



# SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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## March 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 Minutes

Action

### Minutes of a General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council held in Clark House, Shipston on Stour at 7.00pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

#### Those Present:-

Town Councillors: Cllrs V Murphy, P. Vial, I Cooper, M Ferrier, B Healey, A Ivens, F. Ivens,  
P Rathkey, S Saunders, M Trapp, J Warner

Press: 0          Public: 0

#### Introduction

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs Veronica Murphy, welcomed Town Council members, the press, and the public to the additional Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council.

1 Apologies for absence – Cllr Munden

2 Cllr Vial proposed that apologies be accepted, seconded Cllr Healey – **unanimously agreed**

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Gypsy / Traveller Consultation

Cllr Vial gave an explanation of the consultation document for a Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan for the district - an intention to prepare a local Plan. It was noted that the document contained three questions.

Question One – What should the plan contain?

1. Cllr Cooper proposed that a dispersement policy throughout the district should be included, seconded Cllr Vial – **unanimously agreed**
2. Cllr Vial proposed that SDC oppose sites with no planning permission and rigorously enforce removal of illegal sites – **unanimously agreed**
3. Cllr Vial proposed that SDC should provide robust evidence that the pitch numbers identified will meet the requirements of the DCLG and the Planning Inspectorate, seconded Cllr Healey – **unanimously agreed**

Question Two – Number of plots per site

- Cllr Vial proposed that this question is best answered after consultation with the travellers / gypsies, but may include a range of pitch numbers to meet needs, with a maximum number of 15, seconded Cllr Ferrier – **vote 10 for, 1 against – motion carried**

Question Three – Criteria for assessing potential sites

- Cllr Cooper proposed the following response: that criteria 1, 2 and 3 should be regarded as irrelevant as criteria 9 clearly states that “the development and use of the site makes best use of previously developed, untidy or derelict land will not have unacceptable adverse impacts on the landscape, biodiversity or the built environment.” Sites should not be excluded if they are within criteria 1, 2 and 3, but are included in criteria 9, seconded Cllr Ferrier – **unanimously agreed**

General Comments by Shipston Town Council:

Cllr Ferrier proposed that the following additional comment should be made, seconded by Cllr Warner – **unanimously agreed**:

- STC are concerned that there is no SDC process for identifying sites and we would demand that before a list is produced Town and Parish Councils are consulted before the list is made public.
- In addition STC ask – how SDC is assessing sites using the criteria.
- STC notes that it has been consulted on this issue in the past and our comments have not been addressed, we have seen no evidence that our comments have been taken into account. We ask that SDC respond to local concerns raised.

**Finale**

The Town Mayor noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm.

The Town Mayor thanked fellow councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting public at 8.00 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Councillor Mrs V Murphy  
Town Mayor  
Shipston on Stour Town Council