



SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes

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MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING OF SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 26th APRIL 2021

Present: - Cllrs: S. Saunders (Mayor), J. Barker (from agenda item 6.7), I. Cooper, P. Cowley, P. Cox, J. Dinnie, F. Ivens, G. Kelly, V. Murphy, P. Tesh, M. Westwood, P. White

Public: 1

Press: 1

WCC & SDC: Cllr. J. Barker

Clerk: A. Packer & D. Neath

INTRODUCTION

Cllr Saunders, Mayor of Shipston Town Council, welcomed attendees to the April Town Council meeting which, due to restrictions of COVID-19, was held via the 'Zoom' platform.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Barker absent until after item 6.7 (Cllr. Harvey - SDC councillor guest)

2 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST** – None.

3 **TO NOTE DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CLERK** – None.

4 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

4.1 **Cllr. Saunders proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2021, be accepted as a true and accurate record - seconded by Cllr. White – 10 for – 1 abstention – motion carried**

4.2 **Cllr. Saunders proposed that the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 29th March 2021, be accepted as a true and accurate record - seconded by Cllr. Cowley – 10 for – 1 abstention – motion carried**

5 **CLERK'S REPORT** - Report noted.

Cllr. Saunders thanked the Clerk for the work she had done this month, particularly with regard to the arrangements necessary following the death of HRH the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The Clerk reported that the Council could consider filling the councillor vacancy by co-option once SDC electoral officer confirms he has not received requests for an election (closing date 26th April).

6 **REPORTS**

6.1 **Town Councillors**

- Cllrs. Cowley, Dinnie, Kelly, Tesh, Westwood, Cox – no reports.
- Cllr Cooper – nice to see businesses opening; a positive step for the town
- Cllr. Ivens congratulated Shipston in Bloom for the magnificent daffodil displays in town which has brought enjoyment to so many during the pandemic.
- Cllr. Murphy reported on barriers at top of Sheep Street on 24th April stopping traffic entering the street. Not known why they were in place. Cllr Cox suggested it may have been related to an event taking place at the Townsend Hall.
- Cllr. White informed of a weekend of music taking place in Shipston and Brailes, mainly in pubs, on 4th to 5th September 2021, up to 50% funded by Shipston Proms, all organised by the local venues.
- Cllr. Saunders reported on her participation in the Easter competition draw for the Lions. Cllrs. Saunders and Cooper had also met the new High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Lady Min Willoughby de Broke.

6.2 **County Council** – Cllr. Jo Barker (given after item 6.6 as Cllr Barker arrived at the meeting)

- **County Council Election** – All meetings cancelled due to 'purdah' so no update from WCC this month.

6.3 **District Council** - Cllr. Trevor Harvey absent

- **SDC Update** – In Cllr. Harvey's absence, Cllr. Barker will arrange for report of SDC activities this month to be circulated to STC members.

6.4 **SNT** – Report from SNT- March - April 2021 noted. **[Report attached – Appendix B]**. Concern expressed over staffing shortages and staff changes within SNT.

6.5 Shipston Forum – Editor Mr Rowland.

Mr Rowland informed that May's edition would be published later than normal due to late April meeting & cancellation of meeting on 14th April (period of national mourning).

Items for inclusion:

Shipston Proms music trail, Royal British Legion poppy history, Shipston Cycling Club, Probus and Shipston High School. A notice will be included regarding co-option of a new Councillor, also a Health Watch notice following the Health and Well Being Survey. Cllr. Westwood will send Mr Rowland photographs of the yarn bombing in town which took place over Easter. Cllrs. Saunders and White will compile an article regarding the Easter Bonnet competition entries & details of the Housing Needs Survey would also be included, encouraging residents to respond and a reminder of the cash prize incentive.

6.6 Shipston Area Flood Action Group (SAFAG) – To be discussed under Finance. No specific report

6.7 Youth Working Group – Cllr. Cooper informed that in his mayoral year, he will be focusing on and supporting, the youth of Shipston, particularly in view of the effects on their mental health due to the pandemic. He hopes to rejuvenate the Youth Working Group.

Cllr. Barker joined the meeting at 7.15 pm and addressed items 6.2 & 6.3

6.8 Ellen Badger/Health & Well Being – Draft letter as response to correspondence from League of Friends discussed. Letter to be sent from Cllr. Saunders as Mayor with slight amendment made to last paragraph. Cllr Saunders keen to keep open lines of communication and for the council to be even handed

7 YOUTH CLUB

Guest Rev. Daniel Pulham – Update on Shipston Youth Club & a plea for STC's help to save their building

As Chair of the Management Committee of the Youth Club, Mr Pulham gave background to Shipston Youth Club, which has been operating from premises located on Shipston High School for the past 57 years. In 2012, the Youth Club and High School submitted a joint bid to secure the premises & £55k funding from WCC. It was viewed as a great example of the community joining together to make maximum use of assets, the school having access during the day and the Youth Club at evenings and weekends. In Autumn 2019, the Youth Club were asked to refrain from using the building as it was no longer safe due to issues with drains and the boiler, estimated cost to repair of £9,000. In April 2021, the Youth Club were asked to vacate the building completely, within six weeks, meaning the loss of their permanent home.

Daniel noted that the youth club had 2-3 sessions a week and attracted 50 young people. It had a consistent team of staff along with volunteers Councillors acknowledged that the need for the Youth Club was more important than ever with the pandemic and resulting mental health issues for young people. They also agreed the existence of the Youth Club in Shipston was a valuable asset to the community and should be supported as much as possible. Cllr. Cooper, as a member of the Trust Board for Shipston High School, will arrange a meeting with Mr Tim Wilson, Chair of Trustees/Governors and Mr Gavin Saunders, Head teacher as soon as possible to discuss the current situation with regard to the Youth Club and report back.

8 OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS – None

**9 PLANNING MATTERS – all planning applications can be viewed at: <https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/>
Following matters considered at a meeting of the Planning Committee, 7.00 pm 22nd April (including matters postponed from cancelled meeting scheduled for 12th April).**

Verbal update from Chair of Planning Committee, Cllr. Tesh – see 22nd April Planning Committee minutes for details

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9.1

- **21/00075/FUL – 7 Angelas Meadow** – Single storey extension off the back of the kitchen at the rear of the house **[Initial holding objection placed by Town Clerk due to 14th April deadline]. 22/4/21 - Objection.**
- **21/00722/FUL – 43 Queens Avenue** – Raise roof from original application (20/00952/FUL) by 234mm **[Initial holding objection placed by Town Clerk due to 19th April deadline]. 22/4/21 - No rep.**
- **21/00721/LDE – 105 Railway Crescent** – two storey residential dwelling located within Shipston-upon-Stour, built approximately 20 years ago. The proposals include a number of internal alterations and the conversion of the loft space into 2 extra rooms and a bathroom. Consequent to these alterations, a new dormer window is proposed to the rear of the property, along with 3 x new 'velux' type roof lights. To the rear elevation of the building an existing irregularly placed window will be infilled with reclaimed bricks, and 2 new windows will be inserted. There are no overlooking issues with the property being situated some distance from facing buildings **[Initial holding objection placed by Town Clerk due to 20th April deadline]. 22/4/21 - No rep.**
- **21/00773/FUL – 29 Telegraph Street** – Demolish the existing rear lean to kitchen and replace with a 3 storey extension, to accommodate a kitchen/diner and wet room/utility on the ground floor and additional bedroom space with new bathrooms on the first and second floors **[Initial holding objection placed by Town Clerk due to 20th April deadline]. 22/4/21 -Objection.**

- **21/00974/LDE – 39 New Street** - Conversion of building from one dwelling into three dwellings (confirmation that the development has commenced in accordance with Condition 1 of planning permission 16/03313/FUL). **Holding objection.**
- **21/01030/TREE – York House, 14a Church Street – T1** - silver birch – Fell. **22/4/21 - No rep.**
- **21/00542/FUL – Silver Birches, London Road** – Removal of wooden picket fence and wooden pedestrian gate at the front (road-facing) boundary of the house and to replace them with a fence and gate of the same style and dimensions. **No rep.**
- **21/00716/FUL – Land on Campden Rd** - Proposed new traffic light controlled junction to replace previously approved roundabout to serve the housing developments to the north and south of Campden Road. **Holding objection maintained (awaiting feedback from developer).**
- **21/00004/FUL – Ellen Badger Hospital** - Erection of a Replacement Hospital (Including Well-Being Centre), Medical Centre, Cafe and Associated Infrastructure (including car parking and community garden) following demolition of the existing hospital and dwelling. **Holding objection (waiting for response from SWFT). Clerk updated STC members on response received. Will circulate it to STC members.**

9.2

9.3

PLANNING APPEALS – None.

PLANNING VARIATIONS/AMENDMENTS

- **21/00331/VARY – 28 Manor Lane** - Variation of condition no. 2 (Approved drawings) of planning permission 18/02999/FUL (Proposed single storey rear extension and first floor side extension). VARY would amend the design of the roof on the approved side extension from two gables to a hipped roof (Received 30/03/21, consultation end date 30/03/21).
For information only - Correspondence from Planning Officer confirms amendment sent out for clarity – no changes to amended proposal.

9.4

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR NOTING

- **20/00343/FUL – Land North of Campden Rd** - Residential development of 65 affordable units (35 social rent and 30 shared ownership) plus associated access, parking, landscaping and associated infrastructure – **PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS.**
- **21/00338/LBC – 16 Church St** - Replacement of stone slate roof to east elevation, including new gutters and downpipes. **CONSENT WITH CONDITIONS.**
- **21/00196/FUL – 35 Bosley Close** - Replace single storey side extension and rear conservatory with two storey side extension and rear single storey extension. **PERMISSION WITH CONDITIONS.**

9.5

OTHER PLANNING/INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS

- **Housing Needs Survey** – Minor amendments to ARC 4’s final draft of survey, plus wording on postal envelope. **The Clerk will send dates of survey completion to Mr Rowland for insertion in May Shipston Forum. Cllr. Tesh will also send a copy of the survey to Mr Rowland.**
- **20/02912/VARY – Supplemental Deed of Agreement to S106 for 17/02741/FUL - Land at Ridgeway, London Rd.** *Subsequent to planning meeting on 22nd March where agreement was made to sign, amendments have been made by County Council solicitor - revised draft received from Ladders for consideration.*
- **13/02360/OUT – Land off London Rd (Chapel View) – S106 Financial Contribution Agreement** - contribution of £16,105.40 for “Offsite Open Space Contribution to be paid towards providing or enhancing off site youth and adult pitch facilities within Shipston”. **Referred to Finance Working Group.**
- **13/02571/OUT – Land at Campden Rd (South of Campden Road/West of Oldbutt Rd) – S106 Financial Contribution Agreement** – contribution of £20,4050.58 for “Off Site Open Space Contribution to be paid towards the enhancement and upgrading of existing recreation facilities for children and adults outside the Site but within the town of Shipston on Stour which might reasonably be used by the residents of the Development.” **Referred to Finance Working Group.**
- **14/00318/OUT – Land North of Campden Road S106 Financial Contribution Agreement** – contribution of £42,694.23 “towards the offsite provision and/or improvement of offsite space comprising youth and adult facilities which might reasonably be used by the residents of the dwellings in Shipston on Stour”. **Referred to Finance Working Group.**
- **Crest Nicholson site, Campden Rd (adjacent to Oldbutt Rd)** – boundary landscaping and fencing. **Cllr. Tesh gave update following his site meeting with the developer, Cllr. Dinnie & the Clerk. Cllr. Tesh to follow up with developer with regard to drainage, entrance gate and boundary. Developer will notify STC of timescale & finishing date.**
- **Scheme of Delegation to Town Clerk** – to consider making a recommendation to full council that planning responses can be delegated to the Town Clerk in emergencies when meetings cannot be convened. The intention being to enable representation to be made as consultee and so meet statutory deadlines. **Discussion took place on possible options for physical meetings in future as legislation regarding decision making on virtual meetings about to expire. Noted that only 3 weeks for planning consultations. Not feasible to use Council Chamber at NCH due to public access. Clerk to investigate hiring Scout Hut every Monday evening until September.**

- **Annual Town Meeting** – Details for presentation to include 2019/20 & 2020/21. Cllr. Tesh will give a report on the last two years and explain at Town Meeting the role of the Planning Committee and its liaison with SDC.

Date of next scheduled meeting of the Planning Committee – 7.00 pm Monday 24th May 2021.

10 **GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP (GPWG)** – Cllr Cox, Chair. Verbal update from Cllr Ivens.

- **RAILWAY CRESCENT:** Replacement planting on STC land (around play area) of trees previously removed due to disease.
Recommendation: To instruct Treetech to plant 9 cherry trees in Railway Crescent including a 2 year maintenance plan, total cost £2833.60, plus an additional £154.35 for wire mesh tree guards.

Cllr. Ivens proposed that Treetech be instructed to plant 9 cherry trees in Railway Crescent, including a 2 year maintenance plan, total cost £2833.60, plus an additional £154.35 for wire mesh tree guards - seconded by Cllr. Westwood – 12 for – 0 against – unanimous – motion carried

10.2 • **SHIPSTON LIONS:** Request received to use ‘Little rec’, New Street for 3 fundraising events in April, May and June.

Recommendation: To allow two book sales and one plant sale to be held by Lions on the ‘Little rec’ as recreational events, subject to Lions having suitable insurance and risk assessments in place for each event.

Cllr. Ivens proposed that permission be granted to the Lions to hold one book sale (noted that date of first book sale had passed) and one plant sale on the ‘Little Rec’ as recreational events (29th May & 26th June), subject to Lions having suitable insurance and risk assessments in place for each event - seconded by Cllr. Westwood – 12 for – 0 against – unanimous – motion carried

11 **HERITAGE, AMENITY AND LEISURE PROJECTS (HALP)** – Cllr Cowley, Chair – Agenda & minutes of HALP meeting held on 31st March noted.

11.1 • **RIVERSIDE LEASE**

Recommendation: That timber-faced barriers be installed at Mill Street Car Park as part of the environmental improvement works.

Cllr Cowley said costs would be around £4,500 but if STC wanted to have timber faced barriers, responsibility would have to be assumed for those barriers and the lease would have to be changed slightly. Need to establish the principle of whether council would want to take on responsibility for them. They would be more aesthetically pleasing

Cllr. Cowley proposed the principle that timber-faced barriers be installed at Mill Street carpark & that STC would be responsible for their installation and ongoing maintenance - seconded by Cllr. Saunders – 10 for – 2 abstentions - 0 against – motion carried

11.2 • **RIDGEWAY AMENITY SPACE**

Recommendation: That a specific Ridgeway Working Group be established.

Cllr. Cowley informed STC members that land at Ridgeway is known as ‘Cornmill Meadows’.

Cllr Cowley requested this proposal be deferred until information received from a Habitat Biodiversity Group wildlife survey. They have applied to SDC for funding for the survey and if successful, the survey could take place in June.

(Noted cancellation of HALP meeting scheduled for 28th April 2021 due to the Annual Town Meeting).

12 **COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP (COMMS)** – Chair - Cllr. White – Verbal report.

Recommendation: To agree to formally tender for the delivery of the Shipston Forum.

Cllr. White proposed that STC agree to formally tender for the delivery of the Shipston Forum - seconded by Cllr. Tesh – 12 for – unanimous – motion carried

Noted that there had been no Expressions of Interest received following the advert in April’s edition of the Shipston Forum. A Notice of Tender would appear in May edition.

13 **FINANCE WORKING GROUP** – Cllr. Cooper, Chair – Agenda and minutes of FWG meeting held on 15th March 2021 noted.

- **HMRC - VAT reclaim repayment (August 2020)**

Recommendation: To accept reimbursement of £10,000 from SAFAG and write off the remaining £10,460.45 SAFAG VAT debt.

Cllr. Murphy wished it to be noted that the Wool Fair had paid off their VAT debt to STC completely.

13.1 **Cllr. Cooper proposed that STC accept SAFAG’s proposal to pay £10,000 contribution of £10,000 and STC write off the £10,460.45 balance - seconded by Cllr. Westwood – 10 for – 0 against – 2 abstentions - motion carried**

Cllr Murphy wished it noted that Wool Fair paid theirs in full, which was considerable for their funding.

- **SPORTS CLUB CHILDRENS PLAY AREA** - New Playground Surface (2020)

Recommendation: That the costs of the new play surface be covered by the reserved S106 funds from the Caudlewell development.

- 13.2 **Cllr. Cooper proposed that the S106 Caudlewell reserved funds be allocated to the expenditure incurred on the new play surface at Sports Club play area - seconded by Cllr. Ivens – 12 for – unanimous – motion carried**

- **COMMUNITY GRANTS 2020**

Recommendation: That Townsend Hall be allowed to carry over their 2020/21 grant to 2021/22

- 13.3 **Cllr. Cooper proposed that the Townsend Hall be allowed to carry over their 2020/21 grant to 2021/22 - seconded by Cllr. Murphy – 12 for – unanimous – motion carried**

FGW Meeting held on Monday 19th April 2021:

- **BANK ACCOUNTS**

Recommendation: To close 'Tourism' bank account, transferring balance to main STC bank account as earmarked reserves

- 13.4 **Cllr. Cooper proposed that the 'Tourism' bank account be closed and the balance transferred to the main STC bank account as earmarked reserves- seconded by Cllr. Cowley – 12 for – unanimous – motion carried**

Recommendation: That no funds are transferred to CCLA (previously agreed minute ref 13.5 September 9th 2019)

Noted that interest rate on CCLA account has dropped considerably since agreed at meeting of 9.9.2019.

- 13.5 **Cllr. Cooper proposed that no funds are transferred to CCLA at the present time-and reconsider that strategy, seconded by Cllr. Ivens – 12 for – unanimous – motion carried**

- **YEAR END ACCOUNTS/INTERNAL & EXTERNAL AUDIT**

Recommendation: That SAFAG and Wool Fair accounts are separated from STC accounts for Year End 2021.

- 13.5 **Cllr. Cooper proposed that the SAFAG and Wool Fair accounts are separated from STC accounts for Year End 2021- seconded by Cllr. Ivens – 12 for – unanimous – motion carried**

Recommendation: To write off outstanding Council Chambers room hire invoices from April and October 2019, total £30.

- 13.6 **Cllr. Cooper proposed that the outstanding Council Chambers room hire invoices from April and October 2019, totalling £30 be written off - seconded by Cllr. Westwood – 12 for – unanimous – motion carried**

Recommendation: To appoint Mr Trevor Gill to conduct internal audit of Shipston Town Council.

- 13.7 **Cllr. Cooper proposed that Mr Trevor Gill be appointed to conduct internal audit of Shipston Town Council - seconded by Cllr. Westwood – 12 for – unanimous – motion carried**

Recommendation: That council applies to PKF (external auditors) for an extension on AGAR submission (to account for potential delays between virtual meetings ending and face to face meetings re-commencing)

- 13.8 **Cllr. Cooper proposed that council apply to PKF (external auditors) for an extension on AGAR submission - seconded by Cllr. Murphy – 12 for – unanimous – motion carried**

- **SPORTS CLUB DAMAGE**

Recommendation: To appoint contractors for stripping out work in accordance with STC insurer's (loss adjuster) requirements, followed by re-instatement works subject to approval of quotes by STC insurer/loss adjuster. Costs to STC to be reimbursed by insurer.

The Clerk confirmed that the contract for the work would be between STC and the contractor, with the costs being borne by the Sports and Social Club. As soon as asbestos register located, instructions to chosen contractor can be given for work to commence.

- 13.9 **Cllr. Cooper proposed that contractors be appointed for stripping out work at Sports and Social Club, in accordance with STC insurer's reimbursing costs - seconded by Cllr. Kelly – 12 for – unanimous – motion carried**

- 14 **FINANCIAL MATTERS** - Invoices for approval - as listed March/April 2021 [See Appendix A]

Cllr. Saunders proposed that all invoices are paid, seconded by Cllr. Cooper – 12 for – unanimous - motion carried

- 15.1 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

Recommendation to exclude the public for the following reason:

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, as if members of the public were present during the consideration of such business, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under paras 1 and 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

Cllr. Saunders proposed that the meeting be closed to the public for discussion on confidential matters, seconded by Cllr. Cooper – 12 for – unanimous - motion carried

(Public excluded from meeting at 8.54 pm)

- 15.2 **MAYO ROAD CHARITABLE TRUST** – Meeting of the Trustees held on Wednesday 7th April 2021 the minutes of which had been circulated to councillors.
Recommendation from Trustees: *That Cox & Hodgetts Solicitors be appointed at an estimated cost of £2,100.00 (plus VAT)*
- Cllr. Cowley proposed that Cox & Hodgetts Solicitors be appointed at an estimated cost of £2,100.00 plus VAT, seconded by Cllr. Cooper – 12 for – unanimous - motion carried**

- 16.1 **STAFFING WORKING GROUP** – Chair - Cllr Saunders. Meetings on Thursday 8th April and Wednesday 21st April - Verbal update given by Cllr. Saunders.
Recommendation: *That Council employ a new member of staff and advertise as appropriate.*

Update from Cllr Saunders on the kickstart role of school crossing patrol as only WCC have authority to appoint & employ them and the role is not one which suits a kickstart. WCC will look into whether this is a role they could consider. Clerk and assistant to return to office as soon as can be arranged but not opening to the public. Discussion on recent staff resignation.

- 16.2 **Cllr. Saunders proposed that STC employ a new member of staff and advertise as appropriate, seconded by Cllr. Cooper – 12 for – unanimous - motion carried**
- Recommendation:** *That council adopt the Employers Handbook with amendments.*

- 16.3 **Cllr. Saunders proposed that STC adopt the Employers Handbook with amendments, seconded by Cllr. Kelly - 12 for – unanimous - motion carried**

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 10th May 2021. (Addressed before exclusion of public at item 15)**
The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 do not apply to meetings on or after 7 May 2021
Recommendation from Mayor: *That the Annual Town Council meeting (Mayor making) be brought forward from 10th May 2021 to Tuesday 4th May 2021*

Cllr Saunders proposed that, due to uncertainty over physical meetings, the Annual Town Council Meeting be brought forward to Tuesday 4th May whilst it can be held via 'Zoom' seconded by Cllr Westwood – unanimous for – motion carried

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed: Date:
Councillor Sheelagh Saunders, Town Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council

(APPENDICES A & B ATTACHED)

APPENDIX A to Minutes of 26th April 2021

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST - APRIL 12th 2021 [APRIL 26TH 2021]		
(Carried over for retrospective approval 26th April, due to cancelled meeting on 12th)		
PAYEE	DETAILS	GROSS PAYMENT
Redwax	Inv - Managed IT support (Inv 6487 01/04/21)	£ 195.00
Redwax	Inv 6462- 365 office (24/03/21)	£ 9.48
Busy Biz	Forum services (April edition - Inv 312)	£ 237.50
Talacom	Forum editorship (April edition) Inv 17820	£ 930.00
KMS	Forum printing (April edition) Inv 23248	£ 633.00
Lawns to Mow	Town contract (March Inv 102)	£ 6,480.00
	(Includes cemetery drive labour/hardcore £400)	
Warks Pension Scheme	Staff pensions (Mar)	£ 995.42
HMRC	Staff NI/PAYE (Mar)	£ 1,049.13
Council Staff	Salaries (March)	£ 2,672.82
Stephi Paull	Payroll services (Inv 2739 Mar)	£ 14.00
Eon	NCH electricity Inv H199D8D1F6 (19/03/21)	£ 144.99
Eon	Clark House (Oct20-Feb21) Inv. KI-BE2F2112-0001	£ 116.63
Konica Minolta	Photocopier 3/12/20 to 02/03/21 (inv 1155412148)	£ 32.30
Pink Connect	Telephone/broadband - March (Inv 370590)	£ 193.76
Zoom	Online meeting subscription - Mar-Apr 2021	£ 14.39
Lloyds Bank	STC General Account - charges Jan-Feb	£ 8.85
Lloyds Bank	STC General Account - charges Feb - Mar	£ 18.47
Lloyds Bank	Tourism Account charges (Jan-Feb)	£ 7.50
John Lyne	Shipston in Bloom (compost) from 2020 grant	£ 441.12
Webbs of Armscote	granite chips for cemetery drive (incl agreed extra)	£ 844.56
Stratford District Council	NCH rates 2021/22	£ 5,738.50
Treetech	OldButt Rd STC land Inv 1215, Quote ref 1784)	£ 185.64
Sports Club (for insurers)	Emergency Dehumidifier hire	£ 1,100.09
Doherty Electrical & Plumbing	Inspect & repair NCH toilet	£ 38.85
Feldon Graphics	A2 printed COVID boards x 10 (play areas) @£15 ea	£ 150.00
A. Hince	Window Cleaning 03/04/21	£ 20.00

SHIPSTON BEAT REPORT MARCH 2021 – APRIL 2021.

The month of March through into April has been another challenging one for the team with more change and even more to come!! Sgt Stacey Naughton has left from the team after a short attachment and has been replaced by Sgt Dave Ebbs who is looking to be a more permanent posting. PCSO Mark Lucas who had stood in following the departure of Fin Moore is also set to leave us and has accepted a place in the next Police recruitment intake – May 2021. At present there is no replacement so we are back to myself, Emma and volunteer Leslie. COVID still plays a large part in day to day business and in the ever changing rules we are doing our best to keep up!!

BURGLARY DWELLING.

There have been no reported burglary dwellings on the Shipston area through the month of March and although figures across the South of the county are low we are remaining vigilant carrying out work with cross border forces gathering intelligence as well as increased patrols when time allows.

BURGLARY BUSINESS.

There have been three reported business breaks over the area, the breaks have taken place overnight and there is no link nor pattern as to what has been taken. Copper and wiring in one with car parts in another. The areas are not linked and at present no evidential links to progress the investigations.

BURGLARY 'OUTBUILDING'.

There have been three breaks of this nature which have been bikes taken from sheds. There were two in Shipston where both bikes were recovered and reunited with their owners. CCTV has been checked and during the early hours of one of the offences two youths can be seen although the identity not confirmed. Social media was utilised to assist with the investigations.

THEFT.

There have been four thefts reported to Police in the Shipston area which have been from shops along the High Street. PCSO Emma Turner has encouraged shops via Whats App group chat to report and review their security. This has been a quick method of being aware of circulating information however cannot be seen as a way to report / record crime. There has also been a spike in theft from motor vehicles parked near Rollright Stones. Valuables are being left on show and inside vehicles which is making them a desirable target. Investigations are ongoing with Thames Valley.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE.

There has been one reported case of damage which was reported in connection with the theft of pushbikes.

COVID.

Across the Shipston area Police have responded to twenty five reports detailing breaches of COVID Regulations. Two fines have been issued with the other reports in the main being made due to a misunderstanding of current guidelines or of malicious intent. Each report is required to be attended by Police.

MENTAL HEALTH.

Once again the call to attend cases of mental health incidents is high. There have been twenty six mental health incidents which have required attendance. Police are utilising a newly appointed 'Mental Health car' which is made up of a Police officer and Mental Health nurse. There are only one that operates South of the county and can act as a triage service in the first instance. It is an invaluable resource but very much in demand.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.

There have been seventeen reports of ASB ranging from vehicles speeding through the town and villages as well as youths reported hanging out in areas that cause issue.

As you will see actual crime across the area is not as high as some would believe and these are figures relating to the Shipston Beat area which spans 54 villages as well as Shipston Town.

The team are working with local Community Speed watch groups with another being developed in Newbold on Stour. We are also active in gathering intelligence surrounding Drugs in the area and warrants are actively being sought.

Current trends in crime have included the theft of Dogs which I am pleased to inform that there have not been any across the Shipston beat area.

Social media can magnify the problem but it is also very useful to educate and make people aware of the situations faced.

PC 1508 Sid Hammond, Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team