.

Addressing the public, Cllr Vial asked for a range of views from Shipston residents.

Guy Legge stated that the application was an outline plan only, decisions had not been made on architectural design.

Martin Ferrier – agreed with Cllr. Wildish that middle ground should be sought, STC should establish views of residents.

Verity Richardson – stated that she was against the proposed location, there is a need to reduce the impact on the Town Centre.

Alexandra Adamson – considered that Cllr. Wildish's argument was rational, that there is a huge amount of development across the country, S106 funds are ring fenced.

Helen Aston – spoke about the unique shopping available in Shipston, need to maintain the town centre, the community is important, this needs to be valued.

Maria Harvey – there should be a referendum, many people need a supermarket.

Irene Strach – an organisation in Shipston is against the supermarket, supporting shops, but shop elsewhere.

Cllr. Gullis – this development will have an effect outside the town, should be accessible.

Lisa Blunt – the decision should be based on what people want, but research shows that out of town supermarkets reduce jobs available, there is a need to keep life in Shipston.

Cllr. Cheney is against the supermarket, also stated that the Neighbourhood Plan is not yet ready and the Draft Core Strategy has not been adopted, he considers that the application has been submitted too early.

Jack Crimp – stated that it would be naïve to expect that a referendum will give any answers. We should be looking at what the two sides have in common.

Cllr. Wildish commented that the application has split the town in two – should find common ground. He asked if the Neighbourhood plan will include a supermarket.

The Town Mayor suggested that a public meeting be called in an attempt to bring the two sides together to find common aims.

Cllr. Noyce, noted that only the supermarket has been discussed, the potential of building 160 houses would have a detrimental impact on the existing infrastructure.

Cllr. Rathkey noted that two previous public meetings had not found common ground and that a referendum may not be supported, only 70 people voted at the recent referendum.

Cllr. Trapp proposed that a public meeting take place to find a way forward, with STC, SNAS and SHAC, seconded Cllr. Warner – **vote – 8 for, 1 against, 1 abstention – motion carried**

7. **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk gave an update;

- Meeting with Balvinder Heran from SDC to discuss the installation of a CAT (Customer Access Terminal) at STC offices.
- Phil Ward from WRHC has requested reassurance that Shipston have a housing scheme in mind for affordable dwellings in place before he agrees to conduct a Housing Needs Survey. After discussion it was felt that the housing survey is needed to highlight the type of affordable housing required in Shipston, i.e. family size homes; extra care homes. Clerk to discuss further with Phil Ward.
- The Mayor is organising a Civic Service & Civic Charity Dinner later in the year, Clerk will confirm dates. Please could all councillors note the dates and attend if at all possible.
- Could any councillors wishing to attend the Briefing & Discussion event on the Localism Act on Saturday 22nd September at Binley Woods Village Hall please inform the Clerk.
- Damage caused to trees & verges in Callaway's Road during the recent resurfacing will be put right by the contractors.
- The temporary drain cover at Mill Street has finally been replaced.
- Complaints received of noise disturbance from the morning street cleaning in the High Street. The motorised cleaner will not be used before 7.30am on weekdays and not on Sundays.

8. **Town Councillors**

Cllr. Vial – had nothing to report.

Cllr. Noyce – attended a General Purpose meeting with the Staffing Group to put together the contracts for tendering out the Cemetery and town maintenance and town cleansing. The advertisement for tenders will be in the September issue of the Forum and local newspapers.

Cllr. A. Ivens – reported that the Brailes Road depot has been cleared and handed back to WCC. Also attended the General Purpose meeting.

Cllr. Jelf – had attended his first planning meeting as a new councillor and helped Cllr. A. Ivens clear the depot and put up the shelving at New Clark House.

Cllr. Cooper – had nothing to report this month.

Cllr. Warner – reported;

- The grass has still not be mown at The Mill Car Park, the Clerk will speak to SDC.
- Unable to renew a bus pass at the library due to the webcam not in working order.

Cllr. Wildish – had nothing to report.

Cllr. Trapp – reported that after the Jubilee Crew committee had paid all costs there was a surplus of £2482.87. As the celebrations were intended to be a free community event the committee have divided the amount between each member who has donated their share to a charity of their choice. First Responders £259.20, Queens Avenue Play Park £129.50, Young Fire Fighters £259.20, The Hub £259.20, Air Ambulance £538.81, The Scouts £259.21, The Young Carers £388.83, Day Care £259.21 and The Brody Bunch (a breast cancer support group). Cllr. Trapp thanked all those who supported the events organised to help make the celebrations such a great success.

Cllr. Rathkey – attended the tendering meeting to formulate the contracts for the town maintenance. Cllr. Rathkey would welcome any comments from other councillors on the details of the contracts as they are vital to the future of Shipston and account for a considerable amount of the towns' precept.

Could councillors also pass on any comments they have to Cllr. Rathkey on the Parish Council governance consultation. Cllr. Rathkey will report on this at next months meeting.

Cllr. Fay Ivens – Was delighted to attend Shipston Primary School's excellent performance of 'The Jungle Book' and was honoured to be invited to the High School to present the awards and at their celebration assembly on 20th July. The Mayor opened the fete of the Church of Our Lady and St Michael, thoroughly enjoying the afternoon of entertainment. The holiday club at St. Edmund's had a successful week with up to eighty children attending each morning; the Mayor passed her congratulations and thanks to Daniel Pulham and team. As well as other civic events the Mayor was invited to the Warwickshire Children & Youth Services Showcase Evening at Warwick which proved to be an inspirational event. Cllr. Ivens stated how much she had enjoyed the Olympics and hoped that the dedication and determination of all the athletes would inspire residents to partake in one of the many sporting activities available in the town.

District Council

SDC – Cllr. Cheney – reported:

- Had been approached by residents at the Saturday surgery in the town with requests to mow the grass area on the corner of Beecham Road. Enquiries are being made to gain ownership of this area which is currently held by The Crown.
- Was pleased with the refusal of the planning application for 22 new homes at Hornsby Close, however the developers will probably appeal.
- There are some issues with hedges at Badgers Crescent and trees at Orchard Close. Cllr. Cheney will be looking into this.
- Nadim Zahawi will be opening the newly refurbished youth club on September 14th. However, we must not lose sight that the club requires ongoing funding to be able to remain in the town.
- There is a job vacancy for a youth worker at the club. This will be a paid post and an advertisement will be in the September issue of the Forum.

SDC - Cllr. Gullis – reported;

- Offered apologies for being unable to attend some council meetings.
- Welcomed Cllr. Jelf to his first council meeting, pleased to see the council growing.
- Delighted with the refusal for the planning application at Hornsby Close, development is outside the town's boundary.
- Due to work commitments, has resigned from Youth Club committee leaving still so much more to be done. Agrees with Cllr. Cheney the club desperately needs funding.
- Commented on his public stand on travel expenses to meetings which he feels should not be claimed by District councillors.
- Met with ASL for an update on their proposed development on the Campden Road. Concerns were raised on where any S106 money would be distributed, with Shipston High School becoming an academy would this make them exempt? Cllr. Saint has assured him that funding can be distributed to academies.
- Cllr. Gullis feels that Shipston has an urgent need for sports facilities, urges STC to consider this in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Shipston Forum

Forum Editor reported:

Light on news for the September issue but topics from the meeting had been helpful. Deadline is tight for this month so any items need to be with the Editor by Wednesday.

9. Open Forum for Parishioners

Peter Smith – raised the following issues:

- Far too many A-boards in the town centre – should be stopped
- Blocked drains in West Street
- The length of time it took for a permanent repair to the drain cover in Mill Street
- The need for traffic control at the bridge – Cllr. Saint should press for this

Alexandra Adams – concerned that street lights due to be turned off at midnight.

It was noted that a letter of complaint about these changes had been sent to WCC, Cllr Vial noted that the times were available on the website; Cllr Cooper stated that some councils were using LED bulbs to save cost, this should be considered by WCC as a suitable alternative.

Cllr. Wildish suggested that they could be sponsored by local businesses.

10. Planning Matters

• NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS – discussed at Planning Working Group meeting

The first 4 applications discussed by the Planning Working Group actioned using standing order: Section 3b(xv)

12/01558/FUL – 6 Springfield Road – single storey side & rear extension – response by 8/8/12

RECOMMENDATION: No representations, proposed Cllr Murphy, seconded Cllr F Ivens – unanimously agreed

12/01626/FUL – 37 Campden Road – single storey side extension – response by 8th August

RECOMMENDATION: No representations, proposed Cllr A Ivens, seconded Cllr A Jelf – unanimously agreed

12/01674/TREE – 13 West Street – fell – whitebeam – response by 9th August

RECOMMENDATION: Support, tree is clearly blocking householders light, no alternative but removal, proposed Cllr Murphy, seconded Cllr Jelf – vote 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstention – motion carried

12/01187/ADV – Edward Sheldon, 6 New Street – replacement of sign – response by 8 August

RECOMMENDATION: Continue to oppose – proposed Cllr Murphy, seconded Cllr F Ivens – unanimously agreed

Cllr Vial proposed that Cllr Jelf join the Planning Working Group, seconded Cllr. Warner – **unanimously agreed**
Cllr. Rathkey proposed that the above recommendations be accepted, seconded Cllr. Vial – **unanimously agreed**

• **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS continued.....**

12/00793/OUT – Land west of Hornsby Close – amendment
12/01663/FUL – 11 Parsons Close – 1st floor and 2 storey rear extension
12/01296/FUL – 1 Banister Way – change of use of existing domestic shed to hairdresser
12/01796/FUL – Little Granville, Church Street – proposed replacement garage

To be considered at Planning Meeting on 20th August

• **PLANNING DECISIONS BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCIL**

12/00119/FUL – 3 Old Council House – replacement windows – Permission with conditions
12/00120/LBC – 3 Old Council Hse – replacement windows – Consent granted with conditions
12/00831/TREE – Hopsack, 5 Spinners Bridge – Fell leylandii – Consent with conditions
12/00859/FUL – 19 Hawthorn Way – single story rear extension – Permission with conditions
12/00913/FUL – Scout Hall, New St – dem & erection of new scout hall – Perm with conditions
12/01180/TPO – land adj. to 41 Campden Rd – Horse chestnut – crown lift – Consent for arboricultural work
12/01183/TREE – Sundown, Darlingscote Rd – Fell hazel – Consent with conditions
11/02380/OUT – Norgren site, Campden Rd – demolition of existing, redevelopment of 125 houses – Refusal
11/02472/ADV – Land off Shipston Road S/A – signage – 4 illuminated etc – Consent granted with conditions
12/00524/FUL – 59 Hawthorn Way – single storey ext for garage – Permission with conditions
12/00579/FUL – 10 Green Lane – Demolition and new dwelling – Refusal
12/00580/DEM – 10 Green Lane – Dem of existing building – Consent granted with conditions

11. **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllrs had received a progress report on the neighbourhood plan to date. Stephen Miles (STC advisor) would be setting up a meeting for cllrs in the next few weeks, and expected to have a public meeting in late September, early October.

Cllr. Vial gave an explanation of the process of writing a neighbourhood plan (NP), stating that it should agree with the Core Strategy, which has not yet been published.

Cllr. Cooper noted that the NP has two elements:

- The core strategy may not cover enough detail, the NP would include detail missed
- The core strategy sets minimum development needs, the NP cannot decrease this, but may increase.

Cllrs discussed further issues including: NP should be developed by the public; NP helps guide developers; NP will not prevent developers from riding roughshod over it, they will seek to override the NP; STC should list to the views of surrounding parishes.

12. **New Code of Conduct**

The new code of conduct recommended by Stratford District Council had been distributed to cllrs.

Cllr. Vial proposed that the new code of conduct be adopted by STC, seconded Cllr. Jelf – **unanimously agreed**

13. **General Purposes Working Group**

Cllr Noyce introduced the report noting issues raised:

- Thanks to Cllr. A Ivens for clearing the depot
- Tender documents for the three contracts will be ready for 17th August
- Flower / shrub beds in Telegraph Street – the clerk to confirm ownership
- Request for a dog bin at the Village
- Hedge at Leisure Centre will be cut back during September
- GPWG will carry out a full drain survey

Finance Working Group

Cllr. Cooper noted that he was awaiting a response from the internal auditor on some matters raised in her report, he will report further at the next meeting.

14. **Financial Matters**
 Cllr Vial proposed that all invoices be paid, seconded Cllr. Noyce – **unanimously agreed**
15. **Correspondence**
 No matters raised
- Cllr Vial proposed that standing orders be suspended to allow items 16 and 17 to be discussed without the presence of the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business, seconded Cllr. F Ivens – **unanimously agreed**
16. **Co-option of Councillors**
 Following further discussion a vote was taken on the co-option of a further candidate – **vote – 7 no, 2 yes, 1 illegible – candidate will not be co-opted to STC.**
17. **Anne Sankey Award**
 Five nominations had been received for this year’s award – following discussion a secret vote took place and the winning nominee will be presented with the award at the September meeting.
- Finale**
 The Town Mayor noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday 10th September, 2012 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00pm.
- The Town Mayor thanked fellow councillors, members of the press and public for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.
- Signed..... Date.....
- Councillor Mrs F Ivens
 Town Mayor
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