



SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

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General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council, 8th July 2024.

Present: Cllrs J Dinnie (Mayor), T Booth (Deputy Mayor), I Cooper, P Tesh, H Kelly, C Howarth, M Kelly and J Williams.

Public: 4 **Press:** 1 **SDC:** 2 **WCC:** 0 **Clerk:** H Morgan

1	<p>TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs G Kelly, J Barker, R Walters and E Liddell.</p>
2	<p>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.</p>
3	<p>TO NOTE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION RECEIVED BY THE CLERK None.</p>
4	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING To confirm the minutes of the meeting that took place on 8th April and 10th June 2024.</p> <p><u>April minutes proposed by Cllr Booth, seconded by Cllr Cooper, motion carried unanimously.</u></p> <p><u>June minutes proposed by Cllr Howarth, seconded by Cllr H Kelly, motion carried unanimously.</u></p>
5	<p>CLERK'S REPORT Noted and discussed.</p>
6	<p>REPORTS</p>
6.1	<p>Town Council (STC – Shipston Town Council) Cllr Cooper commented on the success of the Proms again this year, the fortnight being such an asset to the town, congratulations to be fed back to the Committee and thanks for their hard work.</p>

	<p>Cllr H Kelly report a concern by a resident at Hawthorn Way regarding an ash tree which he would like to be cut down, reports have been made by Heart of England and Treotech, to be referred to our insurance company.</p> <p>Cllr M Kelly reported on the Proms success, most events were well attended, sadly some performers/acts had to pull out but were hastily replaced, some anti-social behaviour on the last night due to underage drinking but all in all another huge success.</p> <p>Cllr Booth echoed Cllr Cooper's comments, a huge shout out to the Proms Chair and Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Howarth had attended the Beds for the Badger meeting and the first part of a Data Protection course. He has been/is devising a privacy notice, a volunteers policy and a safe guarding policy for approval by the Staffing Working Group. Agendas and minutes to be discussed at a later date.</p> <p>Cllr Tesh had also attended the Beds for the Badger meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Dinnie had attended the Beds for the Badger meeting, residents of Shipston and surrounding villages want to get involved and will probably seek support from the Council. Mayor's chain to be mended and cleaned – quotes being sought.</p>
6.2	<p>District Council (SDC – Stratford District Council) Report as circulated.</p> <p>Cllr Passingham also reported on unspent S106 money from the new estates i.e. £25,000 for a new footpath on completion, the concept of a footpath from the new estates to the High School (Shaping Travel in Shipston), delays in the provision of bus stops for London Road and Bailey Road, newly formed resident associations and the energy efficiency report at the Sports Club and The Hub – hoping to get funding to address the list of things that can be done.</p>
6.3	<p>County Council (WCC – Warwickshire County Council) Nothing to report in Cllr Barker's absence.</p>
6.4	<p>Blue Light update – Safer Neighbourhood Team, Fire Station, First Responders. Cllr Booth reported on behalf of the First Responders. 32 call outs in June (19 in Shipston and rest to surrounding villages), busiest periods being a Tuesday and between noon and 6 pm. A defib activation at the Howard Arms in Ilmington. There are now 45 defibs – looking for a volunteer to check, maintain and service them. A brass plaque to be presented to the landlord of the Thirst Edition in recognition of his sterling fundraising. Hoping to unveil the new 2nd car at the beer festival on Saturday.</p>
6.5	<p>Shipston Forum August edition will contain seasonal articles and adverts as usual for this time of year along with a write up of the Proms. Submissions required by the end of the week please.</p>
6.6	<p>Ellen Badger Hospital</p> <p><u>Proposal made to move this agenda item to discuss following the approval of minutes. Proposed by Cllr Dinnie, seconded by Cllr Cooper, motion carried unanimously.</u></p> <p>3 representatives from the Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board attended the meeting as result of repeated requests for information on the progress of the promised public consultation to the removal of beds from the Ellen Badger Hospital It was explained that ICB makes decisions for the area taking into account the financial, clinical, transport, workforce and community factors across the whole of Coventry and Warwickshire. A likely timetable was set out. The team are currently assessing the viability of a range of possible options for the provision of community beds in South Warwickshire and the wider impact. Once NHS England are satisfied, they can then move to a pre-consultation business process (which will involve a great deal of governance) between September and December. Engagement is needed with</p>

	organisations such as the Consultation Institute and the Clinical Senate to understand what is needed. The public consultation periods will take place between January and March 2025 and a decision to be made in May 2025. Councillors expressed concerns about delays, lack of communication, uncertainty regarding the future use of the building and lack of medical provision for the town and surrounding villages.
6.7	Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership Nothing to report.
6.8	Shipston High School Cllrs Dinnie and Lidell had attended the High School with a view to actively looking at engagement of young people to/with the Council. Cllr H Kelly has been approached by a couple of Heads of Departments regarding Cornmill Meadows as a school resource.
6.9	Shipston Business Group Nothing to report.
7	OPEN FORUM (15 MINUTE DURATION) Resident representing Shipston WI advised that they hold a craft fayre and afternoon tea at the Scout Hut but there is poor footfall. Council asked if they could rent the High Street or The Bury? Advised that they would need to contact SDC or WCC. A pop up shop was mentioned – Totally Locally or the Shipston Lions may be able to assist. Cllr Williams advised that he owns a vacant shop. Cllr Howarth to raise at the next Town’s Network meeting. Resident representing the4 Literacy Society advised that the Ukranian Poet evening had gone very well and over £500 raised – this is to purchase Ukrainian books for displaced children and to assist a publishing company in the Ukraine whose building had been taken out. Resident representing Shipston Charities Society advised the Chair has recently stood down and that they are looking for a new volunteer from the Council. Committee are appointed by the Council – to be taken to Staffing Working Group. Resident introduced himself as a potential new Town Councillor – invited to attend the Staffing Working Group on Wednesday.
8	ENVIRONMENT AND FLOOD ACTION WORKING GROUP Minutes as circulated. SAFAG: Induction event for new volunteers went well. Environment: Cllr H Kelly reported that the Treetech survey of last year reported that one of the trees in the Cemetery is dangerous – needs to be addressed ASAP. Plantings have been suggested for Cornmill Meadows – membrane would be needed. The group may not follow the same pattern as Shipston in Bloom and are considering drought resistant perennials – to be clarified with the volunteers. The Bosley Trust has been approached for funding for the Sensory Garden – Lawns 2 Mow to be asked to carry out some ground work and cementing. Commemoration benches at Cornmill Meadows to be considered on their own merit if we are approached. It was suggested that Moreton Morrel Agricultural College be approached for assistance/volunteering for Cornmill Meadows. <u>Recommendation that the Council approves the signing of the Cornmill Meadows landowner agreement between Shipston Town Council and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. Proposed by Cllr H Kelly, seconded by Cllr Dinnie, motion carried unanimously.</u> <u>Recommendation that Council approves hedge-laying at Cornmill Meadows by trained volunteers.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr H Kelly, seconded by Cllr Dinnie, motion carried unanimously.</u>

9	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE Minutes as circulated. Cllr Tesh reported that 30 plus residents had attended the Extraordinary Planning Committee meeting last week. So far there are 29 objections on the portal, none in favour. People have followed Cllr Tesh’s advice, and looked at the documents and given valid planning reasons for their objection. The CPRE have also objected. If SDC do grant permission (unlikely) the developer would need to reinstate the Hanson track as a bridal footpath and we should ringfence S106/CIL money for healthcare/medical facilities. The Committee have come up with 21 points as to back up their recommended objection. Cllr Tesh was thanked for his hard work regarding this application.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council object to the planning application 24/00303/OUT, land at Hanson Farm, Webb Road as per the unanimous motion carried by the Planning Committee.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Tesh, seconded by Cllr M Kelly, motion carried unanimously.</u></p> <p>A number of business signs have appeared in the town but no planning application has been submitted. Cllr Tesh has forwarded some comments and queries around this to the Clerk who has emailed them to SDC Planning. No response as yet.</p>
10	<p>HERITAGE, AMENITIES AND LEISURE PROJECTS WORKING GROUP (HALP) Minutes as circulated. Cllr Howarth reported that Verity has resigned as a volunteer and is concentrating on the Environment Working Group and the Ellen Badger. Thanks expressed for her involvement and input. Two thirds of the alleyway plaques have been installed and look good. Date to be arranged for the installation of the Cecil Stanford plaque at Harry’s Barbers Shop. Cllr Howarth has been in contact with SDC to see where we are with regards to the transfer of the riverbank land at the mill car park.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council approves the use of the S106 money allocated to Riverside for purchase and installation of a litter bin (style to be in keeping) and a dog waste bin.</u> We have a budget line for litter and dog waste bins, this money can be used for something else. <u>Amendment to wording of the recommendation proposed by Cllr Tesh, seconded by Cllr Booth, motion carried unanimously.</u></p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council approves the purchase installation of a litter bin (style to be in keeping) and a dog waste bin.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Tesh, seconded by Cllr Dinnie – motion carried unanimously.</u></p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council signs the agreement with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to plant wildflowers on Riverside as per their proposal at no cost to the Council.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Howarth, seconded by Cllr Dinnie, motion carried unanimously.</u> Clerk to sign on behalf of the Council.</p>
11	<p>GENERAL PURPOSES/COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP Tracker/Action Log as circulated. General Purposes: Cllr Booth reported that a meeting re the Chapel repairs/refurb is due to take place in August. Trees and hedges continue to be a bone of contention. Pete has resigned as a volunteer – thanks expressed for all of his hard work and support. Regular meetings to be set up with Lawns 2 Mow to monitor the contract, jobs and payments. Tracker to be re-set for this year.</p>

	<p>Communications: A very positive relationship now between the office team and Workflo solutions. Need quotes and figures for a new contract for technical support and the website – better to have one company providing both services. A word press website is the preferred option – the admin team are already trained in this for the Love Shipston website. May be able to negotiate the set up fee as a loyal customer.</p>
12	<p>FINANCE WORKING GROUP Minutes as circulated. Cllr Cooper thanked Cllr Howarth for chairing the last meeting in his absence. Some work to be done regarding the management and maintenance of our assets</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council approves the updated Financial Regulations in line with the new NALC model regulations.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Dinnie, motion carried unanimously.</u></p>
13	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS Invoices for approval as circulated.</p> <p><u>Proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr M Kelly, motion carried unanimously.</u></p>
14	<p>STAFFING WORKING GROUP Minutes as circulated.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council approves the increase of the Town Crier Honorarium from £200 to £250.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Tesh, motion carried unanimously.</u></p>
15	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council resolves to exclude the public in order to discuss matters of a confidential nature.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Dinnie, seconded by Cllr Cooper, motion carried unanimously.</u></p>
16	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 12th August 2024.</p>

The meeting closed at 2120 hrs.

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

Cllr J Dinnie (Mayor) Shipston on Stour Town Council