



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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	<u>October 14th 2013 Minutes</u>	Action
	<p><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 October, 2013</u></p> <p><u>Those Present:-</u> Town Councillors: Cllr V Murphy, Cllr I Cooper, Cllr B Healey, Cllr A Ivens, Cllr F Ivens, Cllr P Rathkey, Cllr M Trapp, Cllr P Vial, Cllr J Warner</p> <p>SDC: Cllrs Cheney, Kenner WCC: Cllr Saint</p> <p>Press: 1 Public: 16</p> <p><u>Introduction</u> The Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs Veronica Murphy, welcomed Town Council members, the press, and the public to the October Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council.</p>	
1	<u>Apologies for absence</u> – Cllrs Munden and Noyce	
2	Cllr Vial proposed that apologies be accepted, seconded Cllr Warner – unanimously agreed	
3	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Item 11 – Planning – Orbit application –Cllr Murphy	
4	<u>Previous minutes</u> Cllr Warner proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting with one amendment be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr Vial – vote – 8 for, 1 abstention – motion carried	
10	<u>Presentation by NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)</u> Mr Gary Hammersley gave a presentation outlining the changes to NHS clinical commissioning. Local people will be able to feed into the process of commissioning services in South Warwickshire. Cllr Cooper noted that this information would be useful for the Neighbourhood Plan. The Town Mayor thanked Mr Hammersley for a most informative presentation	
8	<u>Open Forum for Parishioners</u> Cllr Vial noted that the SDC consultation for resident parking in Telegraph Street had been extended to November 15 th . Mrs Ross-Bain spoke for the Telegraph Street residents; they had two parking permits, which was to be reduced to one. From 2002 when charges had first been introduced they had been allowed 2 permits, plus a visitor permit, a letter from SDC in 2004 confirmed the allocation. Residents cannot understand the need for the reduction; they have concerns about possible loss of value to their properties. They ask for STC support for the 9 properties affected by this change. Mr Ashby of Sheep Street noted that he was entitled to the same allocation as Telegraph Street residents, that this was not being reduced. Cllrs asked for this matter to be added to the next agenda. Richard Taylor of Shipston Educational Charity gave details of the allocation of grants to 21 applicants for support this year, a small income of £1464 had been distributed. Cllr Rathkey noted that the excellent work by the charity should be publicised in an attempt attract more funding.	

Planning Matters

- **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS –**

13/02360/OUT – Land off, London road – Outline planning

Cllr Vial invited members of the public to put forward views on this planning application:

Mr J Edwards, 27 Oldbutt Road, Vice Chair of Shipston Excelsior Football Club – gave an outline of the club's capacity he noted that the club was a focal point for the community and that the recently lost fields meant that the club had become fragmented and was using pitches at other sites around the town. He expressed support for the application as it committed the provision of two additional pitches for the club, which will return it to a single site facility. He considered that the Town Council should support the application on the grounds of the wellbeing of the town.

Mr Rose spoke in objection to the application, stating that the access to the site would be dangerous, he also considered there are too many houses; with an unsafe crossing on a fast road and that the girl guide camp would no longer be rural.

Mrs Kernohan of Furze Hill, objected to the application because the girl guide camp would no longer be rural and had concerns about that the ability of the existing infrastructure to cope with this number of housing.

Mr Ashby of Sheep Street noted that the incentive to provide facilities was at the cost of the decimation of this part of Shipston. Angela's Meadow was an exception to provide more social housing; he asked if we had already met our target to provide housing under the Core Strategy, the changes applied for would not be reversible.

Cllr Kenner spoke in support, noting that Orbit was a social land developer and that there would be a community benefit to sport, which is vital.

Cllr Cheney objected, noted that the application was completely different to Angela's Meadow and the plan was for 35% affordable and the rest for market housing. He noted the landscape issues, that it is an area of restraint and the access onto the road. Cllr Cheney stated that the pitches should be given to the club.

Cllr Saint – noted that there were highways challenges, it was an area of restraint, that the land used for Angela's Meadow had been an untidy site prior to development, he supported the Football Club's need for the pitches.

Cllr Cooper corrected Cllr Kenner's assertion that it was a social development, stating that it was a development of market houses. He was concerned that the incentive for the Sports Club to receive additional pitches could fall foul of the Bribery Act.

Cllr. Rathkey noted that the site was not one of the 8 options in the core strategy.

Cllr Rathkey proposed objection on planning grounds, area of restraint; inadequate visibility on and off A3400; girl guide camp would be adversely affected; affordable housing needs already met by other developments; concerns of flooding; seconded Cllr Cooper – **unanimously agreed** (Cllr Murphy, having declared an interest left the room during the discussion)

These variations have already been agreed at full council

13/02199/VARY – Land at, Stratford Road – Removal of condition 34 (play equipment)

13/02200/VARY – Land at, Stratford road – Variation of condition 1 & 8 – boundary features

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 3 applications discussed by Chair of Planning and TC - actioned as no rep. using standing order: Section 3b(xv)

13/02329/TREE – Park House, Church Street – G1 Crack Willow – cut back/remove limbs leaning/fallen

13/02338/TREE – St Edmund's Church, Church Street – T1 Lime – lift crown to give 3.5m clearance to ground

13/02314/FUL – 14 The Driftway – Erection of conservatory to rear using boundary wall

Cllr Vial proposed no representation, seconded Cllr Trapp – **unanimously agreed**

13/02259/FUL – The Old Mill, Mill Street – Change of use from hotel to dwelling house, demolition of flue pipe and single storey flat roof section at back of building

Cllr Vial proposed no representation, seconded Cllr Rathkey – **vote 8 for 1 abstention, motion carried**

13/02356/FUL – 19 Hawthorn Way – Dormer window to front elevation

Cllr Vial proposed no representation, seconded Cllr Murphy – **unanimously agreed**

13/02355/FUL – 8 Simpson Road – Single storey pitched roof rear extension

Cllr Vial proposed no representation, seconded Cllr A Ivens – **unanimously agreed**

13/02528/FUL – 26 Hay Meadow – First floor extension over existing garage

Cllr Vial proposed no representation, seconded Cllr Trapp – **unanimously agreed**

13/02527/FUL – 21 Sheep Street – Rear extension

13/02529/LBC – 21 Sheep Street – Kitchen, utility alterations, rear extension, roof lights,

internal alterations - Cllr Vial proposed no representation, seconded Cllr Warner – **vote 7 for 1 abstention – motion carried**

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

13/01266/FUL – 5 Springfield Close – single storey side and rear extensions and porch, loft conversion and two dormer windows to front elevation – Permission with conditions

- **OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

- Setting up a working group to investigate the possibility of the provision of a riverside walk with Landowner Mr Robert Harper – following discussion Cllr Vial proposed that a working group of: Cllrs Cooper, Vial and F Ivens be set up to discuss provision of a riverside walk, seconded Cllr A Ivens – **unanimously agreed**
- filling the vacancy made by the resignation of Cllr Jelf on Planning Working Group – following discussion Cllr Trapp proposed that Cllr Healey join PWG, seconded Cllr Warner – **unanimously agreed**
- For information the next Planning Working Group meeting will be Monday 28th October at 7.00 pm

5 **Clerk's Report** – additional items reported:

- Request by SDC for STC to consider if they wished to have polling cards for the forthcoming election on December 12th – Cllr Vial proposed that STC should fund polling cards, seconded Cllr Rathkey – **unanimously agreed**
- The clerk noted that Shipston has been chosen as a pathfinder for a new flood forum, Cllr Vial proposed that Shipston be confirmed as a member of this process, seconded Cllr Rathkey – **unanimously agreed**

6 **Closure of HSBC**

The Town Mayor noted the hard work of Mrs Brenda Broughton in lobbying to keep the Shipston branch of HSBC open. However, it has been confirmed that the branch will close in November.

7 **Reports**
Town Councillors

Cllr. Vial – reported;

- Attended QAPAG and planning meetings; a WALC training day on Planning; met with residents to discuss the Orbit development application on London Road and joined fellow councillors at a coffee morning to raise funds for Cancer Research. Cllr Vial reported on the successful Food Festival and continues to update facebook, twitter & the STC website.

Cllr. P Rathkey – reported:

- With past and current Mayor's joined the protest at HSBC hoping to overturn the decision to close the Shipston branch. Cllr Rathkey added that he had heard HSBC had sold the premises to a large retail organisation.
- Thanked Cllr Vial and all involved on the success of the Food Festival hoping that it becomes a regular event in the town's calendar.

Cllr. A Ivens – collected sandbags from SDC in preparation for the winter weather, attended GP meeting and attended coffee morning for Cancer Research; joined the monthly litter pick and completed the monthly playground inspection.

Cllr. I Cooper – reported:

- Received complaints about confusing signage around the town during the recent road resurfacing works. Residents were unsure where the temporary bus stops had been sited. Cllr Vial noted that a sign had been left at Tredington roundabout stating incorrectly that the town centre was closed during the weekend of the road works.
- The French Market, despite the terrible weather, achieved a good turnout and Cllr Cooper praised Lawns2Mow on the professional and efficient clearing of the High Street. Cllr Vial added his thanks to Lawns2Mow for their exceptional work at the Food Festival. Cllr Cooper noted that four cars were still parked in the High Street on the morning of the market, he requested if the road closure signs could be larger as some motorists had mentioned that they were not visible enough.

Cllr. J Warner – reported:

- Road markings in Station Road, Badgers Crescent and the Primary School have worn out.
- Several street lights in Railway Crescent are not working; *SDC have not adopted this area, repairs are the responsibility of the developer*
- Attended allotment and Mencap meetings, enjoyed the Food Festival and organised the coffee morning raising money for Cancer Research.
- Overgrown hedge at Badgers Crescent; *it was established that this belongs to Orbit Housing.*

Cllr. B Healey – attended GPWG, CALA and an allotment meeting. Congratulated all involved at the successful coffee morning.

Cllr. M Trapp – attended Wool Fair and CALA meetings. Congratulated Cllr. Vial and all involved on the successful Food Festival; raised over £200 for Cancer Research at the Coffee Morning. Cllr Trapp thanked the Clerk for her help with a tree problem and expressed her disappointment that due to lack of funds parking issues at The Driftway will not be resolved.

Cllr. F Ivens – reported;

- Thoroughly enjoyed the Charity Ladies Tea Party.
- Congratulated all involved with the Food Festival, also hoping this becomes an annual event.
- Joined others at the HSBC protest, disappointed that the branch will be closed.
- Attended General Purpose, Finance and allotment meetings.
- With winter fast approaching, Cllr Ivens requested if the Forum Editor could remind residents in the next edition of the Forum, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, to stock up their food cupboards.

Cllr. Murphy – reported;

- Disappointed with the confirmed closure of the HSBC and very concerned with the impact this will have on residents and small businesses in the town.
- Was proud to support Shipston Excelsior FC in the Cup Final at Stratford.
- Represented Shipston at several Civic functions; a charity quiz at L'Spa, Judiciary Service at St Mary's and a very informative day at the Guide Dog Centre.
- Meetings attended include; Community Forum, Sports Club, Banner and CALA Homes, and Wool Fair. Also attended a meeting at the Medical Centre which highlighted community care and acceptance of people suffering with dementia.
- Thoroughly enjoyed the Amateur Dramatic performance, the Arts Festival and congratulated all involved with the very successful Food Festival.
- Congratulated councillors involved with the coffee morning and was pleased with the success on the Charity Ladies Tea Party and thanked her family, the clerk and deputy clerk for their help on the day.

County Council

CC – Cllr. Saint – reported:

- Winter Gritting Service, owners are being encouraged to clear outside their own properties.
- Confusing signage around the town during the recent resurfacing of the gyratory. Hoping lessons have been learned for the future.
- A change with short breaks and social care elements of the Children's Disability Services.
- Results for councillor grants will be available soon.
- A paper for managing parking enforcement goes to Cabinet on 17/10/13 with proposals from WCC.
- HSBC claim the branch is closing due to lack of custom which was highlighted in a 5 year performance study. Customers will have to rely on Post Office banking services. Cllr Cooper noted that the poor performance could have some bearing on the results of the survey.

District Council

SDC – Cllr. Cheney – reported:

- On the resignations of Cllrs Wildish & Jelf, and thanked them for their work on the council
- Has a decision been made on the removal/replacement of the Leylandii trees on the Darlingscote Road? *TC to consult and report back*
- Residents complained that the Darlingscote Road is still flooding after heavy rain.
- New Homes Bonus Scheme; Shipston could receive up to £10,000 of £119,000 available to SDC.
- Results of his street light survey, majority voted for the lights to remain off during the night.
- Cabinet meeting regarding the new settlement at Gaydon has been delayed for 8 weeks.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will be out for consultation soon; town and parish councils who have a neighbourhood plan in place could receive up to 25% as opposed to 15% for those who do not have a plan.

SDC – Cllr. Kenner – reported:

- Congratulated all concerned on the successful Food Festival and coffee morning.
- Proposals for a regular market and riverside walk are positive for Shipston.
- ASL appeal has been adjourned.
- Supports residents of Telegraph Street who object to changes in the parking permit scheme.
- Supports Shipston Youth Club's idea of a youth club for young adults with special needs.
- Cllr. Vial thanked Cllr Kenner for his assistance at the Planning Committee.

Shipston Forum

Forum Editor reported:

- Front page – Food Fair leading to the pre-Christmas Market
- Possibly HSBC closure

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Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

- Work is progressing, the group is looking into the possibility of securing funding for a project manager to help guide and manage the process.
- There will be a promotion of NP at the Victorian Evening
- The next meeting is on 15th October, further information on the website: www.shipstonNP.org
- Letter going out to accompany the housing needs survey

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General Purposes Working Group

Cllr F Ivens gave the report on behalf of the group:

- The audit of bins is not yet completed
- It was decided to delay putting down replacement bark at Mill Street car park until spring 2014
- Re-siting of 30mph sign from Stratford Road to London Road – a new site was discussed, Cllr Warner proposed that the new site (as per WCC recommendation) be agreed, seconded Cllr Healey – **vote – 8 for 1 abstention – motion carried**
- Allotment holder meeting – Cllr F Ivens proposed that following consultation with allotment holders, the 100% rise should be reduced to a 50% rise fixed for 3 years commencing 1st July 2014, seconded Cllr Vial – **vote – 7 for, 2 abstentions – motion carried**
- A request for a grit bin at The Maldens was discussed, following discussion Cllr F Ivens proposed the purchase of a grit bin to be placed at the Maldens, seconded Cllr Murphy – **unanimously agreed**
- Three quotes had been received for repairs to the wetpour surfaces at playgrounds in the town, the group have decided to defer a decision on this until Spring 2014.

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Finance Working Group

Cllr Cooper noted that FWG had met with a market provider who had agreed to put on a pre-Christmas market on Sunday 17th November. If this is successful the group will consider putting on a monthly market.

Next FWG meeting Monday 21st October – draft precept timetable will be discussed.

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Financial Matters

Cllr Rathkey proposed that all invoices be paid, seconded Cllr Vial – **unanimously agreed**

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Correspondence

No items raised

Finale

The Town Mayor noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday 11th November, 2013 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm.

The Town Mayor thanked fellow councillors, (press and public) for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.00 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Councillor Mrs V Murphy
Town Mayor
Shipston on Stour Town Council