



# SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

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### General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Cllrs G Kelly, I Cooper, J Barker, P Cox, J Dinnie, P Tesh, T Booth, Z Kovari, C Howarth, H Kelly and B Cooper

**Public:** 10 **Press:** 0 **SDC:** 2 **WCC:** 1 **Clerk:** Helen Morgan

1	<b>TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllrs P Ragg
2	<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) None.
3	<b>TO NOTE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION RECEIVED BY THE CLERK</b> None.
4	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING</b> To confirm the minutes of the meeting that took place on Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2023  <b><u>Proposed by Cllr P Tesh, seconded by Cllr Z Kovari – 7 for, 3 abstentions due to absence, motion carried.</u></b>  To confirm the minutes of the meeting that took place on Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023  <b><u>Proposed by Cllr P Tesh, seconded by Cllr I Cooper – 9 for, 1 abstention due to absence, motion carried.</u></b>
5	<b>PRESENTATION TO EX-COUNCILLORS</b> Mrs M Westwood (ex-Mayor) and Mr P Cox (ex-Chair of General Purposes/ Communications Working Group)
6	<b>CLERK'S REPORT</b> Report as circulated – noted and discussed.
7	<b>REPORTS</b>
7.1	<b>Town Councillor issues (STC – Shipston Town Council)</b> Cllr J Barker reported that she had attended an Archery event in Brailes where she also handed out prizes. Cllr T Booth reported that he had taken on responsibility of the General Purpose Working Group Cllr C Howarth reported that he has attended councillor training.

	<p><b>Cllr H Kelly</b> reported that she had received a message from a resident regarding a leak in the next-door property. The neighbour is renting from Orbit, and neighbours won't report it to Orbit. Kelly looking for support for resident – to be advised to go to District Councillor.</p> <p><b>Cllr Z Kovari</b> reported that he has attended councillor training.</p> <p><b>Cllr B Cooper</b> reported that a resident has contacted him regarding the two bus stops by the Telegraph Street/Stratford Road plantation. – adj. and opp. to Pettiphers garage – and was wondering in the future if they could possibly be in names relating to Tesco?</p> <p><b>Cllr J Dinnie</b> reported that the Big Green Group project is happening on the 16<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Cllr P Tesh</b> reported that there is a concert at St. Edmunds coming up.</p> <p><b>Cllr G Kelly</b> reported that he had attended the Mayor making ceremony in Alcester, Civil Service event in Stratford. Kelly also stated the 'Duck Race' was a big success. The Lions would like a repair style shop in town but would need more volunteers and a venue to hold it. Kelly also noted that the Coronation celebrations were a success.</p>
7.2	<p><b>District Council issues (SDC – Stratford District Council)</b></p> <p><b>Cllr D Passingham</b> went through his report as circulated.</p>
7.3	<p><b>County Council issues (WCC – Warwickshire County Council)</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Barker</b> advised that children up the age of 16 with SEN are entitled to get a free NHS check. For parents with children that are eligible for Free Schools Meals, they are advised to apply for it sooner rather than later, especially if changing schools during the academic year. Additionally, utility bills support scheme is still in existence.</p>
7.4	<p><b>Blue Light update – Safer Neighbourhood Team, Fire Station, First Responders.</b></p> <p>Minutes as circulated.</p> <p><b>Cllr Booth</b> reported that the first responder's car has been fitted with a Terrafix system, that will navigate responders straight to the front door of a patient.</p>
7.5	<p><b>Shipston Forum</b></p> <p>Editor advised of articles for the next edition. Editor apologised to Cllr Barker for her missing column. Next edition's will be the penultimate story in Tony Hill's story.</p>
7.6	<p><b>Ellen Badger Hospital</b></p> <p>Shipston Town Council to respond to MP's email. G Kelly, J Dinnie, J Barker and C Howarth to collaborate in airing concerns to SWIFT, with the possible use of using social media to gain opinions from residents.</p>
7.7	<p><b>Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership</b></p> <p>Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June. SHWP are wanting to work with the police to see if they can help find links to support the mental health of young people in Shipston.</p>
7.8	<p><b>Shipston High School</b></p> <p>Apologies received from T Wilson (Chair of Governors)</p>
8	<p><b>OPEN FORUM (15 MINUTE DURATION)</b></p> <p>M Westwood – Whilst traveling back and forth to Birmingham, she has noticed that the graffiti tags are similar if not the same as what we have been seeing in Shipston.</p> <p>V Richardson – reported on the Big Green Week activities. She also asked if STC would be prepared to declare a climate emergency. Cllr Barker advised caution as this is a political issue. This could also cause fear amongst children and that moderate language should be used if such a statement was to be declared.</p>
9	<p><b>SAFAG/ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP</b></p> <p>Minutes as circulated.</p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council approves expenditure for Backdowns Farm (£550), Ditchford Farm (£1100) and SWSFG (£1000 – subject to suitable proposal)</u></b>  <b><u>Proposed by Cllr J Barker, seconded by Cllr J Dinnie – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council approves spraying of the creeping thistle at Cornmill Meadows by Venturesure – Proposed by Cllr H Kelly, seconded by Cllr J Dinnie – motion carried unanimously subject to costing no more than £640 + VAT as per quote.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council approves the purchase of signage, a litter bin and a dog waste bin for Cornhill Meadows – Deferred to the next meeting – Proposed by Cllr G Kelly, seconded by Cllr J Barker, 8 for, 2 abstentions.</u></b></p>

10	<p><b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b> Minutes as circulated.</p> <p>All planning applications can be viewed at: <a href="https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/">https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/</a></p> <p>Workshop THE – 26<sup>th</sup> June with Alison Kennedy Cllrs J Barker, H Kelly, P Tesh and J Dinnie to attend.</p>
11	<p><b>HERITAGE, AMENITIES AND LEISURE PROJECTS WORKING GROUP (HALP)</b> Minutes as circulated.</p>
12	<p><b>GENERAL PURPOSES/COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP</b> Action Log as circulated.</p> <p>Cllr T Booth gave an update on the new laptop. He would recommend that the council purchase them for councillors who would like one.</p>
13	<p><b>FINANCE WORKING GROUP</b> Minutes as circulated along with Sports Sub Working Group notes.</p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council approves the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 Form 3. Proposed by Cllr I Cooper, seconded by Cllr T Booth – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council awards Lawns 2 Mow the cleansing, mowing and ground maintenance contract. To commence on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 as a 3+1+1 contract. Proposed by Cllr I Cooper, seconded by Cllr C Howarth – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council enter into a simple lease for the Museum and Loders is instructed to prepare a simple lease. Proposed by Cllr I Cooper, seconded by Cllr C Howarth – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that the Council provide a letter of support for the kitchen improvements at the Sports Hub. Proposed by Cllr T Booth, seconded by Cllr I Cooper – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p>
14	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b> Invoices for approval as circulated – April/May and May/June 2023</p> <p><b><u>Proposed by Cllr G Kelly, seconded by Cllr J Barker, motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p>
15	<p><b>STAFFING WORKING GROUP</b> Minutes as circulated.</p>
16	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC</b></p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that Council resolves to exclude the public in order to discuss matters of a confidential nature. Proposed by Cllr G Kelly, seconded by Cllr J Barker, motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p>
17	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023</p>

The meeting closed at 2130 hrs.

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

Cllr G Kelly, Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council