



# SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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<u>December 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 Minutes</u>	Action
<p data-bbox="338 680 1161 779" style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Minutes of the Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council held in Clark House, Shipston on Stour at 7.00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2009</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="197 893 424 925"><b><u>Those Present:-</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="197 927 1042 1064">Town Councillors: Cllr. A. Noyce (Town Mayor), Cllr. I.C.Cooper, Cllr.Mrs.D.Courtney, Cllr. Mrs. A. Henderson, Cllr. Mrs. F. Ivens, Cllr. Mrs. J. Peace, Cllr. K. Peacock, Cllr.P.Rathkey, Cllr. P. Vial, Cllr. Mrs. J. Warner, Cllr. S. Welch, Cllr. R. White</p> <p data-bbox="197 1104 647 1135">District Councillor: Cllr. R. Cheney</p> <p data-bbox="197 1137 616 1169">County Councillor: Cllr. C. Saint</p> <p data-bbox="197 1205 603 1236">Press: 2 members of the press</p> <p data-bbox="197 1238 312 1270">Public: 7</p> <p data-bbox="197 1339 373 1370"><b><u>Introduction</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="197 1373 1302 1435">The Town Mayor, Cllr.A.H.Noyce, welcomed Town Council members, the press, and the public to the November Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council.</p> <p data-bbox="197 1505 520 1536"><b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="197 1538 770 1601">Apologies for Absence were received from:- Cllr. Mrs. P. White</p> <p data-bbox="197 1641 552 1673"><b><u>Acceptance of Apologies</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="197 1675 1233 1738">Proposed by Cllr. Warner, seconded by Cllr. Henderson to accept apologies for absence - <b>unanimously accepted.</b></p> <p data-bbox="197 1778 528 1809"><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="197 1812 1070 1874">The following Cllrs. Declared an Interest on agenda items:- Cllr. A. Noyce – Item 9 – Shipston Town Management Partnership</p> <p data-bbox="197 1915 445 1946"><b><u>Previous Minutes</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="197 1948 1264 2040">It was proposed by Cllr. Rathkey and seconded by Cllr. Courtney that the minutes of meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November be accepted as a true record – <b>this motion was unanimously agreed</b></p>	

**Reports:**  
**Town Councillors**

**Cllr. Henderson** – raised an issue with the Bus Stop in Church Street. A resident, living next to the bus stop complained about its position outside his house, this was causing distress due to bus passengers being intrusive, leaning on windows and causing cracks, as well as dropping litter whilst waiting for buses. The Mayor commented that the bus stop had always been outside the Red Lion, which had been commercial premises until 2006. Cllr. Henderson asked that this matter be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr. Henderson noted that the website was still not fully functional. Finally Cllr. Henderson passed around packs of Wool Fair cards on sale for £4 per pack.

**Cllr. Vial** - Attended Transition Shipston meeting and noted that they had received funding from SDC for their proposed Summer fair. He added that a candlelit vigil had taken place at St. Edmund's on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December to support the Copenhagen conference on Climate Change

**Cllr. Cooper** - Gave information on shelters for young people to General Purposes working group. Cllr. Cooper suggested that the search for a new vehicle for the town gardeners should include the possibility of an electric vehicle.

**Cllr. Pearce** - Had attended a number of meetings concerning activities for the elderly and would be looking at putting some of the options in place for Shipston residents. Cllr. Pearce commented that the ex-SDC offices in Telegraph Street have been boarded up and looks terrible.

**Cllr. Warner** – raised the issue parking on the Driftway which is causing congestion. The proprietor of Stour Valley Components had complained that the Christmas lights did not extend as far as his premises as in previous years.

**Cllr. Ivens** – Had been attended a reception at the High School and met the Ofsted inspector, she commented that it had been a lovely occasion which had shown the school in a wonderful light.

**Cllr. Rathkey** – Attended the High School Working Party to discuss the provision of a 6<sup>th</sup> form, it had been attended by 4 students, the project was to be named the "Big Idea" and they were considering benchmarking against other local schools with 6<sup>th</sup> forms by looking at the range of courses. Cllr. Rathkey asked for ideas from Cllrs and examples of places with 6<sup>th</sup> forms, the next meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Cllr. Welch** - Reported that the New Street allotment fence had been completed and that a letter of thanks had been received from an allotment holder. He attended part two of the Chairman's course.

**SDC – Cllr. Cheney** – stated that he supported the STMP proposal to take over the Telegraph Street Office and that it would be discussed the Cabinet meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> January. The map from the Telegraph Street office is currently at Elizabeth House, but will be returned if the building is taken over by STMP. He commented that the Bus Stop in Church Street is a WCC matter, that there had been a proposal by WCC to alter the bus stop at the Plantation to ease traffic problems, he continued that parking on the bus stop in the High Street continues to be a problem and that STC should email parking services to complain, asking that parking restrictions be more rigorously enforced. Cllr. Cheney reported that a new collection timetable has been published, there were some changes to collection dates over the Christmas period and that Christmas trees could be put in the green bins or taken to the depot, Christmas cards could be re-cycled in the blue bins, also there is a new recycling list available from 1<sup>st</sup> December. Cllr. Cheney stated that he had voted against the Long Marston plan, but that the vote had gone ahead by a majority of 1.

**WCC – Cllr. Saint** – had no pressing issues to report. WCC are currently looking at budget issues and waiting for housing numbers from the Secretary of State. He stated that he had also voted against the Long Marston Development, commenting that the area needs smaller developments to meet local needs. The current focus is on community safety and drainage. Adult services and the housing team are looking at ways to adapt homes so that older people can remain in their home.

**Forum Editor:**

The editor announced that the town maps were no in place and the plaques and sheep sculpture were almost ready to be installed, he is expecting a press launch in January.

The High School have been judged as “good” in a recent Ofsted Inspection.

The Mill will be re-opening by the end of January as a “fine dining” restaurant.

A recent press release from SDC reports that the public toilets in Telegraph Street have received a 5 star rating.

**Shipston Town Management Partnership (STMP)** – reported a good response to the questionnaire about markets. The Flood Defence Fair did not receive funding from SDC, seeking sponsorship from AXA Insurance and two local building suppliers. To date, two bookings have been received from exhibitors. Stacy Smith has agreed that the provision of a PA system would be appropriate for S106 funding. STMP has lobbied all councillors for support in the request to take over the management of the Telegraph Street office from SDC, the next meeting concerning this matter is 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**Open Forum for Parishioners**

No matters were raised by members of the public.

**Planning Matters**

**New planning applications to be considered:**

09/02373/FUL – 42 Telegraph Street – Proposed dormer window – **make no representation**

**Planning decisions by District or County Council:**

09/001770/FUL – 34 Callaways Road – Permission with conditions

09/01451/FUL – 13 Furze Hill Road – Permission with conditions

09/01693/FUL – Land to rear of the Bakery, off Telegraph Street – Permission with conditions

09/01694/DEM – Land to rear of the Baker, off Telegraph Street – Consent with conditions

09/01475/FUL – Westlea, 38 Darlingscote Road – Permission with conditions

09/01966/FUL – 11 Clark Close – Permission with conditions

**STMP – The Black Shed at the Sports Club**

Cllr. Welch introduced a request from STMP concerning the replacement of the Black Shed at the Sports Club, he outlined the two proposals; a larger building which could be shared by STC and a smaller shed that would only be used by the Sports Club. He stated that STC needed to decide whether to replace the shed or not.

Cllr. Pearce stated that she would prefer this matter to be deferred, that it should go before the finance and general purposes working parties for further discussion. She further stated that under the 2004 agreement STC were not responsible for the Black Shed. Cllr. Welch considered that under the agreement STC that the sports club were responsible for maintenance only, not structure and asked who owned the Black Shed. Cllr. Pearce considered that the shed was owned by the Sports Club, Cllr. Vial disagreed. The matter was discussed at length by councillors concerning ownership; liability in case of structural damage or injury and source of funding.

Cllr. Welch stated that STC should as a courtesy respond the STMP letter, he proposed that STMP be thanked for the proposal, but STC are not yet in a position to act, seconded by Cllr. Pearce – **voted 11 for, 1 against – motion carried**

### **General Purposes Report**

Cllr. Welch made comments on the content of his report:

Item 1: Cemetery Fees – Mr. Colin Locke (Funeral Director) had advised the working party on a revised Cemetery Fees table of charges. It was considered that the fees needed to be simplified and brought in line with charges in other local cemeteries. Cllr. Henderson proposed that the new table of charges be accepted from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010, seconded by Cllr. Vial – **unanimously agreed**

Item 2: GPWP proposed that the name for the new road off London Road be Angela's Meadow – **unanimously agreed**

Cllr. Ivens reported that she is corresponding with Cllr. Saint concerning the proposed safety barriers adjacent to the Primary School on Tileman's Lane. Cllr. Saint discussed the process of a road safety audit by the "Safer Routes to School" team and stated that being impatient will not improve the speed of this procedure.

### **Finance Working Party – Precept 2010 - 2011**

Cllr. Cooper asked if there were any further questions regarding the proposed precept for 2010 – 2011, he explained that the precept would remain the same as the previous year.

Cllr. Welch proposed that the precept be accepted, seconded by Cllr. Rathkey – **unanimously agreed**

Cllr. Rathkey added that a vote of thanks be made to Cllr. Cooper for all the work he had put into the calculations of the precept – **this was generally agreed.**

### **Financial Matters**

It was proposed by Cllr. Welch and seconded by Cllr. Rathkey that all invoices, shown on Appendix 1 be paid – **this motion was unanimously agreed.**

### **Finale**

The Town Mayor noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January in Clark House commencing at 7.00pm.

The Town Mayor thanked all Councillors, the press and members of the public for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Councillor A. Noyce  
Town Mayor  
Shipston on Stour Town Council