

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes



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March 14th 2016 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 14th, 2016

Those Present:- Town Cllrs; J Warner, I Cooper, M Ferrier, A Henderson, F Ivens, V Murphy, K Perry, P Rathkey, S Saunders, M Westwood, P White

Stratford District Council (SDC): Cllr. J Barker

Public: 16 Press: 0 Guests: 4

Introduction

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

1 **Apologies for absence** Cllrs B Cooper and Scobie

2 **Acceptance of Apologies** Cllr. Ferrier proposed acceptance of apologies. Seconded Cllr. Murphy.
Unanimously agreed.

3a **Declarations of Interest** Cllr I Cooper declared a non pecuniary interest in Planning item 9 – 16/00601/LBC and 16/00600/FUL.

3b **Dispensations received by Clerk** None

Empty Homes Project

Sheree Johansen, Empty Properties Project Officer for SDC gave a detailed explanation on why properties stand empty, how they are identified by SDC, the impact on local communities and how they are put back into use. She said that there are 600,000 empty properties nationwide, 650 in Stratford District and 30 in Shipston.

Cala Homes – Norgren site update

Reuben Bellamy, Ian McCann and Steve Davies gave a presentation and answered questions from Councillors on the reasons behind the ceasing of work on the site. The original drainage design was a complex one to accommodate the various levels and slopes. Cala have now drawn up a new site design which will have 111 dwellings, 900m² less hard surface and will rely on gravity fed drainage instead of a pumping station. They will submit a planning application shortly and are hoping for permission by mid summer so that the first houses can be built by June 2017. The commercial unit is still being marketed and the marketing period will expire end of April. There is some interest but to date it has been mainly from buyers wishing to change the use from B1.

Previous minutes

Cllr. Perry proposed the minutes of the meeting of 8th February 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr. White – **Unanimously agreed.**

Clerk’s Report

The Clerk’s report was noted. The Mayor asked Cllr. Barker to follow up the training session for the CAT.

Reports

Town Councillors - The following reports were given:

- Cllr. Ivens said Clean for the Queen would take place first weekend in April. She thanked Lawns2Mow for their hard work during the recent flooding and Cllr. Scobie for keeping residents updated via social media.
- Cllr. Saunders noted the passing of Eric Whitehead, a former Mayor, at the age of 96.
- Cllr. I Cooper thanked all those involved in dealing with the previous week’s flooding.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. White said the photos from Lawns2Mow had been very helpful in covering the flooding on social media. • Cllr. Henderson had met with the Head teacher of the High School about the Neighbourhood Plan team giving a presentation to the School Council. He had also talked about his intention to apply for funding to improve sports facilities which are available for community use. He would like to give a presentation to STC about his plans. She noted that the fundraiser for the Beacon Fireworks had been successful. • Cllr. Murphy had attended a Civic Service at Harbury and the WALC annual briefing day. She congratulated all involved in dealing with the recent flooding. The Sports Club is holding an Open Day on 10th April. • Cllr. Warner had attended a Civic Dinner at Warwick, Afternoon Tea at the RSC and afternoon tea with Flo Harper to celebrate her 100th birthday. She thanked Cllr. Murphy for her hard work at the bingo fundraiser which raised £1071. She thanked Lawns2Mow for their hard work in dealing with the flooding. <p><u>District Council Report by Cllr. Barker</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Barker asked for photos of the recent flooding • Some Shipston residents had contacted her saying they had suffered stomach upsets following the flooding. • The Core Strategy is on target. • She will follow up the CAT training. <p>The Clerk thanked SDC for promptly clearing rubbish from the riverside car parks following the flooding. Cllr Ferrier asked whether Cllr Barker had an answer to his question about the discrepancy on housing numbers quoted by SDC and WCC. She had asked the question but not received a reply yet.</p> <p><u>SNT</u> No report this month</p> <p><u>Shipston Forum</u> The Editor said that the April edition will include some reporting on the flooding and will feature upcoming events and activities in the town. There will be a combined advert for the Annual Town Meeting and Civic Service and also a reminder to clubs to submit their reports to STC.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)</u> Cllr. Ferrier said that the winner of the questionnaire draw wishes to donate the winnings to a local charity. Cllr. Ferrier asked for suggestions. He thanked residents of Shipston for their response to the questionnaire. There were 548 replies including 3,000 individual comments. Work is ongoing to collate and categorise them into a report. NDP will make a new grant application for funding during April/May. £54.80 has been donated to each of the Mayor’s charities – Shipston Stroke Support Group & Shipston Dementia Friendly Town Project.</p> <p><u>Riverwalk</u> Cllr. Saunders said the group was now 5 in number following the recent call for volunteers.</p> <p><u>Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG)</u> No report this month.</p>	
8	<p><u>Open Forum for Parishioners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaycee Jackson asked STC to thank WCC for the road surface repairs to the Stratford Road and asked if 30mph warning roundels could be painted on the road surface. She said that the Aviva Women’s Cycling Tour would pass through Shipston on 16 June and asked if it could be publicised in the town. • Richard Jaworska of London Road outlined his objections to the proposed development at 39 London Road and asked STC to support his objection. • Peter Wilson of Church Street said that the Environment Agency had promised to remove trees along the riverside but to date it had not been done. The matter will be passed to SAFAG to follow up. • Andrew Halliday of Furlong Meadow spoke in support of Mr Jaworski’s comments about 39 London Rd. • Penny Trevoise-Clowe also spoke in support of the comments by Richard Jaworska and Andrew Halliday. • John Denny of London Road said that the objections raised by previous speakers about 39 London Road also apply to 43 London Road. 	
9	<p><u>Planning Matters</u></p> <p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS <i>Applications discussed by the PWG actioned using standing order: Section 3b(xv)</i> 16/00438/FUL – 25 Manor Lane – Single storey side and rear extension. Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. Perry. <u>Unanimously agreed</u> 16/00186/FUL – Stour Bank, Hay Meadow – Day centre (C2) to independent living (C3b). Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. Rathkey. <u>Unanimously agreed</u> 16/00555/LBC – 36 Telegraph Street – like for like replacement guttering and fascia. Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. Warner. <u>Unanimously agreed</u></p>	

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16/00347REM – 39 London Road – Access, appearance, landscape, layout and scale ref: 14/01481/OUT. Cllr. I Cooper proposed objection on the grounds that it is not materially different to a previous application that was refused. Seconded Cllr. Rathkey. **Unanimously agreed**

16/00601/LBC & 16/00600/FUL – Manor Lodge, Sheep Street – alterations to existing garage, conversion to 2 bed dwelling and shed. Cllr. Henderson proposed objection because it does not meet comply with SDC parking requirements. Seconded Cllr. Saunders. **Vote taken – 9 for, 1 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.**

PLANNING DECISIONS BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCIL

15/04518/FUL – York House, Church Street – 1-storey extension – Permission with conditions

15/04519/LBC – York House, Church Street – 1-storey extension – Consent granted with conditions

15/03617/FUL – David Hunt Lighting – retrospective installation of external duct – Permission with conditions

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT ORDER

16/00583/TEL28 – Rear of 36 Rainbow Fields, The Driftway – Install green DSLAM cabinet (for information only)

10 **Sustainability Working Group**

Cllr. Henderson gave background and further explanation to her written report. She proposed that STC approve up to £350 to pay a known planning professional to carry out a thorough investigation into the reasons why Cala Homes were permitted to remove trees and hedges from their development on the former Norgren site. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper. **Unanimously agreed**

11 **General Purposes Working Group**

Following discussion about the stair lift at New Clark House, Cllr. Ivens proposed accepting the service offered by Acorn for £435. Seconded Cllr. Warner. **Unanimously agreed.**

Cllr. Ivens reported on the Annual Allotment Meeting of 9th March. Allotment fees will increase in April 2017, she will give further details at the next council meeting. There will be an allotment competition this year.

12 **Communications Working Group**

Cllr. White proposed including a small tourism section in the Forum magazine going forward. Seconded by Cllr. Henderson. **Vote taken – 10 for, 1 abstention – motion carried.**

13 **Finance Working Group**

The written report was noted.

16 **Financial Matters**

The Town Clerk reported 9 additional payments to those listed. Cllr. Westwood proposed that invoices be paid. Seconded Cllr. White. **Unanimously agreed.**

Income received was noted.

17 **Correspondence**

Noted.

Cllr. Perry proposed closing the meeting to press and public to discuss nominations for the Shipston Award in private. Seconded Cllr. White. **Unanimously agreed.**

Finale

The Mayor noted that the next general meeting will be held on Monday 11th April, 2016 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm. The Mayor thanked fellow councillors, press and public for their attendance and closed the public part of the meeting at 9.25 pm

There followed private discussion of the nominations for the Shipston Award. The Mayor closed this part of the meeting at 9.35pm.

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Date.....

Councillor Jackie Warner

Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council