



**SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

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**General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs G Kelly (Chair), J Dinnie, I Cooper, P Tesh, C Howarth, H Kelly and B Cooper

**Public:** 5 **Press:** 2 **SDC:** 1 **WCC:** 0 **Clerk:** H Morgan, D Hands

1	<p><b>TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllrs T Booth, J Barker, O Hatch (SDC).</p>
2	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST</b> (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)</p> <p>None.</p>
3	<p><b>TO NOTE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION RECEIVED BY THE CLERK</b> None.</p>
4	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING</b> To confirm the minutes of the meeting that took place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023</p> <p><b><u>Proposed by Cllr G Kelly, seconded by Cllr J Dinnie – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p>
5	<p><b>CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS – RECPMMENDATIONS FROM STAFFING WORKING GROUP</b></p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council approves the co-option of Mr R Walters to Shipston Town Council.</u></b> <b><u>Proposed by Cllr G Kelly, seconded by Cllr I Cooper – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council approves the co-option of Mrs M Kelly to Shipston Town Council.</u></b> <b><u>Proposed by Cllr G Kelly, seconded by Cllr I Cooper – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p>

6	<p><b>CLERK'S REPORT</b> Report as circulated – noted and discussed.</p>
7	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p>
7.1	<p><b>Town Councillor (STC – Shipston Town Council)</b> Cllr I Cooper – reported that David Birch has retired from the town band after many years of service as conductor, organiser and secretary. Unsure as to what level of involvement he will still maintain within the band. Councillors were encouraged to send own Council to send their best wishes to David. It was noted that there has been an increase in parking charges for pensioners in Stratford on Avon – from £20 up to £50 per annum – Cllr Passingham confirmed that this increase in price had gone through.</p> <p>Cllr C Howarth – reported that he held his first HALP meeting as after being voted in as Chair. Cllr Howarth has attended finance for councillor training, an anti-social behaviour webinar as well as attending the Travel for Shipston networking workshop.</p> <p>Cllr M Kelly – reported that the Proms was very well supported and that figures are being finalised.</p> <p>Cllr B Cooper – reported that he had walked around Cornmill Meadows after taking up Cllr H Kelly's invitation.</p> <p>Cllr H Kelly – reported concerns from residents re hedge cutting, a vandalised tree and pavement parking restricting pavement access along with a query re the taking down of a tree.</p> <p>Cllr P Tesh – reported that he had attended the Travel for Shipston workshop and that he had received a call from a resident regarding concern about a group of teenagers climbing on top of the containers at the Sports Club.</p> <p>Cllr J Dinnie – reported that he attended the Proms Band Concert, the Travel for Shipston workshop and a meeting regarding sewerage and drainage. Cllr Dinnie advised that the ICB will be holding a meeting on 19/7 (via Teams), website contains link for the meeting. Public can send questions in advance of the meeting to ICB but this must be done a day in advance before noon via an email address available on ICB website.</p> <p>Cllr G Kelly – reported that he had attended Solihull Civic Service, as well as drawing the raffle for the Last night of the Proms which had been a fantastic evening.</p>
7.2	<p><b>District Council issues (SDC – Stratford District Council)</b> Cllr D Passingham went through his report as circulated and provided some updates on behalf of Cllr Hatch.</p>
7.3	<p><b>County Council issues (WCC – Warwickshire County Council)</b> NTR in Cllr Barker's absence.</p>
7.4	<p><b>Blue Light update</b> – Safer Neighbourhood Team, Fire Station, First Responders. Police – apologies received due to an incident. First Responders - 2 new Public Access Defibrillator cabinets installed, 1 at the Scout Hut and 1 at the Shipston Enterprise Park.</p>
7.5	<p><b>Shipston Forum</b> Editor apologised to Cllr Barker for her the omission of her column again. August's edition will include the final part of Tony Hill's story. Shipston Proms festival will be a double page spread. There will be a report from the Stour Singers as well as a look ahead to the Lion's Food Festival in September.</p>

7.6	<p><b>Ellen Badger Hospital</b> Cllr G Kelly read out the replies that have been received following the letters sent out regarding the demand for a publishing of the bed reviews and a public consultation. Replies were received from Nadhim Zahawi (MP), SWUFT, ICB and SDC. Cllr G Kelly and Cllr Dinnie to collaborate in responding. Salient points to appear as an article in the Forum.</p>
7.7	<p><b>Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership</b> Minutes as circulated</p>
7.8	<p><b>Shipston High School</b> Apologies received from Chair of Governors.</p>
8	<p><b>OPEN FORUM (15 MINUTE DURATION)</b> A resident congratulated Shipston Town Band on their wonderful contribution to the town. She wondered if the council would consider supporting the Town Band by buying a Band Stand to show our appreciation to them, and that David Birch's name could be attached to it. Clerk advised that this has been mooted previously as a project - HALP to discuss this idea as there are many things to consider i.e. cost, location/storage, insurance, responsibility, vandalism etc.</p>
9	<p><b>SAFAG/ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP</b> Minutes as circulated.</p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council approves expenditure of £347.15 for the SAFAG website software licence (3 years).</u></b> <b><u>Proposed by Cllr B Cooper, seconded by Cllr I Cooper – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council approved the purchase and installation of various signage from Wright Signs for Cornmill Meadows at a cost of £2530</u></b> <b><u>Proposed by Cllr H Kelly, seconded by Cllr J Dinnie – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p> <p>Working Group looking to rename as STC Flood and Environment Working Group, meeting to be held with WCC and the EA on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 2 pm, flood resilience plans ready to go, town emergency plan to be looked at, hopeful that the EA will make STW pay for testing kits, work on-going with Storm GEO, volunteers lined up, management plan drawn up for Cornmill Meadows (look at S106 funding for Orchards).</p>
10	<p><b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b> Minutes as circulated.</p> <p>All planning applications can be views at <a href="https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/">https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/</a></p> <p>23/01504/FUL – 7 High Street Demolition of 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conservatory and replacement with extension Objection due to no mention of the Shipston Neighbourhood Plan in the plans. <b><u>Proposed by Cllr P Tesh, Seconded by Cllr B Cooper – motion carried unanimously.</u></b> (Cllr B Cooper to send through wording regarding the objection after meeting)</p>
11	<p><b>HERITAGE, AMENITIES AND LEISURE PROJECTS WORKING GROUP (HALP)</b> Minutes as circulated and discussed.</p>

	<p><b><u>Recommendation that Council accept and sign the deed of transfer of the land adjacent to the River Stour and Bridge car park from Stratford District Council to Shipston Town Council</u></b>  <b><u>Proposed by Cllr C Howarth, seconded by Cllr I Cooper – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council approves the purchase and installation of 12 alleyway plaques to be located at various sites around the town at a cost of £4800.</u></b>  <b><u>Proposed by Cllr C Howarth, seconded by Cllr H Kelly – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council approves the purchase of 6 new town maps and relocation of one of the town map boards from the Leisure Centre to the Black Horse public house at a cost of £600.</u></b>  <b><u>Proposed by Cllr C Howarth, seconded by Cllr H Kelly – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p>
12	<p><b>GENERAL PURPOSES/COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP</b>  Action Log as circulated.  Tablets for Councillors trialled – investigating deals.</p>
13	<p><b>FINANCE WORKING GROUP</b>  Grant has been applied for under Stratford District Council for changing rooms at the Hub.  Looking in to contacts for a structural engineer to carry out a survey.  17<sup>th</sup> July meeting deferred due to absence.</p>
14	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>  Invoices for approval as circulated.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed by Cllr G Kelly, Seconded by Cllr I Cooper – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p>
15	<p><b>STAFFING WORKING GROUP</b>  Cllr Z Kovari has stood down from the Council due to family commitments.</p>
16	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>  Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7 pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 2040 hrs.

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

Cllr G Kelly, Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council