



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN NEW CLARK HOUSE, SHIPSTON ON STOUR AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 9th JULY 2018

Present: - Town Cllrs: I C Cooper (Town Mayor), B Cooper, M Ferrier, B Healey, F Ivens, V Murphy, P Rathkey, S Saunders, J. Warner, M Westwood, P White.

Public: 5 Press: 0 WCC / SDC: 0 Clerks: GB Guests: 1

INTRODUCTION

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Ian Cooper, welcomed Town Council members, press and public to the July Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council (STC).

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs, Henderson and Scobie
- 2 **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES**
Cllr. Warner proposed acceptance of apologies, seconded Cllr. Murphy - 10 for, 1 abstentions – motion carried
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – none
- 4 **DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED BY CLERK** - none
- 5 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF 11th JUNE 2018**
Cllr. Ivens proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record – seconded Cllr. Murphy – vote, 7 for, 4 abstentions – motion carried
- 6 **CLERK'S REPORT**
 - Request from Rainbows to use the Little Rec and close part of car park for their event on 1st September,
Cllr Cooper proposed that the request be granted, seconded Cllr White – unanimously agreed
- 7 **REPORTS**
 - 7.1 **Town Councillors**
 - Cllr Saunders apologised for her absence in recent months.
 - Cllr. Westwood noted that she was happy that Cllr Saunders was back, she had attended a coffee morning with a Community Awareness group from North Cotswolds, who support families in crisis, both financially and with counselling and other services. Reported that residents at Angela's Meadow were unhappy about lorries accessing the adjacent Orbit site via their road, the speed of the lorries has given concern for child safety.
 - Cllr Ivens congratulated the Proms committee on their fantastic fortnight of musical events.
 - Cllr Healey agreed that the Proms had been superb, he congratulated the NHS on its 70th Birthday. He reported that a section of road had collapsed by the Cala Development at Campden Road and also by the car wash on the corner of Green Lane and Campden Road. He asked about the reasons why a brick wall at Rainbow Farm on Station Road was taped off. *Cllr Saunders noted that a solution would be to make the road one-way.*
 - Cllr Murphy also congratulated the Proms on their successful two-week music festival. She was concerned that a bus from Banbury to Shipston had not turned up leaving a number of passengers stranded.
 - The Town Mayor had enjoyed the fabulous fortnight put on by the Proms and asked for a letter of congratulation to be sent to the Chairman. He asked for the reasons that the Breast Screening facility had not been hosted by the Ellen Badger this year, the Clerk reported that Sally Green, Community Matron with responsibility for the Ellen Badger, had stated that this was due to building works, which had limited space in the area usually set aside for the unit.

7.2 County & District Council

& • Cllr Saint unable to attend meeting due to ill health

7.3 • Cllr J Barker unable to attend meeting

7.4 **SNT Report** – no report this month

7.5 **Shipston Forum** – the front page of the August issue will be about the new building at the High School and the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. The centre pages will be a feature on the Proms fortnight. The back page will be a full-page advert for the Flower Show.

7.6 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Town Design Statement (TDS)

The NP reports was noted, no TDS report. Cllr. B Cooper referred to draft leaflets and fliers to be distributed in the run up to the referendum on Thursday 6th September.

7.7 Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG)

We are making good progress towards completion of the Natural Flood Management project on Kneebrook and by end August should have installed around 300 interventions - dams, ponds etc. We will be working on Pigbrook in early September.

Funding has been applied for to carry out works around the rest of the catchment (Nethercote Brook through Long Compton and Sutton Brook/upper Stour from Brailes down through Stourton and Cherington) starting early 2019. The Group hosted 11 Environment Agency Managers on June 25th for a visit and on July 20th there will be another with some very senior and influential EA people including 3 Board Members.

It's fair to say that Shipston is very much on the map as far as flood risk and alleviation plans are concerned.

8 Open Forum for Parishioners

Four residents all of Oldbutt Road raised concerns about the impact of a path across the open space on their road:

- Jem Raisin raised concerns on agenda item 10.6, noting that residents did not want a footpath across the open space in the estate, he asked STC not to install a footpath.
- Mark Beaumont was concerned about the impact of future residents from the Crest Nicholson estate crossing the children's play area.
- Jeff Walker was concerned by the threat of flood from the culvert that was constantly flooded.
- Richard Sampson stated that residents had resisted the development of the land adjacent, but now feared that they would lose the tranquillity they currently enjoy from the open space.

9 **PLANNING MATTERS** – all planning applications can be viewed at: <https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/>

Planning applications - These applications discussed by the PWG actioned using standing order: Section 3b(xv)

- DISCN/00223/18 – Land off London Road (Orbit site) – 3 materials (Cotswold Stone only) – Cllr B Cooper proposed support for the application, seconded Cllr Ferrier – **unanimously agreed**

New Planning applications

- 18/01816/LBC – 5 The Cedars, Telegraph Street – take down and rebuild part of boundary wall of garden

Planning decisions by district or county council

- 18/01294/TREE – 21a Sheep Street – T1 Plum – Fell – Consent with conditions
- 17/03695/REM – land north of Campden Road erection of 143 dwellings reserved matters – approved
- 18/00425/FUL – Sheldon Bosley Hub erect single storey building for nursery – permission with conditions

Planning applications going to committee

- 18/00425/FUL – Sheldon Bosley Hub, Pittway Ave – modular building as nursery – approved with key condition

10 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

10.1 Request for STC to adopt SUDS ponds at the CALA (former Norgren) site.

10.2 Request for STC to adopt SUDS ponds at the Orbit site on the London Road.

10.3 **Recommendation:** Cllr B Cooper proposed that as a matter of principle to cover all future developments, including the two sites listed in items 10.1 and 10.2 above, STC will not adopt the SUDS solutions at any development, seconded Cllr Ferrier – **unanimously agreed**

10.4 Green space behind New Street – following discussion Cllr B Cooper proposed that the legal advice and clarification on notices concerning no legal right to access be taken, seconded Cllr Ferrier – **unanimously agreed**

- 10.5** Land at the Ridgeway (17/02741/FUL) it was explained that the removal of a tree at the boundary of the site, already subject planning consent to be removed under the Orbit site application, Cllr B Cooper proposed that the STC objection be removed, seconded Cllr Ferrier – **unanimously agreed**
- 10.5** The Loft, Church St (18/01465/TREE) – to fell Lime tree – it was noted that this application has been withdrawn
- 10.6** Deed of Easement and proposed footpath - both affecting the green space at Oldbutt Road. Further developments-consider PWG recommendations. Cllr B Cooper gave an explanation of a possible solution to the problems associated with the installation of a sewer and considerations for a path linking Oldbutt Road to the new estate via the open space. PWG notes and recommendations available within July Agenda Pack online at: <https://www.shipstontowncouncil.org/agenda.html>.
- Vote 3** Following discussion Cllr B Cooper proposed that STC support the creation of a self-closing gate, with appropriate fencing, effectively linking the 2 sites, without the provision of a formal footpath. A meeting with Crest Nicholson will be necessary to action as required, seconded Cllr Ferrier – **vote – 7 for, 3 against, 1 abstention – motion carried**
- Vote 2** A second proposal was put forward by Cllr I Cooper that any gate installed should be lockable and that no path should be installed, seconded Cllr Ferrier, **vote – 4 for, 7 against – motion failed**
- Vote 1** A third proposal was put forward by Cllr Healey that a suitable gate and path should be installed to permanently link the two sites, no seconder – **motion failed**
- 10.7** Thirst Edition (Micro Pub) – following discussion, councillors were concerned about the negative impact of noise and cigarette smoke to neighbours, Cllr Ferrier proposed that STC support the installation of two fixed benches to the front of the premises, seconded Cllr B Cooper – vote – 2 for, 7 against, 2 abstentions – **motion failed**
- 10.8** 17/02741/FUL-Land at the Ridgeway – Communication from the Case Officer about the housing tenures and last housing needs survey – Cllr Ferrier proposed that the draft response (copy available within July Agenda Pack, online at: <https://www.shipstontowncouncil.org/agenda.html>) be sent to the case officer, seconded Cllr B Cooper, **unanimously agreed**

11 GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP (GPWG)

Cllr Ivens gave a verbal report.

- The Cemetery, Grounds Maintenance and Cleansing Contracts will be advertised in the next Forum, applications should be in by end August, the new 3-year contract will run from 1st November 2018.
- The annual allotment judging has taken place, the judge noted that the standard was higher than last year.

12 HEALTH, AMENITY AND LEISURE PROJECTS (HALP) WORKING GROUP

Cllr Westwood noted that the pre-application for funding from the Heritage Lottery had been submitted, it will take approximately six weeks for a response. Fingers crossed it will be favourable.

13 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP (CWG) – verbal report from Chair Cllr Peter White:

14 FINANCE WORKING GROUP (FWG) – no report this month

15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Invoices payable: **Cllr Ferrier proposed that invoices be paid. Seconded Cllr B Cooper – unanimously agreed**
Income received was noted.

16 CORRESPONDENCE – noted

The Town Mayor thanked press and public for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Next meeting: - Monday 13th August 2018 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm

Signed..... Date.....

Councillor Ian Cooper, Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council