

**SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR
TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes**



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October 13th 2014 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 13th October, 2014**

Those Present:-

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

WCC: Cllr. Saint SDC: Cllrs. Cheney & Kenner Press: 1 Public: 15

Guests: Sarah Brooke-Taylor, Ed Jackson, Erry Lilley, Sian Griffiths and colleagues

Introduction

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Philip Vial, welcomed Town Council members, the press and the public to the October Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council.

Cllr. V Murphy presented cheques for money raised from her Mayoral Year to Warwickshire Air Ambulance (£1,150.00) and Queens Avenue Park Action Group (£300.00).

1 **Apologies for absence** – None

2 **Acceptance of Apologies** – None

3 **Declarations of Interest** - None declared

Cllr. Vial said that items 5 & 6 on the agenda would be dealt with out of order to allow invited guests to depart early. The following items are numbered in the order dealt with at the meeting

4 **RCA Regeneration – Shoulderway Lane**

Sian Griffiths and her team distributed paper copies of the findings from their public exhibition and a revised layout. Main change is inclusion of a medical surgery plus parking spaces. Councillors asked various questions – answers were:- total of 93 properties; site would be assessed for flooding and measures taken to meet current greenfield rate; Shoulderway Lane would be widened to 5.5 metres to include a footpath.

5 **Housing Needs Survey**

Sarah Brooke-Taylor presented the findings of the housing needs survey done in Shipston. The response rate was 30%, 50 specific housing needs were identified and the recommendation was to identify a suitable piece of land to meet the needs.

Ed Jackson presented findings of the Neighbourhood Plan surveys, demonstrating the trend in Shipston for an increasing population of pension age and the rate of housing development in recent years. Cllr. Scobie thanked Ed for the clear and informative presentation. The presentation will be sent to the Town Clerk for it to be publicly available upon request.

6 **Previous minutes**

Corrections to minutes of September 8 – none. Cllr. Vial proposed the minutes of the meeting of September 8th be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr. Warner – **unanimously agreed**

Corrections to minutes of September 22 – none. Cllr. Vial proposed the minutes of the meeting of September 22nd be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr. Cooper – **unanimously agreed**

7	<p>Clerk's Report – additional items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk is arranging a Dementia Awareness Workshop on 8 January 2015 for local service providers. • Clerk has joined Flood Action Group • Election is not required following resignation of councillors. Cllr. Vial proposed co-option of 2 councillors, seconded Cllr. Saunders – unanimously agreed. Request concerning cemetery. Cllr Vial proposed that the meeting be closed to press and public to discuss this matter of a confidential nature, seconded Cllr. Warner. unanimously agreed 	
8	<p>Reports Town Councillors Cllr. Murphy – no report. Cllr. F Ivens – no report. Cllr. Saunders – update on Riverside Walk – 1 landowner for, I opposed and 1 no decision will be taken until a legal matter is decided. Cllr. Scobie – Bakeathon done as Red Nose event is to be advertised by Comic Relief at national level and will be accredited to Shipston in promotional material. Cllr. Ferrier – charging points for electric cars in town centre will be discussed at next Sustainability Group. Cllr. Warner – complaints from residents in Springfield Rd about protruding tree roots – details to be sent to Clerk Cllr. A Ivens – no report Cllr. Cooper – would like a discussion on Recycling Centre added to next meeting agenda. French Market well received by market traders. Cllr. Rathkey – no report Cllr. Vial – no report</p> <p>County Council Cllr. Saint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed that WCC is divested of Shipston Primary School now it has Academy status • Boundary Commission continuing to look at county council seats, likely that Shipston will not change <p>District Council Cllr. Cheney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plot 2A Tilemans Lane (Budgens) application – Cllr Cheney understands that the planning office is minded to refuse on basis of retail impact to town. • At recent surgery number of empty flats in Badgers Crescent was raised. Will follow up with Orbit. Also regarding Springfield Rd, he will ask Highways to inspect the damage from tree roots • Youth Club continues to be very popular, approx. 50 members, more help is needed. <p>Cllr. Kenner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the outline agreement for Shipston Young Firefighters to continue under wing of Youth Club and then become independent. • ASL appeal enquiry is to be re-opened March 2015. Their plan A (retirement village) will help meet future housing needs • Plot 2A Tilemans Lane (Budgens) new application is a technical recalculation of the square metrage, view do no need to re-submit previous response. • The loss of the emergency fund (£250K) to SDC from government could have implications of drawing on SDC reserves or pushing individuals towards payday lenders <p>Safety Neighbourhood Team (Police) Newsletter at: http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/your-neighbourhood/stratford-district/shipston/newsletter/</p> <p>Shipston Forum Forum Editor reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead story – Housing Needs Survey and Neighbourhood Plan Presentation • RCA Regeneration consultation findings will also be covered 	
9	<p>Open Forum for Parishioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Taylor presented his annual report on the Civil Charities in the town. Shipston Educational Charity received 14 applications this year and has given £1920 in total, individual grants ranging from £80 to £130 depending on course • Mr Mike Langrish of Hawthorn Way stated his opposition to the Shoulderway Lane development proposal. Cllr Vial advised him to consult with Cllrs Cheney and Kenner about SDC Core Strategy. 	
10	<p>Provision of CCTV by Stratford District Council Cllr. Vial explained that the Town Council has not paid SDC for enhanced CCTC because of a lack of evidence supporting its value. He will attend a meeting with SDC on 21st October to view new statistics. Cllr. Cooper requested that the views of the Police be sought.</p>	

11	<p><u>Planning Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS 14/02556/FUL – 7 Redwood Park – single storey rear extension. Cllr. Vial proposed no representation, seconded Cllr. Warner – unanimously agreed 14/02691/TREE – Aspley, Old Road – T1 remove acacia; T2 reduce larch by 1.8m. Cllr. Vial proposed no representation, seconded Cllr. Saunders – unanimously agreed 14/02625/FUL – Shipston Sports Club, London Road – new single storey flat roof extension. Cllr. Vial proposed support the application, seconded Cllr. Scobie – unanimously agreed 14/01447/FUL – Plot 2A Tilemans Lane – Demolition, erection of supermarket, car park etc – discussed earlier in meeting • PLANNING DECISIONS BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCIL 14/01481/OUT – 39 London Road – demolition existing, build 4 detached dwellings – Outline Permission 14/02070/FUL – 6 High Street – change of use and alterations – Permission with conditions 14/02071/LBC – 6 High Street – change of use and alterations – Consent granted with conditions 14/01768/FUL – 27 Furze Hill Rd – extension to front, rear and sides and garage – Permission with conditions 14/01480/LBC – 4 Church St – replacement of stonework to gable end – Consent granted with conditions 14/01566/FUL – 13 Parsons Close – 2 storey rear extension – permission with conditions
12	<p><u>Electoral Review of Warwickshire County Council – draft recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Vial replying to the consulting body supporting no change to the existing boundaries, seconded Cllr. Scobie. Vote – 9 for, 1 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.
13	<p><u>Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places</u></p> <p>Cllrs. Rathkey, Cooper and Scobie spoke in favour of continuing with the same locations. Cllr Rathkey proposed the response to the consulting body should be that the Town Council supports continued use of the current polling station locations, seconded Cllr. Vial, - unanimously agreed</p>
14	<p><u>Skate Park</u></p> <p>Discussion ensued on the implications and responsibilities if the Town Council did or did not accept the lease. Cllr. Cooper said that the terms of the lease should be checked by solicitor and asked about financial liability. Cllr. Vial will seek advice from solicitor and clarify queries raised. The matter will be included on next meeting agenda</p>
15	<p><u>Gyratory Garden</u></p> <p>Discussion took place, Cllr. Vial proposed that the Town Council purchase the land, seconded Cllr. Rathkey – 10 for, 1 against – motion carried</p>
16	<p><u>Working Groups – Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>Cllr. Vial proposed acceptance of the draft working group terms of reference and that each working group review and adapt separately and bring to next meeting for acceptance, seconded Cllr. Scobie – 9 for, 2 abstentions – motion carried</p>
17	<p><u>General Purposes (GWP)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion took place about signage at the main entrances to the town. GWP will obtain quotes for consideration • In respect of the complaint about noise disturbance at entrance to the Rugby Club Cllr. Rathkey said that environmental matters on the site are the responsibility of the land users and not the land owner. • An apology was made to Cllr. Rathkey for not inviting him to the meeting with SDC Assistant Environmental Health Manager • Clerk to write to Rugby Club about the noise disturbance.
18	<p><u>Finance Group</u></p> <p>Cllr. Cooper confirmed the next finance group meeting would be 20th October at 6.30pm.</p>
19	<p><u>Financial Matters</u></p> <p>Income receipts were noted and Cllr. Scobie proposed that all invoices be paid, seconded Cllr. A Ivens – unanimously agreed</p>
20	<p><u>Correspondence</u> – Noted. Discussion took place about the CCTV pole at the Bridge. Cllr. Cooper proposed that SDC Councillors report the Town Council views to SDC, seconded Cllr. Warner – 6 for, 4 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.</p>
	<p><u>Finale</u></p> <p>The Town Mayor noted that the next general meeting will be held on Monday 10th October, 2014 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm.</p>

The Town Mayor thanked fellow councillors, press and public for their attendance and closed the meeting to press and public at 8.50 pm in order to discuss confidential matters.

A cemetery matter of a private and confidential nature was discussed in detail. Cllr Vial proposed that the request be denied, seconded Cllr. Scobie. Vote taken, 9 for, 1 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.

The meeting finished at 9.00pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Councillor Philip Vial
Town Mayor
Shipston on Stour Town Council