



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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March 13th, 2017 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 March 13th, 2017

Those Present: - Town Cllrs: V Murphy, B Cooper, I Cooper, B Healey, F Ivens, P Rathkey, S Saunders, D Scobie, J Warner, M Westwood, P White

Public: 3 Press: 0 WCC & SDC: Cllr. C Saint & Cllr. J Barker Clerks: 2

Introduction

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Veronica Murphy, welcomed Town Council members, press and public to the March Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council (STC).

1 **Apologies for absence** - Cllrs. M Ferrier, A Henderson,

2 **Acceptance of Apologies** - Cllr. Scobie proposed acceptance of apologies, seconded Cllr. Westwood.

Unanimously agreed

3 **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr. Murphy declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 on funding from a potential housing development company and said she would abstain from any vote. Cllr. Warner declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 on the Assembly Rooms and said she would abstain from any vote.

Dispensations received by Clerk - None

4 **Deputy Mayor**

The Mayor invited nominations for Deputy Mayor. Cllr. Westwood proposed Cllr. D Scobie, seconded Cllr. Healey. **Unanimously agreed.**

5 **Previous minutes of the Meeting of 13th February 2017**

The following corrections to be made:

- Page 3, item 10, planning decision 16/03932/FUL –Mayo to replace Mayor
- Page 3, item 11, line1 - Ivens to replace Iven's

Cllr. Warner proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr. I Cooper - **10 for, 1 abstention – motion carried**

6 **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's written report was noted. In addition, the Clerk reported the following:

- The closing date for the Shipston Award is 15/3/17 therefore discussion of the nominations – item 16 - would be deferred until the next meeting.
- A new tenant has moved into Clark House.

7 **Reports**

Town Councillors - The following reports were given:

- Cllr. Scobie said that at the recent Rugby Club Sportsman's Dinner, the Youth Club had raised around £700.
- Cllr. Rathkey noted that Shipston had been voted the best place to live in the Midlands in a recent Sunday Times survey.
- Cllr. White reported STC's Facebook page now has over 1,000 likes and some posts reach over 2,000 people.
- Cllr. Ivens said two High School students would be doing a litter pick of the skate park for the next 3 months as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Cllr. Ivens has been asked to join the Youth Club committee.
- Cllr. Warner asked for the damaged tree at Mill St car park to be reported again to SDC. She has been contacted by a Mill St resident about the possibility of parking for residents in the Mill St car park. Cllr. Saint

has made enquiries about it and will follow up the matter. Cllr Warner thanked Cllr. Saint for inviting Orbit to the recent Community Forum.

- Cllr. Saunders had received complaints about visibility for road users being obscured by vans parking on the former Pettipher site. There is also a similar problem on Station Road with vehicles parking on double yellow lines and straddling the pavement. The Clerk will inform the Police.
- Cllr. Westwood said that the first meeting of the chronic pain group was very successful and the group is intending to meet monthly in future.
- Cllr. Murphy had attended several local and civic events. She reported that the blood donor service would no longer come to Shipston because there is no suitable venue to meet their requirements. She hopes to attend the forthcoming Scan meeting about bus services and a meeting in Long Compton about the proposed loss of acute services at the Horton Hospital in Banbury.

County Council Cllr. Saint gave his report:

- With regard to the Horton Hospital, there is likely to be legal action against South Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group by a group of local councils.

District Council Cllr. Barker gave her report:

- She will look into whether a meeting could be arranged in Shipston by the 'Keep Horton General' group.
- She is currently looking into the change Orbit has made in their charging structure at Rainbow Fields.

Questions from councillors

Cllr. Westwood asked whether the target date for starting work at Portabello is still April 2017. Cllrs Saint and Barker said they had not been made aware of any changes but would check.

SNT - No report this month

Shipston Forum

There will be no county council or district council columns for next two months due to the election in May. The April edition will include an article about eating out in Shipston.

Neighbourhood Development Plan & Town Design Statement - Cllr. B Cooper gave the following reports.

Neighbourhood Development Plan: The NDP team has recently met with SDC who clarified their comments about the plan. The final grant application for £6450 has been submitted and a decision will be made known before the next STC meeting.

Town Design Statement: SDC has acknowledged receipt of the new draft document.

Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG) – No report this month

Tourism Group - No report this month

8 **Open Forum for Parishioners**

- Mr Frank Wardak asked whether planning decisions in future would transfer from SDC to Wychavon. Cllr. Saint replied no.
- Mr Christmas asked about internet access in the council chamber. To be discussed by CWG.

9 **Planning Matters**

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

- 17/00396/TREE – Granville Garden, Church St – Tree works. Cllr. Scobie proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper. **Unanimously agreed.**
- 17/00387/ADV – George Hotel – signage facing on to Church Street. Cllr. Scobie proposed no representation but to include a comment that the sign should not obscure the view of pedestrians or traffic for drivers exiting the car park. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper. **Unanimously agreed.**
- 17/00050/VARY – 43 London Road – vary conditions. Cllr. Scobie proposed objection and review when the hedge has been replanted. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper. **Unanimously agreed.**

New planning applications

- 17/00332/FUL – 46 Sheep Street – single storey timber outbuilding in rear garden 17/00073/FUL – strategies. Cllr. B Cooper proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper. **Unanimously agreed.**

Planning decisions by district or county council

- 17/00120/LDP – 14 Orchard Close – erection of 1 storey rear extension – Cert of lawful proposed use or development
- 16/03994/COUO – The Assembly Rooms, Church St – Prior notification of a change of use from existing offices (B1a) to create 4 residential units (C3) – Prior approval granted
- 16/03985/VARY – Low Furlong – variation to conditions 2 & 4 of planning permission – Permission

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/01897/FUL – Land at Tilemans Lane – 70 bed care home etc. – Permission with conditions • 16/03860/LBC – Granville Hse, High St – Change of use to C3 residential and repairs – Consent w/conditions • 16/03859/FUL – Granville Hse, High St – Change of use to C3 residential and repairs – Consent w/conditions • 17/00063/FUL – 33 London Rd – conversion of garage to living accommodation – Permission with conditions <p>Planning decisions by district or county council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17/00006/FUL – 26 Signal Road – 2 storey & 1 storey extensions – Application withdrawn 	
10	<p><u>Other Planning Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community funding from a potential housing development company. Following discussion, Cllr. B Cooper proposed that this was a matter between the Cricket Club and the developer but that any decision to accept funding should be without prejudice to any future planning applications by the developer. Seconded Cllr. Scobie. <u>10 for, 0 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.</u> • Allocation of street name for development at 43 London Road. Cllr. Murphy proposed Wilkins Close. Seconded Cllr. Healey. <u>Unanimously agreed.</u> • To review SDC’s response to STC’s representations on the Assembly Rooms – 16/03193/FUL. Following detailed discussion, Cllr. I Cooper proposed objection. Seconded Cllr. Scobie. <u>4 for, 6 against, 1 abstention – motion failed.</u> Cllr. B Cooper proposed no representation with conditions requiring a sound survey and designated car parking. Seconded Cllr. Murphy. <u>9 for, 1 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.</u> • 17/00235/TPO – IMI Norgren Site – proposed changes to tree removal plan. After discussion, Cllr. Scobie proposed that STC is still concerned about the number of trees being removed. STC supports the existing TPO and the developer should redesign within the existing planning constraints. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper. <u>10 for, 0 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.</u> 	
11	<p><u>General Purposes Working Group</u> - Cllr. Ivens’ written report was noted.</p> <p>11.1 - Cllr. Ivens proposed the removal of the fence surrounding the play area at Angelas Meadow. Seconded Cllr. Scobie. <u>Unanimously agreed.</u></p> <p>Cllr. Saunders said that some European funding to promote tourism and leisure in Warwickshire’s smaller towns will become available and could be a source of funding for the development of better riverside access.</p>	
12	<p><u>Communications Working Group</u> – no report this month</p>	
13	<p><u>Finance Working Group</u> - Cllr. I. Cooper’s written report was noted.</p> <p>13.3 Cllr. I Cooper proposed that STC accept the FWG recommendations for the tenancy agreement at a monthly market rent for Cemetery Lodge, and that these monies are ring-fenced to provide for maintenance / improvements. Seconded Cllr. Rathkey. <u>9 for, 2 against, 0 abstentions – motion carried.</u></p>	
14	<p><u>Financial Matters</u></p> <p>Three additional invoices were read out to the meeting. Cllr. Murphy proposed that invoices be paid. Seconded Cllr. Scobie. <u>Unanimously agreed.</u> Income received was noted.</p>	
15	<p><u>Correspondence</u> - correspondence was noted.</p>	
16	<p><u>Shipston Annual Award</u></p> <p>Discussion of the nominations will be deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Finale</u></p> <p>The Mayor noted that the next meeting of Shipston Town Council will be held on Monday 10th April, 2017 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm. The Mayor thanked fellow councillors, press and public for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.</p> <p>Signed..... Date.....</p> <p>Councillor Veronica Murphy Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council</p>	