



## SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES

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### General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.

**Present:** Cllrs G Kelly (Chair), J Dinnie, I Cooper, P Tesh, T Booth, H Kelly, B Cooper, M Kelly, and R Walters

**Public:** 1 **Press:** 2 **SDC:** 1 **WCC:** 0 **Clerk:** D Hands

1	<b>TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllrs C Howarth J Barker and Helen Morgan (Town Clerk)
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 Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.  <b><u>Proposed by Cllr G Kelly, seconded by Cllr I Cooper – 8 for, 1 abstention, motion carried.</u></b>  ( <b>N.B.</b> Typing error on Page 2, 7.1: In Cllr I Cooper report it should read 'parking charges <u>for</u> pensioners')
5	<b>CLERK'S REPORT</b> Report as circulated – noted and discussed.
6	<b>REPORTS</b>
6.1	<b>Town Councillor (STC – Shipston Town Council)</b> Cllr J Dinnie – reported that he attended the ICB meeting as well as the 'March for Beds' which had a presence of 600-700 residents from Shipston and neighbouring villages. Along with Cllr B Cooper and Cllr D Passingham, Cllr Dinnie explored the possible routes to the school using the Taylor Wimpey site (Herdwick Fold) and the Hub as a way of gaining access to Pittway Avenue. Cllr Dinnie and Cllr Passingham have been investigating the energy efficiency of the Hub, which if structured in the right way may lead to some funding. Cllr I Cooper reminded Cllr Dinnie about

	<p>being mindful that there is tenant in the Hub and that they should not be doing anything without consultation with the tenants first.</p> <p>Cllr Dinnie, Cllr B Cooper and Cllr D Passingham attended a meeting with Orbit at Chapel View and Angelas Meadow to discuss the combined opened space with the new site manager. There was recognition of the space being a possible play area. Gate to Chapel View is a concern at the moment due to the height difference of the land on the Linfoot side.</p> <p>Cllr I Cooper – congratulated the History Society on the opening of the museum, stating that it is a tribute to the town and there is a lot of work which has gone into the museum.</p> <p>Cllr H Kelly – Met with Laura Ealam from Heart of England Forest Project at Cornmill Meadow who will do a combined report including Hawthorn Way. Callum Wright from The Wright Signs says the signs will be ready by 1<sup>st</sup> September. Cllr H Kelly is hoping to get an official opening date for Cornmill Meadows sorted out soon.</p> <p>Cllr G Kelly – reported that he attended the opening of the museum, thought it was very impressive and backed up earlier comments that had been made.</p> <p>Cllr C Howarth – notes sent in electronically read out by Deputy Clerk – has been contacted by residents in Farm Close about the trees at High School. Cllr I Cooper to make representations to the school. Cllr Howarth has also attended online Towns Network for Warwickshire as well as attending the meeting with Laura Ealam alongside Cllr H Kelly. Cllr Howarth also took part in the March for Beds at the Ellen Badger, and he also helped with the opening of the museum.</p>
<b>6.2</b>	<p><b>District Council issues (SDC – Stratford District Council)</b> Cllr D Passingham went through his report as circulated after the meeting.</p>
<b>6.3</b>	<p><b>County Council issues (WCC – Warwickshire County Council)</b> NTR in Cllr Barker’s absence.</p>
<b>6.4</b>	<p><b>Blue Light update</b> – Safer Neighbourhood Team, Fire Station, First Responders. Report as circulated</p>
<b>6.5</b>	<p><b>Shipston Forum</b> Editor introduced the council to Laura Parker who will take over as the Editor over the coming months. Shipston Museum will have a monthly column. There are reports on the Tanzania fund raising, as well as columns from the Guides, Probus and the Astronomers Society.</p>
<b>6.6</b>	<p><b>Ellen Badger Hospital</b> As reported in Cllr J Dinnie’s report in 6.1. Cllr J Dinnie raised the question of where the council go next in terms of support for the Ellen Badger Hospital. Cllr D Passingham reported that he has put in a <i>freedom of information</i> request regarding the community bed review. It was agreed that the council would wait to hear about the outcome of Cllr Passingham’s request before deciding what steps to take next.</p>
<b>6.7</b>	<p><b>Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership</b> Minutes as circulated</p>
<b>6.8</b>	<p><b>Shipston High School</b> Apologies received from Chair of Governors.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>OPEN FORUM (15 MINUTE DURATION)</b> None</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>SAFAG/ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP</b> Minutes as circulated.</p>

	<p><b><u>Recommendation that Council approves the renaming of this working group to STC Flood and Environment Working Group.</u></b></p> <p>Cllr H Kelly requested that the name be changed to <b><u>STC Environment and Flood Action Working Group</u></b> instead.</p> <p>Discussion regarding this change of wording</p> <p><b><u>Proposed by Cllr H Kelly, Seconded by Cllr R Walters – 8 for, 1 abstention.</u></b></p>
9	<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>Cllr P Tesh (Chair of Planning) explained that a Planning Meeting had taken place before meeting, nothing to report from this.</p> <p>Shaping Travel in Shipston – next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr I Cooper to talk to Stuart to circulate the meeting information amongst other businesses after Cllr J Dinnie suggested this.</p> <p>Cycle/footpath link to The Hub and High School – Cllr B Cooper spoke with a representative from Taylor Wimpey who had not yet been approached about the possibility of a path between Herdwick Fold and the Hub but would investigate it if given more information. As in 6.1 Cllr I Cooper advised Cllr B Cooper that a discussion should be had with the tenants at the Hub before anything else happens in regards to a footpath discussion with Taylor Wimpey.</p>
10	<p><b>HERITAGE, AMENITIES AND LEISURE PROJECTS WORKING GROUP (HALP)</b> Minutes as circulated and discussed.</p>
11	<p><b>GENERAL PURPOSES/COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP</b> Action Log as circulated.</p> <p>Cllr T Booth reported there has been damage to play equipment at the Queens Avenue Park. Waiting for an external survey on the Chapel to be organised. Internal survey to be organised after Lawns 2 Mow have completed internal work during their quieter times (November onwards).</p>
12	<p><b>FINANCE WORKING GROUP</b> Nothing to report as meeting in July deferred due to absences. Next meeting will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August.</p>
13	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b> Invoices for approval as circulated.</p> <p><b><u>Recommendation that INV2024312 – CCTV Monitoring (4-year agreement) and Simon Healy Fencing – Queens Avenue play area are excluded from payment until they have been checked.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Proposed by Cllr I Cooper, Seconded by Cllr G Kelly – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p>

	<p><b><u>Recommendation that all other invoices are paid.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Proposed by Cllr G Kelly, Seconded by Cllr I Cooper – motion carried unanimously.</u></b></p>
14	<p><b>STAFFING WORKING GROUP</b> Town Council are currently recruiting for an Administrative Officer.</p>
15	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7PM.</p>

The meeting closed at 2010 hrs.

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

Cllr J Dinnie (Deputy Mayor) Shipston on Stour Town Council