



SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2024

MINUTES

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Monday 29th April 2024, TOWNSEND HALL, 7PM

In Attendance: Cllrs: G Kelly, J Dinnie, H Kelly, T Booth, I Cooper, M Kelly, P Tesh, C Howarth, R Walters. Administration Officers: E Booth and D Hardiman. Shipston Town Crier, M Lowe

20 Members of the Public

1	WELCOME BY THE TOWN MAYOR The Town Mayor (Cllr G Kelly) welcomed fellow Councillors, members of community groups and members of the public.
2	APOLOGIES Cllr J Barker, Town Clerk H Morgan, SDC Cllr D Passingham
3	SHOWREEL A showreel presentation was shown highlighting some of the achievements of the Town Council over the year.
4	MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2023 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 18 th April 2023 Proposed by Cllr G Kelly, Seconded by J Dinnie, unanimous, motion carried
5	MAYOR'S REPORT The Mayor presented his report for the year. Promoting Shipston as a great place to live, work and visit. Reported on numerous civic events/services he has attended this year and numerous events attended in Shipston, including the last night of the proms, Opening of Cornmill Meadows, Bonfire Night, Armistice Day, The Duck Race, Victorian Evening. Also reported on the Civic Event this year, a performance of Shipston Amdram's Pantomime and The Civic Service held at St Edmunds Church, both of which raised funds for The Shipston Food Bank. Has appeared on BBC News recently, in respect of the new website set up for Shipston on Stour Businesses, "www.loveshipston.co.uk" Looks forward to continuing to serve Shipston as a Councillor, the new Mayor will be elected at the Mayor Making Meeting in a few weeks time.
6	COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP REPORTS Reports were heard from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning Committee – Cllr P Tesh• Finance Working Group – Cllr I Cooper• General Purposes Working Group – Cllr T Booth

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Working Group – Cllr T Booth • HALP – Cllr C Howarth • Environmental Working Group – Cllr H Kelly • SAFAG – Cllr J Dinnie
7	<p>Stratford Upon Avon District Council Reports</p> <p>None</p>
8	<p>Warwickshire County Council Reports</p> <p>None</p>
9	<p>COMMUNITY GROUP PRESENTATIONS</p> <p>Presentations were heard from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fay Ivens – Shipston Rotary Thanked Council for their work over the past year. Provided a brief report on events over the past year. Joining up with Stour Valley Lions for the Victorian Evening. Multiple fundraising events throughout the year and events that have been put on for the community. Tour De Shipston, Trip to Weston Super Mare, Easter Bonnet Competition, Sunflower Competition, Cuckoo in the Nest, Mock Interviews held at the High School, Memory Lane Singing Group, High School kitchen equipment etc. • George Kelly – Shipston Proms Provided a brief report of Shipston Proms. A 2 week event held in Shipston and surrounding villages starting with the Launch event will be held at the Townsend Hall on 21st June – The Drop Outs. The Proms have been going for 25 years. Music events from different genres, folk, opera, jazz, blues, choral, rock, pop. Big event up at the hub this year “Ibiza on Stour” with headlining DJ Dave Pearce, a famous Radio 1 DJ. The Last Night of the Proms is a free event. The whole Proms event takes £25,000 to £30,000 to put on the event. 90% of the funds are raised by sponsors, donations and collection buckets, raffle tickets. Wants to thank the Council for the Grant that has just been donated. • Richard Taylor – Townsend Hall Wanted to thank the Council for their hard work throughout the year
10	<p>ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident of Nason Way Wanted to bring up the matter of roads and pavements on the new estates not being completed. Residents have aired concerns with the site manager and developers, but feel they haven’t had a satisfactory response. Asked if there was anything that the Council could do to help. Cllr Dinnie encouraged that the residents concerned set up a residents association, providing a strong voice for all. Then to contact prntner construction, the developers of the site. Cllr Tesh suggested contacting Stratford District Council as they are the planning authority to see if they could get Planning Enforcement involved. • Resident of Shipston on Stour Raised concerns about a planning application that was put through in December, for the Old Power House on the Campden road. Change of use, from car hire, to pizza parlour. Wanted to know why this has not been decided yet and where the application is with regards to decision making. Cllr Tesh advised that The Town Council are consultees and the Planning Authority lies with Stratford District Council. Residents concerned that works have already been carried out, with installation of a vent, windows and access. It was advised that contact be made to Stratford District Council to involve the Planning Enforcement team to look into this.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident of Shipston on Stour Wanted an update of a meeting that took place with the Mayor of Bishops Castle, Josh Dickens, who has been successful in their application to get 16 inpatient beds in their local hospital. Cllr Dinnie reported on the meeting. Listened to how they did it and is now looking at ways to set up the next step to aid with the application of inpatient beds at the Ellen Badger Hospital. A committee was formed outside of the Town Council, representatives of the community, The Town Council of Bishops Castle endorsed this, but it was separate from The Town Council itself. Cllr Dinnie suggested we follow the same approach in getting a committee set up for this.
11	<p>PRESENTATION OF SHIPSTON AWARD Awarded to Tony Joint for his amazing amount of charity and volunteer work throughout Shipston on Stour.</p>
12	<p>THANKS TO PAST MAYOR Thanks were expressed to past Mayor Marianne Westwood</p>

The meeting closed at 2021 hrs

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

Cllr G Kelly, Mayor, Shipston on Stour Town Council