



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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November 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 November 9th, 2015

Those Present:- Town Cllrs; J Warner, B Cooper, I Cooper, M Ferrier, F Ivens, V Murphy, K Perry, P Rathkey, S Saunders, P White

Warwickshire County Council (WCC): Cllr. C Saint

Stratford District Council (SDC): Cllr. C Saint

Public: 3

Press: 1

Introduction

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Jackie Warner welcomed Town Council members, press and public to the November Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council (STC).

1 **Apologies for absence** Cllrs. Henderson, Scobie, Westwood

2 **Acceptance of Apologies** Proposed Cllr. Murphy, seconded Cllr. Rathkey. **Unanimously agreed**

3a **Declarations of Interest** None

4 **Dispensations received by Clerk** None

Previous minutes

There were no amendments to the minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2015. Cllr. Murphy proposed the minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Cllr. Ferrier – **9 for, 1 abstention – motion carried.**

Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was noted. In addition the following items were presented:

- Local Council Award Scheme - the Clerk asked Councillors to let her know the level they wished to apply for.
- Cllr. Murphy asked for an update on SDC's computer access terminal at New Clark House – the Clerk replied that the equipment has not yet been replaced.

Reports

Town Councillors - The following reports were given:

- Cllr. Murphy had attended the Warwick District Remembers event. She congratulated Shipston Royal British Legion on their remembrance service on 8th November.
- Cllr. Rathkey thanked the Shipston Educational Charity for their work supporting young people in the town to develop their education.
- Cllr. White reported on Shipston Proms recent AGM and said that some bands had been secured for the final night of 2016 Proms.
- Cllr. B Cooper reported that Tesco are planning to sell the Pettiphers site and lease it back in the long term.
- Cllr. Ivens congratulated Shipston Royal British Legion on their remembrance service on 8th November.
- Cllr. Warner said she was proud to be part of the remembrance service on 8th November. She will be holding a street surgery on 14th November. She thanked Cllr Murphy for attending Warwick District Remembers. She is regularly attending the meetings of the Dementia Group and they have received much support as a result of their recent display in the Post Office. She apologised for not having given Cllr. Saint the opportunity to deliver his report last month.

County Council Report by Cllr. Saint

- He is working closely with Highways on the new signage for the Gyrotory
- Had received several representations about the replacement street lighting on Darlingscote Rd. The issue lies with Central Networks and they have up to 5 weeks to connect the power. He intends to table a question about it.
- No further news on the development fund grants
- He will follow up the replacement of the customer access terminal at New Clark House.

District Council Report by Cllr Saint

Cllr. Saint spoke about the process for implementing SDC Core Strategy and said that SDC are hoping for it to be approved by Summer 2016.

Questions from councillors:

- Cllr. Rathkey asked how many Councils had adopted a Core Strategy so far and to what degree the delay in SDC adopting theirs was their responsibility. Cllr. Saint replied approximately 60% and that he was disappointed that the highly bureaucratic procedure resulted in such a lengthy process.
- Cllr. I Cooper asked to whom representation should be made about the continued poor mobile signal in the town despite the extension of a mobile mast in the vicinity. Cllr. Saint replied to contract your provider.
- Cllr. Ferrier asked what the cost was of the Orbit London Rd Appeal. Cllr. Saint did not know.
- Cllr. Warner said the area around Cripplegate floods in wet conditions. Cllr. Saint advised it was a matter for Highways

Shipston Forum

The Editor reported that the front page for the December edition will focus on the acts of Remembrance in the town and the Neighbourhood Plan Open Day.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The date by which the grant has to be used has been extended until 29/3/16. Cllr. B Cooper invited all councillors to the Open Day on 12 December between 11.30 am - 4.00 pm. He explained what would be on display, how it would be advertised and that topic heads would be present to answer questions. All returned feedback questionnaires will be entered into a prize draw.

Riverwalk

Cllr. Saunders said the group are in discussion about possible options for developing the land by the Old Mill as an accessible open area for parishioners and visitors. Cllr. Saint said that SDC does own the land and they will be in touch with the clerk to discuss a scheme on how to manage it.

8 **Open Forum for Parishioners**

Richard Taylor gave details of the Shipston Education Charity Grant for 2015. £1820 was distributed to 13 applicants, amounts varying between £165 and £100.

9 **Street Naming for the new development at Springhill on Stratford Road**

Cllr. Perry proposed Springhill Close, seconded Cllr. Murphy. **8 for, 2 abstentions – motion carried.**

10 **Planning Matters**

New Planning Applications - *These applications discussed by the Planning Working Group actioned using standing order: Section 3b(xv)*

15/03670/FUL – 1 Manor Lane – Extensions and alterations to increase roof height to create 1st floor.

Recommendation – no representation

15/03377/FUL – Shipston Ind. Estate, Darlingscote Road – extension to existing industrial premises.

Recommendation – support – due to increase in employment and vitality of town

15/03523/AGNOT – Land at Manor Farm Rd between Willington / Barcheston – General purpose farm building for storage. Recommendation – as STC is not a statutory consultee to this – take no further action

Cllr. Ferrier proposed that the above 3 applications would be taken as a single resolution which was to accept the recommendations of the planning working group. Seconded Cllr. Warner. **Unanimously agreed**

New planning applications

15/03592/LDE – 28A Church Street – Confirmation used as separate dwelling Class C3. Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation, seconded Cllr. Rathkey. **Unanimously agreed**

15/03620/VARY – 2-4 Market Place – Variation to condition 2 (14/03469/FUL).

15/03795/VARY – 2-4 Market Place – Variation to condition 2 (14/03470/LBC)

For the 2 applications above, Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation, seconded Cllr. Murphy. **Unanimously agreed**

15/03822/FUL – George Hotel, High Street – removal of flue to rear pitched roof and other changes

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For the 2 applications above, Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation, seconded Cllr. I Cooper. **Unanimously agreed**

15/03831/FUL - 4 Greenway Road – two storey side extension. Cllr. Ferrier proposed no representation, seconded Cllr. B Cooper. **Unanimously agreed**

Planning applications / amended or additional details (for information only)

15/03124/FUL – Stour Bank, Hay Meadow – amended details

15/03627/TEL28 – Watery Lane – Electronic communications apparatus

Planning decisions by district or county council

15/03427/LDP – The Stables, Stratford Road – addition of 16 solar panels to roof – Certified permitted dev.

15/02435/REM – Springhill, Stratford Road – access, landscape etc. – Approval

15/02798/LBC – George Hotel, High Street – Internal and external alterations – Consent granted with conditions
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15/93681/LBP – York House, Church Street – replace conservatory – Refusal of Cert. of Lawfulness of proposed works

Planning inspectorate – appeal decision

APP/J3720/W/15/3007063 – Land off London Road (Orbit) – Appeal allowed

11 **Town Council Policies**

Cllr. Warner proposed acceptance of the Town Council H&S Policy. Seconded Cllr. Ferrier. **Unanimously agreed**

Cllr. Perry proposed acceptance of the Town Council Publication Scheme. Seconded Cllr. I Cooper.

Unanimously agreed

12 **Sustainability Working Group**

There was no report this month.

13 **General Purposes Working Group**

Cllr. Ivens gave a verbal report. She attended the recent Allotment Forum meeting, an additional water trough was requested for New St allotments. She and the Clerk completed the Town Council role in the Shipston Flood Resilience plan compiled by SAFAG. She thanked 2 residents of Keetley Close for the work they voluntarily undertook to clear, dig and replant Willetts Piece.

14 **Communications Working Group**

The written report was noted.

15 **Finance Working Group**

The written report was noted. Cllr. I Cooper said the Precept would be discussed at the next meeting on 16 November and asked councillors to supply their wish lists for consideration.

16 **Financial Matters**

The Town Clerk reported 4 additional payments to those listed. Cllr. Perry proposed that invoices be paid. Seconded Cllr. Murphy. **Unanimously agreed.**

Income received was noted.

17 **Correspondence**

Noted. The Clerk is to follow up the complaint about gravel spilling onto pavement from Vet’s car park.

Finale

The Mayor noted that the next general meeting will be held on Monday 14th December, 2015 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm.

The Mayor thanked fellow councillors, press and public for their attendance. Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Councillor Jackie Warner

Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council