



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL MAY MEETING OF SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE COMMENCING AT AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 18th MAY 2020

Present: - Town Cllrs: D. Scobie (Mayor), S. Saunders, I. Cooper, G. Kelly, P. Tesh, P. Cowley, P. Cox, F. Ivens, V. Murphy, M. Westwood, J. Dinnie (later attendance by Cllr J. Barker)

Public: 0 Press: 1 (Forum Editor) WCC & SDC: T. Harvey Clerk: A. Packer
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INTRODUCTION

Cllr Scobie, Mayor of Shipston Town Council welcomed members of the Town Council to the Annual Town Council meeting which, due to restrictions relating to COVID-19, was held via the 'Zoom' platform.

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

1.1 **Cllr Scobie proposed Council agree to allow a written Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be later signed after a verbal Declaration being made at the meeting, seconded by Cllr Cooper – unanimous – motion carried**

1.2 **Cllr Cooper proposed that in accordance with procedures the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Saunders be elected as the new Mayor, Cllr Scobie invited any other nominations - proposal seconded by Cllr Westwood – 9 for, 1 abstention – motion carried**

Cllr Scobie congratulated Cllr Saunders who then recited her Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor..

Cllr Scobie removed his Chains of Office to 'virtually hand over' to the new Mayor after which Cllr Saunders thanked Cllr Scobie for his term of office, describing him as having a steady hand on the tiller and always going the extra mile.

Cllr Scobie acknowledged what has been a challenging year as Mayor, but both a privilege and a joy. His professional year has been very busy along with his work as Chair of the Rugby Club and so, honouring the commitment made to his wife, he would be standing down from the council effective from the end of the meeting.

Cllr Saunders continued to Chair the meeting.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

2.1 **Cllr Westwood proposed Council agree to allow a written Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be later signed after a verbal declaration at the meeting, seconded by Cllr Ivens – unanimous – motion carried**

2.2 **Cllr Saunders proposed that Cllr Cooper be elected as Deputy Mayor, confirming that there were no other nominations - seconded by Cllr Westwood – 9 for, 1 abstention – motion carried**

Cllr Cooper recited his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Mayor.

- 3. Apologies for absence noted from Cllr Barker and Cllr White
- 4. No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests
- 5. No requests for dispensations received by the Clerk
- 6. 1 **Cllr. Tesh proposed that the minutes for the meeting held on 9th March 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded by Cllr. Dinnie – 9 for – 1 abstention – motion carried**
- 6.2 **Cllr. Tesh proposed that the minutes for the extraordinary meeting held on 24th March 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded by Cllr. Kelly – 5 for – 5 abstention – motion carried**

Cllr Barker joined the meeting, having been in the ‘virtual’ waiting room - apology from the Clerk.

7. The dates for meetings for the Mayoral year 2020/21 were noted.

In her closing remarks, Cllr Saunders thanked the Clerk for her extraordinary amount of work under strange circumstances, noting her confidence in the Clerk to continue to handle matters in an exemplary fashion. Cllr Saunders announced the recent death of 100 year old Harold from Low Furlong and Cllr Barker announced the death of Bill Olnier, County Councillor.

Cllr Saunders proposed to close the meeting at 7.25pm, seconded by Cllr Barker – unanimous – motion carried

Next general meeting: - Monday 8th June 2020 commencing at 7.00pm, to be held via video conference (Noting that this schedule will be subject to Government guidelines in place at that time).

Signed..... Date.....
 Councillor Sheelagh Saunders
 Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council