

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes



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	<p><u>April 14th 2014 Minutes</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Minutes of a General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council held in Clark House, Shipston on Stour at 7.00pm on Monday 14th April, 2014</u></p> <p><u>Those Present:-</u> Town Cllrs: Cllrs V Murphy, I Cooper, M Ferrier, B Healey, A Ivens, F Ivens, P Rathkey, S Saunders, D Scobie, M Trapp, P. Vial, J Warner</p> <p>WCC: Cllr C Saint SDC: Cllrs Cheney, Kenner Press: 2 Public: 3 Guest: Dr. Pritchard</p> <p><u>Introduction</u> The Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs Veronica Murphy, welcomed Town Council members, with a special welcome to recently elected Cllr Dan Scobie, guests, the press, and the public to the March Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council.</p> <p>1 <u>Apologies for absence</u> – Cllr R Munden</p> <p>2 Cllr Warner proposed that apologies be accepted, seconded Cllr Trapp – unanimously agreed</p> <p>3 <u>Declarations of Interest</u> None received</p> <p>4 <u>Shipston as a dementia friendly town</u> Dr. Sue Pritchard of Shipston Medical Centre gave a talk on the problems associated with dementia and the three strands of the strategy to make Shipston a “Dementia Friendly Town.”</p> <p>5 <u>Previous minutes</u> 10th March – with amendments as discussed, Cllr Ivens proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 10th March be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr Ferrier – unanimously agreed 17th March – with amendments as discussed, Cllr Vial proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 17th March be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr Healey – unanimously agreed</p> <p>6 <u>Clerk’s Report</u> – additional items reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home choice plus consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question 1 – response by STC Yes – proposed Cllr F Ivens, seconded Cllr Healey – vote – 10 for 2 abstentions – motion carried • Question 2 and 3 – response by STC – Ques 2 – Yes, Ques 3 – working families in unaffordable rented private properties and young people who leave the town for further education, who return to the town to live and / or work – proposed Cllr Vial, seconded Cllr Cooper – vote – 11 for, 1 against – motion carried • Question 4 – response by STC – should be reduced to £35,000 annual income, proposed Cllr Cooper, seconded Cllr Scobie – vote – 9 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions • Anne Sankey award – following discussion Cllr Cooper proposed that subject to confirmation of agreement by the Sankey family, 10 medals should be purchased as per quotation from Fattorini at £101.65 per medal + P&P and VAT, to continue the award for a further 10 years, seconded Cllr Vial – vote – 10 for, 2 abstentions – motion carried • Survey Monkey – following discussion the Town Mayor propose that this matter be passed to Communications Group for further investigation, seconded Cllr Rathkey – unanimously agreed • Lease for Skate Park – a request from SDC to re-new the lease was discussed – Cllr Vial proposed that the matter be passed to Cllr Vial and Cllr Cooper for further investigation, seconded Cllr Cooper – vote – 11 for, 1 abstention – motion carried 	

Reports**Town Councillors**

Cllr. P Vial – attended various functions and Civic events representing the Mayor including; WCC Open Evening, planting of trees at Hawthorn Way and saw Patricia Graham on her way for the sponsored Air Ambulance 3 mile walk.

Cllr. A Ivens – monthly play area inspection and litter pick.

Cllr. I Cooper – reported that the Townsend Hall had received funds from the New Homes Bonus Scheme for a new audio system but was disappointed that the Stour Enterprise Centre was unsuccessful with their bid. Noted that the Italian Market was in Shipston on 5th May.

Cllr. S Saunders – was concerned with the delay of the Tourism web site going live.

Cllr. J Warner – reported on;

- Tree roots pushing up the tarmac in Springfield Road
- Pot holes in Tilemans Lane and Station Road
- Broken fence by the river in Mill Street

Cllr. B Healey – had received enquiries on progress with our Market Town status and thanked Cllrs Cheney and Kenner for their support with a planning application.

Cllr. F Ivens – informed council that there will be a Flood Forum Multi-Agency meeting at New Clark House on May 6th.

Cllr. V Murphy - attended various meetings, functions and Civic Events including; the Rotary Anniversary Dinner, Bowls Club Lunch, the wonderful Military Wives concert, Wool Fair Barn Dance fund raiser, tree planting at Hawthorn Way, lunch for Pensioners hosted by Shipston Lions, Circle Singers at Leamington Spa, Civic Dinner at Stratford and the monthly Saturday Surgery in the town.

County Council

Cllr. Saint – reported:

- Station Road and Tilemans Lane repairs will be included in the new budget for roads.
- Is unsure if Clark Close will be adopted, will make further enquiries.
- Coventry & Warwickshire City Deal, funding set up for a clearing house, for housing and to look at local employment prospects.
- WCC are managing the process of the improved Broadband, however Cllr Saint has concerns with the progress on the Shipston exchange which had a completion date Oct/end 2014; he will chase this matter up.
- Consultation is open until 20th June on the future of the Fire and Rescue Service; Shipston is unaffected. However, funding may be withdrawn for young fire fighters.

District Council

SDC – Cllr. Cheney – reported:

- There will be a meeting on 12th May discussing the submission of the draft core strategy, including options for major settlements.
- If Banner Homes appeal is approved there will be discussion for S106 payments.
- There will be a consultation on the Cala development at the Norgren site
- An application in the May planning for the potential London Road development.
- SDC officials are keen for S106 funding from the Hornsby Close and Stratford Road developments to go to the Medical Centre.
- £90,000, S106 funding has been awarded to the Junior School for a new kitchen following a government initiative providing school lunches to all children in infant school from Sept 2014.
- Supported both applications for New Homes Bonus funding, unfortunately this is not an annual donation.
- Concerned by the withdrawal of funding for the young fire fighters.
- Noted that SDC have an experienced survey team who may assist STC.
- Will look into the issues at Skate Park and the broken fence in Mill Street Car Park.

SDC – Cllr. Kenner – gave his report on SDC matters and issues:

- Has concerns that 106 funding is awarded to schools; should be funded by government.
- 106 funding available from Norgren development; goes to committee in May, will push for funds for Medical Centre.
- Commented on Fire and Rescue cut backs, will affect Wellesbourne service. The young fire fighters are a valued group in Shipston.
- Over a 200% increase for the cost of a permit for Telegraph Street Car Parking is to go ahead. Both Cllrs Cheney and Kenner have requested a 'call in' in relation to equality.
- Referred to a report on updated retail capacity in the district.

	<p><u>Safety Neighbourhood Team (Police)</u> PCSO Andy Steventon gave a report on recent police activity. Newsletter at: http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/your-neighbourhood/stratford-district/shipston/newsletter/</p> <p><u>Shipston Forum</u> Forum Editor reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busy month for adverts • Lead story Wool Fair <p>8 <u>Open Forum for Parishioners</u> Mr Legge asked when further markets would be added to the town's events calendar, also asking for an update on his request to publish unapproved STC minutes Mrs Kiely complained that tree roots are growing through the path at Berry Close and Berry Avenue</p> <p>9 <u>Neighbourhood Plan (NP)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Cooper went through the report, noting that the project leader Erry Lilley hoped to attend further STC meetings to give the report and answer questions on the progress of the NP. <p>10 <u>Boundary Commission Changes</u> Councillors had concerns about the warding of the town and impact of having one larger ward represented by 9 cllrs and a smaller ward which included the town centre and the older part of the town represented by 4 cllrs. Following detailed discussion Cllr Cooper proposed that STC disagree with the ward boundary, there is a need for a more even split of councillors between wards, but that STC fundamentally disagree with the decision to ward to the town in the first instance, seconded Cllr Rathkey – vote – 11 for 1 abstention – motion carried</p> <p>11 <u>Planning Matters</u> NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS – discussed at Planning Working Group meeting - <i>These applications discussed by the Planning Working Group actioned using standing order: Section 3b(xv)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14/00612/FUL – Low Furlong, Darlingscote Road – rebuild two storey care home Recommendation: Support – Improved design; social need; and employment • 14/00495/FUL – 28 Stratford Road – oak frame garage with office over Recommendation: No representation • 14/00570/FUL – 11 Watery Lane – single storey rear extension Recommendation: No representation • 14/00362/FUL – 10 Green Lane – demolition of garage, construction of new dwelling amended Recommendation: No representation <p>Cllr Vial proposed that the recommendations of PWG be agreed, seconded Cllr Cooper – unanimously agreed</p> <p>NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14/00803/FUL – 2 Greenway Close – single storey side and rear extension • 14/00875/FUL – The Stables, Stratford Road – single storey detached garage <p>Cllr Vial proposed that the recommendations of the PWG held before this meeting to respond with no representation to the two applications above be agreed, seconded Cllr Healey – unanimously agreed</p> <p>PLANNING DECISIONS BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14/00495/FUL – 28 Stratford Road – Oak framed garage with home office – application withdrawn • 13/02571/OUT – Land south of Campden Rd – Outline for 70 dwellings and assoc. - Refusal <p>DECISIONS BY PLANNING INSPECTORATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/02456/FUL – 43 London Road – demolition and erection of 6 dwellings – Appeal allowed <p>APPLICATIONS GOING TO PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13/02571/OUT – Land south of Campden Road (Banner Homes) – application denied <p>OTHER PLANNING MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree preservation order No. 687 – Former Norgren Site <p>12 <u>Sustainability Working Group</u> Cllr Vial noted the contents of the meeting of 1st April, he noted that a meeting with ASL had been arranged for 28th April.</p>	
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13	<p><u>General Purposes Working Group</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Works to sensory garden – general maintenance work will be carried out by local resident Mr Ray Luker, there is a small cost of £71.12 for items required. 2. In order to allow access to make repairs to a damaged wall at St Edmund’s Churchyard a large shrub was removed, carried out Lawns2Mow as additional maintenance. 3. Repairs to the surface at London Road Sports Club play area – quotations had been received, Cllr Ivens proposed that the group’s recommendation be accepted of a quote from Notts Sport for the various repairs and re-surfacing required at a cost of £3,856 plus VAT, seconded Cllr Healey – unanimously agreed 4. Queen’s Avenue Play Area – a variety of issues at the play area were giving cause for a concern, a meeting with the Queen’s Avenue Park Action Group will be arranged.
14	<p><u>Communications Working Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Vial proposed that standing orders be suspended in order to discuss an item not on the agenda, seconded Cllr Rathkey – unanimously agreed</p> <p>The Herald Group who deliver the Forum on behalf of STC had requested that the number of printed copies is increased by 150 per month, this will add a cost of £25/month, £312/annum, following discussion Cllr Vial proposed that the increase be accepted, seconded Cllr Cooper – unanimously agreed</p>
15	<p><u>Finance Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Cooper gave his report on behalf of the FWG, Cllr Vial asked for a progress report on the stair lift, following discussion it was generally agreed that the stair lift should be repaired at reasonable cost as soon as possible.</p> <p>Annual audit – Cllr Cooper proposed that Gillian Poole be appointed as internal auditor for the 2013/2014 annual audit, seconded Cllr Vial – unanimously agreed</p> <p>It was noted that a meeting would be arranged to discuss future markets in the town.</p>
17	<p><u>Financial Matters</u></p> <p>Cllr A Ivens proposed that all invoices be paid, seconded Cllr Cooper– unanimously agreed</p>
18	<p><u>Correspondence</u> - No matters raised</p> <p>Cllr Rathkey asked that The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs Veronica Murphy be congratulated on her year in office.</p> <p><u>Finale</u></p> <p>The Town Mayor noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday 12th May, 2014 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 to press and public at 9.50 pm in order to discuss confidential staffing matters, minutes will be recorded but not included here.</p> <p>Signed..... Date.....</p> <p>Councillor Mrs V Murphy Town Mayor Shipston on Stour Town Council</p>