



SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

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General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council, Monday 13th November 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs G Kelly (Chair), J Dinnie, R Walters, M Kelly, H Kelly, B Cooper, I Cooper, P Tesh, C Howarth and J Barker.

Public: 1 **Press:** 1 **SDC:** 1 **WCC:** 1 **Clerk:** H Morgan

1	TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Booth.
2	DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (Councillors are reminded that, unless they have been granted a dispensation, if they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter as defined by Regulations made by the Secretary of State where the interest is theirs, their spouse or civil partner's, or is an interest of somebody with whom they are living as a husband or wife or as if they were civil partners, they may not participate in any discussion of or vote on the matter and must also leave the room for the duration of the matter. They must also disclose the interest if it has not yet been entered on the Authority's register unless it is a sensitive interest) None.
3	TO NOTE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION RECEIVED BY THE CLERK None.
4	MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING To confirm the minutes of the meeting that took place on Monday 9 th October 2023. <u>Proposed by Cllr G Kelly, seconded by Cllr Howarth, 6 for, 4 abstention, motion carried.</u>
5	CLERK'S REPORT Report as circulated – noted and discussed.
6	REPORTS
6.1	Town Councillor (STC – Shipston Town Council) Cllr Dinnie reported that the sewage/drainage meeting with Severn Trent Water is yet to be confirmed. Ongoing communication with them with regards to Glen Close, collapsed sewer, flooding sewage onto residents properties. Cllr B Cooper commented on the Remembrance Day parade and service, a super event and credit given re the Church service and the Prefects involvement. Cllr Howarth reported that policies are being updated and that documents on the website have now been updated with current information.

	<p>Cllr Howarth had attended a Developing Place Leaders Conference, the Band Concert, SDC's open day and a Shakespeare's England Tourism event</p> <p>Cllr H Kelly – report as circulated plus attendance at WCC's Restoring Nature Conference.</p> <p>Cllr I Cooper echoed Cllr B Cooper's comments and said that Shipston should be very proud as a town.</p> <p>Cllr J Barker echoed Cllr I Coopers comments and advised Cllrs of the Shipston Remembers book which honours the history of the fallen who have streets/roads named after them in memorial. Cllr Barker had also had much communication with Severn Trent Water re issues.</p> <p>Cllr G Kelly also commented on Remembrance Day parade and service and thanked all of those involved in the organisation and on the day.</p>
6.2	<p>District Council issues (SDC – Stratford District Council)</p> <p>Report as circulated.</p> <p>Cllr Passingham reported that he is looking into initiatives and funding for energy assessments , particularly with regard to the Hub due to the fabric of the building. Cllr Passingham felt that there could be a 2 year delay with regard to the South Warwickshire Local Plan and that SDC need to be prepared as there could potentially be a Judicial Review.</p>
6.3	<p>County Council issues (WCC – Warwickshire County Council)</p> <p>Cllr J Barker reported on meetings regarding the future of retained fire stations (including Shipston), plans for a tree nursery (one tree per resident), adult health and social care and 30 mph signs for Shoulderway Lane.</p>
6.4	<p>Blue Light update – Safer Neighbourhood Team, Fire Station, First Responders.</p> <p>SNT – a rise in ASB, RTCs and break ins to outbuildings, speeding is now a main priority, PC Lucas is standing in for PC Hammond during his convalescence.</p> <p>Fire Station – the Station Manager and 2 firefighters were in attendance and raised grave concerns re cutbacks and proposals for Shipston to become a 'surge station' along with other towns. This could potentially leave the town and surrounding villages vulnerable with no locally available crew if they were to be deployed to other stations. Current staffing is 7 firefighters and 2 in training – which has been put back. The Chief Fire Officer and the portfolio holder Councillor to be asked to attend a meeting with the Council to discuss as soon as possible.</p> <p>First Responders –still responding to an average of 40 calls per month. Looking into adding additional Public Access Defibrillators to areas in Shipston.</p>
6.5	<p>Shipston Forum</p> <p>Lots of adverts but less articles for the December edition. Remembrance service, Christmas, dog fouling and highway code awareness will feature.</p>
6.6	<p>Ellen Badger Hospital</p> <p>An article had appeared in the Herald. There is still much concern amongst residents re the loss of beds and perceived lack of facilities other than a Health and Wellbeing Hub.</p>
6.7	<p>Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
6.8	<p>Shipston High School</p> <p>Unsuccessful in attaining a grant from SDC this time around for an all weather pitch.</p>
7	<p>OPEN FORUM (15 MINUTE DURATION)</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>

8	<p>ENVIRONMENT AND FLOOD ACTION WORKING GROUP</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council approves expenditure of £5,000 in the 2024/2025 budget to fund Year 1 Natural Flood Management maintenance activity.</u></p> <p>Recommendation not required as this funding can be included in the precept demand.</p> <p>Discussion took place re flooding concerns, inspections and remedial work. Another meeting is needed with WCC and the Environment Agency and for WCC to take the lead. The demolished leaky dam on Oldbutt Road is to be attended to in the Spring and blocked drains in the north of the town need addressing by developers.</p>
9	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>Minutes as circulated.</p> <p>All planning applications can be views at https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/</p> <p>23/027631/FUL – The Old Red Lion, 42 Church Street Replace existing cracked timber lintel over window, matching existing.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that council support the application – restoration welcomed.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Tesh, seconded by Cllr Dinnie – unanimous – motion carried</u></p>
10	<p>HERITAGE, AMENITIES AND LEISURE PROJECTS WORKING GROUP (HALP)</p> <p>Minutes as circulated.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council approves the use of a new town logo and promotes its use on any documentation for the town.</u></p> <p>Discussion ensued as to why a new or another logo was needed, was it replace the Council logo, copyright etc and it was felt that plan was needed re the way forward. Cllr Howarth explained that the logo is already on the gateway signs, is not intended to replace the Council logo and that the idea was for Community groups to use it if they so wished to promote the towns heritage and history – i.e. Anglo-Saxon roots and the wool trade.</p> <p><u>Proposed by Cllr Howarth, seconded by Cllr Dinnie – 4 for, 3 abstentions, 3 against – motion not carried.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerks note – following the meeting there was some discrepancy as to whether this motion should have been carried or not. Advice was sought from the Warwickshire Association of Local Council’s CEO who advised that abstentions do not count therefore the motion should have been carried as the vote was 4 for and 3 against. <p><u>Recommendation that Council approves the payment of £1,500 to the Tramway project for their promotional materials for the project.</u></p> <p>A discussion took place as to where the project was, what the firm plans were and as to whether the route would include Shipston as per the original plan - hence funds are in an earmarked reserve. There was a school of thought that the route would now be from Newbold to Stratford. It was proposed that the recommendation be amended to £500 to assist with the promotional materials providing that Shipston is included in the route.</p> <p><u>Proposed by Cllr Dinnie, Seconded by Cllr Barker – unanimous – motion carried</u> <u>Recommendation that Council approves the payment of £500 to the Tramway project for their promotional materials for the project providing that Shipston is included in the route.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Howarth, seconded by Cllr H Kelly – motion carried unanimously.</u></p>
11	<p>GENERAL PURPOSES/COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP</p> <p>Tracker/Action Log as circulated.</p>

	Clerk advised that she had spoken to one of the instigators/original fundraisers re the sensory playground and garden and the initial concept. She told the Clerk that she would be more than happy to attend a General Purposes meeting to give the full background and assist in any way.
12	FINANCE WORKING GROUP Minutes as circulated. Cllr Cooper advised that Shipston Excelsior Football Club have made a proposal at the Joint Sports Working Group for them to lease the pitch, changing rooms and bar at the Hub. Discussion are at an early stage and there are still surveys to be carried out. Funding of £25,000 has been sought from SDCs Shared Prosperity Fund to refurbish and upgrade the changing rooms to the required standard.
13	FINANCIAL MATTERS Invoices for approval as circulated. <u>Proposed by Cllr G Kelly, seconded by Cllr Walters – motion carried unanimously.</u>
14	STAFFING WORKING GROUP Next meeting to be on Thursday 16 th November.
15	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 11 th December 2023

The meeting closed at 2055 hrs.

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

Cllr G Kelly (Mayor) Shipston on Stour Town Council