



SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

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General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council, Monday 9th December 2024.

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

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

1	<p>TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs M Kelly, R Walters, J Barker and M Barnes.</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 11th November 2024. <i>Minutes proposed by Cllr Dinnie, seconded by Cllr Cooper – motion carried unanimously.</i></p>
5	<p>CLERK'S REPORT Noted and discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signing of document to give permission for installment of IT cabling to Greenfields Nursery – deferred until after the STC meeting for Cllrs to discuss in their capacity as trustees for the Mayo Road recreational ground.
6	<p>REPORTS</p>
6.1	<p>Cllr Booth reported on his attendance at Civic events in his capacity as Deputy Mayor – Hawaiian Night at Alcester Town Council (very enjoyable and facilitated networking with other Mayors and Deputy Mayors) and Shipston Lodge Fete (excellent event and well attended). Not aware of extensive storm damage in Shipston following the recent inclement weather. Thanks were expressed to Emily and the team for arranging/organising the Council's Christmas meal which had been an enjoyable evening – this was endorsed by all Cllrs who had attended. Cllr G Kelly advised that there had been no storm incidents to report from his residential area.</p>

	<p>Cllr Howarth reported on attendance at the meeting with WCC Highways (informative and useful and relationships being developed), Data Protection training (cyber security needs addressing), a Towns Network meeting (Shakespeare England are setting up an events page which Council can access to promote local events – details to follow).</p> <p>Cllr Tesh reported on attendance at the meeting with WCC Highways – notes to follow from Cllr Walters and useful numbers to be provided to the Forum for residents information.</p> <p>Cllr Corless reported on stray wheelie bins in the road due to the recent storms/wind.</p> <p>Cllr H Kelly advised that she had attended a Local Nature Partnership Conference (WCC), the Rotary Victorian evening, Shipston Lodge Fete and the Holliday at Home event.</p> <p>Cllr Dinnie had attended the Rotary Victorian evening (and switched on the lights) – congratulations to the Rotary for a lovely and successful evening and the Town Band's Christmas Concert which had been excellent. Storm damage or incidents to be kept on our radar to follow up.</p>
6.2	<p>District Council (SDC – Stratford District Council) Report as circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV – invoices still need to be paid and we need to move forward with more information and a further meeting. To discuss at Finance Working Group. • Sports England are funding £135,000 for solar panels at the Leisure Centre. • The Integrated Care Board (ICB) will be attending the Overview and Scrutiny meeting in February. This will be open to the public – 2 days' notice to be given in writing if anyone wishes to speak.
6.3	<p>County Council (WCC – Warwickshire County Council) Nothing to report.</p>
6.4	<p>Blue Light update – Safer Neighbourhood Team, First Responders, Fire Station Safer Neighbourhood Team – report as circulated. Community First Responders – Cllr Booth reported stats and response times for year to date – report to be circulated. Ambulance service is already struggling – this can only be compounded as there are no plans for minor injuries, diagnostics or x-rays at the Ellen Badger. Shipston is the 2nd busiest CFR scheme in Coventry and Warwickshire 80% of a 24/7 service covered. Fire Station – CFO Ben Brooks has returned to Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service.</p>
6.5	<p>Shipston Forum Request for columns and articles to be submitted by the end of the week – articles already flowing in. Forum will be printed and ready for delivery to New Clark House by 3rd January.</p>
6.6	<p>Ellen Badger Hospital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents and emails have been circulated including updates from ICB and Beds for Badger. ICB to be invited to a meeting on Monday 13th January at 6 pm prior to STC's General meeting. A discussion ensued re the consultation – do we/can we respond as a body if we are not a statutory consultee? Still not sure what exactly will be incorporated in the building and number of beds – if any. ICB are arranging a meeting at the Townsend Hall for face to face consultation with residents as well as on-line events – the same being arranged for Stratford, Warwick and Leamington. <p><u>Recommendation that STC invite the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to a Council Meeting on a date to be agreed, and invite the ICB to arrange a face-to-face public meeting in the Townsend Hall on a date to be agreed.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Dinnie., seconded by Cllr Tesh – motion carried unanimously.</u></p>

6.7	<p>Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership November Minutes and Action Plan as circulated – next meeting in January.</p>
6.8	<p>Shipston High School Nothing to report.</p>
6.9	<p>Shipston Business Group Nothing to report – suggestion that they link up with Warwickshire Towns Network.</p>
7	<p>OPEN FORUM (15 MINUTE DURATION) Nothing to report.</p>
8	<p>ENVIRONMENT AND FLOOD ACTION WORKING GROUP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio-diversity policy to be circulated with a view to adopting at the January meeting • Tree planting at Cornmill Meadows to take place on Sunday at 1030 hrs. • SAFAG – a near miss re flooding following the recent storms – river level was at 3.7 metres. More interventions are needed and there are some maintenance jobs coming up. Pressure needs to be applied to WCC and the Environment Agency. to take the initiative for funding and project management - the more is done, the lower the risk. A Resilience Plan needs to be fed into the Emergency Plan as this is a massive risk – Emergency Plan working group to be reconvened. Geoff advised that he will be taking a step back from the group and Mike would be holding the reins. SAFAG to work with Brailes and Long Compton groups. Cllr Cooper extended a huge vote of thanks to Geoff for all of his and SAFAG's hard work over the years – a huge asset to the town.
9	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE Minutes as circulated.</p> <p>24/02463/FUL – Shipston Enterprise Centre, Pittway Avenue Re-surfacing and use of the former bowling green as a 3G pitch and sand dressed netball/hockey pitch. Erection of boundary fencing and floodlights. <u>Support – proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Howarth – motion carried unanimously.</u></p> <p>24/02988/TPO - Play Area, Ashgrove Hazard beam fractures within limb on north-western aspect at c.14 metres – Reduce limb by approx. 2 metres to alleviate end weight. Remove deadwood on resident side and shorten major deadwood on parkland side. Prune away from adjacent buildings to give approx. 3 metres clearance. <u>Support – proposed by Cllr Dinnie, seconded by Cllr H Kelly, 8 for, 1 abstention, motion carried.</u></p> <p>24/03007/TREE - 6 Redwood Park T1-T4 – silver birch – Reduce height by a third, from approx 5.5metres to 3.6 metres T5 – silver birch – Fell. <u>Object - unless the felled tree is replaced as per our 2 for 1 policy – proposed by Cllr Tesh, seconded by Cllr H Kelly, 8 for, 1 abstention, motion carried.</u></p> <p>24/02539/FUL - Hill House, Darlingscote Road Conversion of oak framed garage complex incorporating domestic workshop/store to ancillary annexe (Retrospective). Please be aware that as an Adjoining Parish Council, comments will not trigger this application being determined at Planning Committee but will be fully considered in coming to a decision on the application.</p>

	<p>No vote or comment – Tredington Parish – for information only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Warwickshire Local Plan – consultation to take place January and February. A 600 page document. Concerns that 3 potentially strategic growth locations have been included – Hanson Hill, Business Park and the other side of the river. SDC are holding a full briefing tomorrow. Not all of the call for sites will be included. 8 new settlements identified for South Warwickshire – 6000 houses. No mention of infrastructure. STC would be justified in objection. Cllr Tesh to discuss in detail at the next Planning Committee meeting.
10	<p>HERITAGE, AMENITIES AND LEISURE PROJECTS WORKING GROUP (HALP) Minutes as circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HALP to be put on the back burner for the time being until STC decide and agree what projects they do and don't want to explore so that ideas aren't thwarted. Members will meet up from time to time, as and when, re any projects moving forward. • Warwickshire Wildlife Trust planning to take place at Riverside on Friday 9th January.
11	<p>GENERAL PURPOSES/COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP Tracker/Action Log as circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapels – only one quote received as for the remedial works from a recommended listed builder architect – office to chase the other 2. Concerns that the recent storms may have caused further damage – Cllr Howarth to take a look. Thomas Algar to be approached if the could do some temporary patching up in the interim • Cllr Booth advised that Website and IT contracts to be looked at in the New Year with a soft/hard start – discuss at Finance Working Group. • Cllr Williams advised that a ball park for an interactive information podium is £20,000 – discuss at Finance Working Group.
12	<p>FINANCE WORKING GROUP Minutes as circulated.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that STC agrees to the Thomas Algar quote to complete Concrete repairs (Spalling) at the HUB at a cost of £18,792 (inc VAT), funds to come from HUB reserve.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Tesh – motion carried unanimously.</u> Cllrs Tesh and Dinnie volunteered to sign off works and materials.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that STC agrees to the DJ Hintons quote to complete the Asbestos compliance work at the HUB at a cost of £900 (plus VAT), funds to come from HUB reserve.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Tesh – motion carried unanimously.</u></p> <p><u>Recommendation that STC agrees that the Grant Request recommendations be carried through to the 2025/26 Precept.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Howarth – motion carried unanimously.</u></p> <p><u>Recommendation that STC approves the Civility statement.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr H Kelly – motion carried unanimously.</u></p> <p><u>Recommendation that STC confirms the Finance Committee Terms of Reference.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Howarth – motion carried unanimously.</u></p>

	<p><u>Recommendation that STC approves the engagement of a suitable professional to assess the impact of trees.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Hilary– motion carried unanimously.</u></p>
13	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS Invoices for approval as circulated.</p> <p><u>Proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Booth, motion carried unanimously.</u></p>
14	<p>STAFFING WORKING GROUP Nothing to report.</p>
15	<p>SHIPSTON IN BLOOM Remove from Agenda – cover in Environment update.</p>
16	<p>LOCAL NATURE ACTION PLAN Deferred to next month.</p>
17	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 13th January 2025.</p>

The meeting closed at 2055 hrs.

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

Cllr J Dinnie (Mayor) Shipston on Stour Town Council