



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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February 9th 2015 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 February 9th, 2015

Those Present:- Town Cllrs.: P Vial, B Cooper, I Cooper, M Ferrier, A Henderson, A Ivens, F Ivens, P Rathkey, S Saunders, D Scobie, J Warner, P White

WCC: Cllr Saint SDC: Cllrs. Cheney & Kenner Public: 6

Introduction

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

1 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr. V Murphy

2 **Acceptance of Apologies** – Proposed Cllr. F Ivens, seconded Cllr I Cooper - **unanimously agreed**

3 **Declarations of Interest** – none

4 **Previous minutes**

No corrections to minutes of January 12th. Cllr. Warner proposed the minutes of the meeting of January 12th be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr. Scobie – **unanimously agreed**

Cllr. Ferrier proposed the minutes of the meeting of January 26th be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper – **Vote taken – 11 for, 1 abstention – motion carried**

5 **Clerk's Report**

In addition to the written report already circulated to councillors, the following items were dealt with:

- Complaint received from resident about dog fouling of playground at Willetts Piece. Town Council to put up reminder notices that dogs are not allowed and there is a penalty fine for contravention.
- Medals for the Shipston Award have been ordered.
- S106 money for Caudlewell development has been received.
- Information from WALC about Precept.

Cllr. Vial asked that follow up letters be sent to WCC about the Portobello & Darlingscott junctions and SDC Chief Executive about CCTV.

6 **Reports**

Town Councillors

Cllrs. Warner, Rathkey & B Cooper – no report

Cllr. Henderson had been contacted by residents about uneven pavements in the Springfield Road and Furze Hill area. The matter had been dealt with by the Town Clerk.

Cllr. Scobie reported that Comic Relief had expressed an interest in filming the planned Bread Nose event in the town.

Cllr. Saunders – the search for a solicitor to advise on Riverside Walk continues. An outline of the planned project will be sent to Barcheston and Honington Parish Councils.

Cllr. White – Shipston Proms will follow similar format to last year with more emphasis on launch night. Bands to be confirmed.

Cllr. A & F Ivens attended recent litter pick. Cllr F Ivens reported that the Scouts had done a litter pick.

Cllr. I Cooper – drew attention to the uneven pavements in Darlingscote Rd following recent works there. The Town Clerk will report it to Highways.

Cllr. Ferrier – reported on the SDC Core Strategy examination days he had attended.

County Council – Cllr. Saint

- Budget set with only small changes from last year. 2% council tax rise.
- There will be a Councillor's fund this year for Highway issues. Signage in town could be addressed under this fund.
- A bid has been put into government to change all street lighting to LEDs. Reply awaited and would mean reduction in cost of street lighting.
- Attended meeting with road safety team about Portobello junction. Reports from Highways and Police awaited before further discussion and decision on any action.
- Cllr. I Cooper asked if the budget included any funding for economic development in Shipston. Cllr Saint replied yes through the enterprise partnership.
- Cllr. F Ivens asked whether the £4million paid towards street lighting changes would be refunded if the bid was unsuccessful. Cllr. Saint will check. Cllr. F Ivens also asked Cllr. Saint to chase the money for the 30mph speed activated signs on London & Stratford Roads. Cllr. Saint will follow up.

District Council

Cllr. Cheney

- Scout Hut is being assessed for use as a polling station.
- SDC budget – nil increase this year but increases likely in future years. Proposal to include extra funding for neighbourhood plans.
- In favour of action being taken at Portobello junction.
- Core Strategy examination complete and report due in March. Further consultation scheduled for June/July.
- Would prefer to see retail development at Clerkenwell House but that is not a reason to object to the planning application.
- His objection still stands regarding 68 Hawthorn Way.
- He understands that the £4million bid for street lighting LEDs will be matched.

Cllr. Kenner

- Portobello petition has been presented and the matter will be an item on WCC Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- Polling stations being considered – Sheldon Bosley Hub for Shipston South and Scout Hut for Shipston North
- Supports the retention of CCTV
- Electoral register has fallen by over 2000, fall particularly evident among 17 year olds. SDC taking action to follow up.
- If street lamps are replaced by LEDs this could be an opportunity for return of overnight street lighting.
- Amended planning application for Mount Farm should allow it to be approved.

Cllr. Rathkey explained the Town Council's position on CCTV and asked the District Councillors to emphasise at District level that the Town Council is not against the use of CCTV.

Shipston Forum

Forum Editor reported:

- Main focus of March 2015 edition will be Precept and Community Grants.
- March edition will be last one before purdah period of April & May.

Neighbourhood Plan

No verbal report but written report circulated to Councillors.

Shipston Area Flood Action Group

No report

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Open Forum for Parishioners

- Marianne Westwood had met with MP about Portobello junction and gave an update on actions being taken by the support group. She thanked the Town Council for their support.
- Roy Lancaster spoke about the amendments made to the planning application for 68 Hawthorn Way and gave reasons why he urged the Town Council to continue to object.
- David Christmas asked whether written reports used by Councillors at meetings could be made available to the public. He asked that the word "summonsed" in the Agenda introduction be changed to "summoned" as he considered this to be the correct usage. *(The Town Clerk has checked and conferred with WALC who confirm that the Agenda is a legal document which is a summons to the meeting, Councillors are therefore legally summonsed to Council Meetings, the wording will remain unchanged).*

- 8 **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
 14/03469/FUL – Clerkenwell House – Works to provide a restaurant food shop & letting rooms. Cllr. Vial explained there would be no debate because this has been discussed and a response agreed at Council Meeting on 26 January.
 14/03572/FUL – 68 Hawthorn Way – amended detail – windows. Cllr. Vial proposed continued objection on following grounds; overbearing to neighbouring property; SDC guidelines on separation distances and the 45/25 rule for assessing privacy and visual impact. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper. **unanimously agreed.**
 15/00210/FUL – 58 Hanson Avenue – 2 storey side extension. Cllr Vial proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper. **Vote taken – unanimously agreed.**
 15/00215/TREE – 6 High Street - T1 Holly move or remove and plant replacement holly tree. Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. Vial. . **Vote taken – 11 for, 1 abstention - motion carried.**
 15/00116FUL – 5 Manor Lane – Demolition & build of 2 x 2-storey side extensions. Cllr Vial proposed no representation. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper. **Vote taken – unanimously agreed.**
PLANNING DECISIONS BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCIL
 14/03343/FUL – 60 Hawthorn Way – flat roof car port – Refusal
 14/03296/FUL – 6 Queens Close – Erection of new dwelling – Permission with conditions
 14/03201/TPO – Shipston Primary School – various tree works – Consent for arboricultural work

- 9 **Lease for New Street Car Park**
 Discussion took place on the need for and cost of a lease. Cllr Ferrier proposed that the Town Council does not lease this piece of land. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper. **Vote taken – unanimously agreed**

- 10 **Government Consultation – Parish Polls**
 Cllr. Vial explained that the deadline for this item had passed so it would not be discussed at this meeting. He said that WALC and NALC have responded on behalf of local councils.

- 11 **Sustainability Working Group**
 Cllr. Ferrier proposed that Cllr. B Cooper be appointed to the Sustainability Working Group. Seconded Cllr. Vial. **Vote taken – unanimously agreed.**
 Cllr Ferrier proposed writing to the Inspector of the Core Strategy Review drawing his attention to the modification proposed by Stratford District Council in "Issues raised during the Core Strategy Examination Hearings Part 2 presented on 29/1/2015" relating to Policy AS.6 Shipston-on-Stour and the deletion of the phrase "Increase the provision of parks and gardens and amenity greenspace given the shortfall against the standard in Policy CS.24 Healthy Communities." which was made without consultation with Shipston-on-Stour Town Council, and the Council would have been opposed to its deletion if they had been consulted. Seconded Cllr. Scobie. **Vote taken – unanimously agreed**

- 12 **General Purpose Working Group**
 Cllr. F Ivens presented the designs to be considered for new signs at the town's main entrances. Following detailed discussion, Cllr. I Cooper proposed acceptance of the sign below. Seconded Cllr. F Ivens. **Vote taken – 10 for, 2 against – motion carried.**



- 13 **Communications Group**
 Cllr. White spoke about his report on the group's conclusions on a social media strategy. He explained that the use of social media would be in conjunction with the existing channels of communication. Councillors asked questions for clarification of his report.

- 14 **Finance Working Group**
 Cllr. I Cooper gave an explanation of the Finance Group's recommendations for Precept and Community Grants. Discussion took place and Cllr. Scobie proposed accepting the recommendations of the Finance Working Group in respect of Precept and Community Grants. Seconded Cllr. Henderson. **Vote taken – unanimously agreed**

15	<p>Financial Matters The Town Clerk reported 3 additional payments to those listed. Cllr. I Cooper proposed that invoices be paid. Seconded Cllr. Ferrier. <u>Vote taken, unanimously agreed.</u></p> <p>Income received was noted.</p>
16	<p>Correspondence Cllr. Vial left the Council Chamber because discussion was requested on Item 119 (Ellen Badger MIU). Cllr. Warner took the chair during the discussion. Cllr. Henderson proposed that a group of councillors (Cllrs. Henderson, Rathkey & Warner) write a further letter to the Chief Executive of South Warks NHS Trust. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper. <u>Vote taken, unanimously agreed.</u></p> <p>Cllr Vial returned to the room following the vote.</p>
17	<p>Springhill planning application It was noted that the amendment (reduce entrance width) to the earlier planning application did not materially alter the Town Council's view so the objection would stand.</p> <p>Finale The Town Mayor noted that the next general meeting will be held on Monday 9th March, 2015 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 at 8.44 pm.</p> <p>Signed..... Date.....</p> <p>Councillor Philip Vial Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council</p>