



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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December 8th 2014 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 8th December, 2014

Those Present:-

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

WCC: Cllr. Saint SDC: Cllr. Cheney Press: 1 Public: 5

Introduction

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Philip Vial, welcomed Town Council members, the press and the public to the December Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council.

1 Apologies for absence – Cllr. D Scobie

2 Acceptance of Apologies – Proposed by Cllr. Warner, seconded Cllr. Rathkey – unanimously agreed

3 Declarations of Interest – None

Cllr. Vial proposed that the meeting be closed to Press and Public to discuss item 17, a confidential cemetery matter, seconded Cllr. White, unanimously agreed.

4 Previous minutes

No corrections to minutes of November 10th. Cllr. Ferrier proposed the minutes of the meeting of November 10th be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr. F. Ivens – unanimously agreed

5 Clerk's Report

No report this month.

6 Reports

Town Councillors

Cllr. Warner – attended School Awards Evening and Band Concert, reported increase in size of pot holes at junction of Tilemans Lane & Station Rd – noted by Cllr. Saint.

Cllr Rathkey – attended meeting with ASL.

Cllr. A Ivens – attended litter pick, praised Band Concert.

Cllr. White – met with Tim Porter and joined the board of the 2015 Shipston Proms.

Cllr. Saunders – summarised the latest position on the Riverside Walk and said that the only feasible way to achieve it would be to buy/lease the riverbank. Cllr. Vial proposed that STC permit Cllr. Saunders to contact Town Clerk about discussing cost implications with town solicitor. Seconded Cllr. Saunders – unanimously agreed. Cllr. Saunders referred to Environment Agency's offer to include STC reasonable "wish list" in their planned work on river, she will continue discussions in this respect.

Cllr. Ferrier – attended Civic Service, had details of a public spaces protection order which he will pass to Clerk, attended meeting with Pegasus ref ASL planning proposals. They will be contacting schools and medical centre and will respond to STC with outcome

Cllr. Cooper – congratulated Rotary on Victorian Evening and asked for Clerk to write letter of thanks.

Cllr. F. Ivens – praised town band concert and reported that Victorian Evening was a success, with stall holders reporting good profits.

Cllr. Murphy – congratulated Rotary for Victorian Evening and Town band concert. Drain clearing took place after Victorian Evening. The Co-Op are supporting the re-instatement of the Heritage Centre in their building but it is still under discussion.

Cllr. Vial – attended various events as Mayor and supported Small Business Saturday in the town.

County Council Cllr. Saint

- Gave details of collaborative work being done between WCC and Warks. Fire & Rescue Service ref possibility of combining Warwickshire and Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue forces
- Informed the meeting there is a motion to have a WCC Energy Plan.

District Council

Cllr. Cheney

- Congratulated Victorian Evening.
- Core Strategy inspection process begins January 2015, earliest adoption date would be July 15.
- Housing need figures for 2011-2031 has increased from 10,800 to 11,300.
- Complaints ref. residents' parking at Station Road are to be resolved by private negotiations.
- An archaeological survey is required for the application ref. land South of Campden Road.

Questions from Councillors

- Cllr. Vial congratulated SDC on their work on fuel poverty
- Cllr Cooper said that Cllr. Kenner reported at recent planning committee that the agreement ref. football pitches had been signed and Cllr. Cooper asked when they would be handed to STC and what were the terms & conditions. Cllr. Cooper advised to seek clarification directly from Cllr. Kenner.
- Cllr. Warner reported that Orbit had been carrying out maintenance work to vacant properties in Badgers Crescent.

Shipston Forum

Forum Editor reported:

- January 2015 edition to include special feature on Neighbourhood Plan
- The town award will be featured.

Neighbourhood Plan

No report but there is a steering committee meeting later this week to discuss projects and budgets.

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Open Forum for Parishioners

- John Small asked what the process would be to name the roads on the former Norgren site and whether any consideration would be given to people who worked there and products made. Cllr. Vial advised him that there would be an item later in the meeting on the matter.

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Planning Matters

• NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14/02795/LBC – 6 High Street – Reinstate window in outbuilding, chimney and air vent – PWG

Recommendation: No representation

14/02620/VARY – Shipston High School – variation of condition 2 - PWG Recommendation: Support

14/02924/FUL – Shipston High School – provision of 8 additional car parking spaces - PWG

Recommendation: Support

For 3 applications above, Cllr Vial proposed that recommendations of PWG be accepted, seconded Cllr

Ferrier – **vote taken, unanimously agreed**

14/02897/FUL – Mount Farm, Campden Road - Demolition and build of 2 storey dwelling (14/00215/FUL), Cllr Vial explained that this was a resubmission of a previous application approved under a previous Town Council motion

14/03223/TREE - 2 Church St – T1: Yew tree/shrub; remove, replant shrubs or other suitable tree

14/03201/TPO – Shipston Primary School T1: and T2: English Oaks: 70% crown reduction

14/02589/FUL – 11 Caudlewell Drive - Conversion of existing garage & new garage within front garden

Cllr Vial proposed no representation for the above 3 applications but with an additional comment for

14/03201/TPO that STC would like the size of the reduction to be approved by SDC Tree Officer.

Seconded Cllr Ferrier. **Vote taken – 9 for, 0 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.**

• PLANNING DECISIONS BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCIL

14/02556/FUL – 7 Redwood Park – single storey extension – Permission with conditions

14/02587/FUL – Flat A, The Shambles, Market Place – sub division & conversion of existing roof space – Permission with conditions

14/02588/LBC – Flat A, The Shambles, Market Place – sub division & conversion of existing roof space – Consent with conditions

13/02360/OUT – Land off London Road – Refusal

14/02625/FUL – Shipston Sports & Social Club – demolition of 2 flat roof extensions and construction of new single storey flat roof extension, along with other minor alterations – Permission with conditions

REVIEW OF PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED APPLICATION

14/02797/FUL – 56 Church Street – retrospective permission re render to outside of house - Cllr Vial

proposed that Council review their previous decision, seconded Cllr A Ivens - **vote taken, unanimously agreed.** Cllr Vial proposed no representation, seconded Cllr Cooper – **vote taken, unanimously agreed**

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Postponed until next meeting of PWG (22Dec2014), Mr Ian Ray to discuss a proposal to set up a car wash on the car park adjacent to Tandoori Cottage.

9	<p><u>Sustainability Group</u> The report was noted. Next meeting, the group will be discussing how to approach SDC ref. S106 money.</p>
10	<p><u>General Purposes (GWP)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group's report was noted. Discussion took place about the choice of names proposed by the group for the development on the former Norgren site. Cllr. F Ivens proposed that STC accept the proposed names with one change – Harris Close instead of Harris End. Seconded Cllr. Ferrier – <u>vote – 9 for, 0 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.</u>
11	<p><u>Communications Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group's report was presented, noting that Cllr. Rathkey did attend the meeting on 17 November. Shipston Award – discussion took place on the name. Cllr. F. Ivens proposed keeping the name Ann Sankey Award, seconded Cllr. Murphy. <u>Vote taken – 4 for, 6 against, motion failed.</u> Cllr. Vial proposed the name "Shipston Award," seconded Cllr. Saunders. <u>Vote – 5 for, 1 against, 4 abstentions – motion carried.</u>
12	<p><u>Finance Working Group</u> The group's report was noted. Cllr Vial asked if the Sports Club had submitted their grant application. Answer is yes.</p>
13	<p><u>Financial Matters</u> Cllr. Vial proposed that all invoices be paid, seconded Cllr. Rathkey – <u>unanimously agreed</u></p>
14	<p><u>Correspondence</u> Item 84 (Walter Emms dangerous loads) – to be discussed at next meeting Item 86 (SHARD) discussion took place, the Town Clerk is to write to the group asking if they are interested in being involved in Neighbourhood Plan work.</p>
15	<p><u>Co-option for Councillor Vacancy</u> A question and answer session took place with Alison Henderson. A vote was taken and she was unanimously appointed. Brian Cooper sent apologies due to ill health. Cllr. Cooper proposed inviting him to attend next meeting for question and answer session. Seconded Cllr. Ferrier. <u>Vote taken, 9 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions, motion carried.</u></p>
16	<p><u>Staffing</u> Cllr. Rathkey explained that an annual pay rise has been agreed for local authority employees and that STC has followed the National Agreement for several years. Cllr. Rathkey proposed that STC continue to follow the National Pay Scales for STC employees. Seconded Cllr. Vial - <u>unanimously agreed.</u></p> <p><u>Finale</u> The Town Mayor noted that the next general meeting will be held on Monday 12th January, 201 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 8.17 pm in order to discuss confidential matters.</p>
	<p>Signed..... Date.....</p> <p>Councillor Philip Vial Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council</p>