



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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March 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 March 9th, 2015

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

WCC: Cllr Saint SDC: Cllrs. Cheney & Kenner Public: 7

Introduction

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

1 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr. S Saunders

2 **Acceptance of Apologies** – Proposed Cllr. Ferrier, seconded Cllr Warner - **unanimously agreed**

3 **Declarations of Interest** – none

4 **Previous minutes**

No corrections to minutes of February 9th. Cllr. I Cooper proposed the minutes of the meeting of February 9th be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr. Ferrier – **unanimously agreed**

No corrections to minutes of February 23rd. Cllr. A Ivens proposed the minutes of the meeting of February 23rd be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr. Warner – **Vote taken – 10 for, 2 abstentions – motion carried**

5 **Clerk's Report**

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

- Update on 2015 Town Council elections procedure.
- Sports Club lease is ready to be signed, Clerk will chase solicitor for urgent completion of this and the Skate Park lease
- Cllrs. Henderson & Saunders would like to attend the "Shape the High Street" event
- Civic Service on 19th April – replies due by 31st March
- Requested reports from councillors for Annual Town Meeting by 31st March
- U3A request requesting Council support for them making a request to building owners in the Bury to put up a noticeboard. Consensus from the Council to support.
- Dementia Workshop proposed for 4th June.
- A complaint has been received and the Clerk will work through Council procedure to address it.
- Update on a claim by a resident that subsidence to their property is caused by a hedge owned by the Town Council is being addressed. Hedge is to be removed but this will be delayed because birds are nesting. The Clerk will inform the resident.

Cllr. Rathkey requested that a reply be sent to the letter received from SDC Chief Executive about CCTV. Cllr Scobie proposed that the Clerk and Mayor draft and send a letter of reply. Seconded Cllr. Rathkey.

Unanimously agreed.

Discussion took place about reclaiming VAT on work the Sports Club will undertake in its refurbishment. The Clerk will contact HMRC for clarification.

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| 6 | <p>Reports</p> <p><u>Town Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllrs. White, Rathkey & I Cooper – no report</p> <p>Cllr. Henderson attended the Planning Committee Meeting on 6 March ref 68 Hawthorn Way application. Reported that an item is to be presented to Council shortly from the Shipston Educational Trust</p> <p>Cllr. Scobie reported there will be a parking suspension in the High St on 14th March because of the Bread Nose event in the town.</p> <p>Cllr. A & F Ivens attended recent litter pick</p> <p>Cllr. Warner – a resident of Springfield Rd had reported that the uneven pavement surfaces had been marked by Highways in preparation to be repaired.</p> <p>Cllr. Murphy – will be attending next Sports Club meeting and will report back to Council.</p> <p>Cllr. B Cooper reported the pot hole in New St car park.</p> <p>Cllr. Ferrier – gave a report on the ASL plan B appeal he had attended.</p> <p><u>County Council – Cllr. Saint</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talked about the revised County Cllr. Budget and improvements he will apply for – signage at Horseshoe Junction, Gyratory to clarify one way direction, Portobello • Installation of Vehicle Activated signs is overdue, should be shortly after 1st April. <p><u>District Council</u></p> <p>Cllr. Kenner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomes the outcome of the ASL appeal • Will be requesting a formal meeting with WCC on the Portobello junction • Reported that £1.6 million had been spent on planning appeals since introduction of NPPF. • S106 might be amended to remove affordable housing element • Springhill planning application going to committee shortly. Cllr. Kenner will support. • Attended meeting with Cllr. Cheney about Scout Hut being used as polling station • Encouraged support for Neighbourhood Plan. <p>Cllr. Cheney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended ASL appeal enquiry. • Spoke in support of Neighbourhood Plan. • Talked about a plan for National Young Firefighters Association to support county fire services in supporting YFF schemes. <p>Cllr. Cooper re-stated that the Town Council had opposed the ASL application. Cllr. Kenner replied with detail about the community benefits from the application.</p> <p>Cllr F Ivens asked for further details about the National YFF Association plan. Cllrs. Kenner & Cheney answered.</p> <p><u>Shipston Forum</u></p> <p>Forum Editor reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main focus of April 2015 edition will be ASL decision and possibly sustainability. • Elections, including details of warding will be included. • County & District Councillor columns will be removed during purdah period. <p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>No verbal report but written report circulated to Councillors and noted.</p> <p><u>Riverside Walk</u></p> <p>Cllr. Henderson gave a report. The walk is a third of a kilometre. Three out of five solicitors have submitted quotes. A possible extension to the walk has been identified. They are considering a Facebook page to promote it. There will be an article in the Forum asking for volunteers.</p> |
| 7 | <p><u>Open Forum for Parishioners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guy Legge expressed his objection to councillors attending Buckingham Palace garden party. • Stephen Miles said that he was happy to answer any questions arising during item 8 of the Agenda (Neighbourhood Plan). |
| 8 | <p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>Concerns were raised about the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. Following detailed discussion about the need for such a plan and whether to continue to support it, Cllr. Vial proposed that Cllr. Ferrier be made Chair of the Steering Group and Cllr. B Cooper joining the Steering Group. Seconded Cllr. Henderson.</p> <p><u>Vote taken – 9 for, 2 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.</u></p> <p>The Steering Group is to produce terms of reference and a monthly progress report.</p> |

9 **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
Cllr. Ferrier thanked Cllr. Henderson for representing the Town Council at the recent planning committee meeting.
 15/00345/FUL – 11 Oldbutt Road – single storey side & rear extension. Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation, seconded Cllr. Scobie – **vote taken, 12 for, 0 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.**
 15/00116/FUL – 5 Manor Lane – demolition of existing flat roof, build 2 two storey side extensions. Deadline for consultation had passed therefore no discussion.
 14/02897/FUL – Mount Farm, Campden Road – re-submission of 14/00215/FUL change from local needs, to consider as open market property, plus amended design for proposed dwelling – request for further observations only. Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation, seconded Cllr. Vial – **vote taken, unanimously agreed.**
 15/00021/FUL – 32 Furze Hill Road – extension – this application has been withdrawn

PLANNING DECISIONS BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCIL

None received

PLANNING APPLICATIONS GOING TO COMMITTEE

14/03572/FUL – 68 Hawthorn Way – extension – SDC Recommendation to grant. Approved at committee

10 **Sustainability Working Group**

Cllrs. Ferrier & B Cooper have had preliminary discussions with ASL about their proposed plans. Discussion took place amongst Councillors about whether it would be advisable to continue discussions with ASL in the light of their successful appeal. Cllr. Vial proposed Cllrs B Cooper and Ferrier commence “without prejudice” discussions with ASL to establish how STC can work with them to negotiate the detail of the future of the site. Seconded Cllr. Ferrier. Vote taken, 8 for, 3 against, 1 abstention – motion carried.

11 **General Purpose Working Group**

GPWG will work on an action plan for the Cemetery Lodge and report at a future meeting. Cllr F Ivens said that this was a sensitive area and Cllr. Vial requested that discussion be kept amongst members of STC only.

A proposal will be presented at the next meeting, for a campaign against dog fouling in the town.

12 **Communications Group**

Feedback on the social media questionnaire should be available for the next meeting. Cllr. I Cooper will circulate notes from the recent WALC annual briefing day on the use of Social Media.

13 **Finance Working Group**

There was discussion on the way forward for the introduction of regular markets in the town. Cllr. Scobie proposed a Working Group be set up for markets, seconded Cllr. Henderson. **Vote taken, unanimously agreed.**

14 **Financial Matters**

The Town Clerk reported 1 additional payment to those listed. Cllr. Vial proposed that invoices be paid. Seconded Cllr. Ferrier. **Vote taken, unanimously agreed.**

Income received was noted.

15 **Correspondence**

Correspondence was noted and letter 135 will be added to next agenda.

Finale

The Town Mayor noted that the next general meeting will be held on Monday 13th April, 2015 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm.

The Town Mayor thanked fellow councillors, press and public for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

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

Councillor Philip Vial
 Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council