



**SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES**

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General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council, Monday 10th March 2025 at 7pm.

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

Public: 3 Press: 1 SDC: 2 WCC:1 Clerk: D Hardiman & E Booth

1	TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Town Clerk – Helen Morgan Cllr M Barnes
2	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
3	TO NOTE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION RECEIVED BY THE CLERK None
4	MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING To confirm the minutes of the meeting that took place on Tuesday 11 th February 2025 <u>Minutes proposed by Cllr C Howarth, seconded by Cllr R Walters, 2 abstentions due to absence, 10 for - motion carried</u>
5	CLERK'S REPORT Report as circulated – noted and discussed.
6	REPORTS
6.1	Town Councillor (STC – Shipston Town Council) Cllr M Kelly – Nothing to report Cllr H Kelly – reported that she has asked the Deputy Mayor to take part in a charity shop Youth Club Fashion Show during Great Big Green Week. Has attended the Allotment Representatives meeting at New Clark House, which was useful. A tree has been planted in the Church Yard in memory of Ed Jackson from the foodbank, with a plaque. Reported there were record numbers at the Holiday at Home meeting. Also attended People Planet Pint and the Horseshoe, which was

	<p>very good. Reported that the Church Yard wall is in need of repair, has been in contact with the office, who have obtained 1 quote, had refusal from 1 and is awaiting the 3rd. Reported that planting of wildflowers at Riverside has taken place. Has been awarded a grant from SDC for Cornmill Meadows for the sum of £1600, this is to pay for hedge laying, which will take place in the winter and bird and bat boxes. Applying for another fund from SDC, deadline this week, need to send Health and Safety Policy, requested a copy from Councillors. Sends thanks to the Office team for support.</p> <p>Cllr G Kelly – Nothing to Report</p> <p>Cllr C Howarth – Reported that he has heard back from Rafi regarding Trail Tale, he has been unsuccessful for National Lottery Funding, so won't be pursuing any further with this. Given thanks to Hilary and Verity for help in planting Wildflowers at Riverside. Had 2 events booked through the Clerk, one wasn't successfully booked, and the other was over subscribed and couldn't attend because of this. Attended a meeting at the Hub regarding the roof repairs, they have also taken out the water tank, which was surplus to requirements. Reported that the Educational Charity Meeting went OK. Has been aiding Emily in the Office with bank payments etc. Expressed thanks to the Office.</p> <p>Cllr J Corless – Reported that he has been in contact with Evie-Life regarding EV charging points, has sent through details of power supply in the car parks, is waiting for their response. Expressed thanks to Office.</p> <p>Cllr P Tesh – reported he has been in contact with SDC regarding an InPost locker that has appeared at Tilemans Lane, they have come back to say there is no issue and didn't require Planning Permission. Has received several complaints regarding the manhole cover on the Campden Road – this has been reported multiple times and is due to be fixed.</p> <p>Cllr J Williams – Reported on the SOS banking. Has sent in a Covering Letter. Has received a supporting letter from MP Manuela Perteghella. Could be 10 weeks before we see what impact the letter might have had. Reported that Emily has managed to complete an online survey, and the office have helped with printing surveys for distribution. Reported that he will be meeting with other Councils to see what they are doing. Will be looking at a "Bank Desert" to review a map of Warwickshire to see where banks are in the area. Reported that they should be able to challenge the Link Assessment, out of 3 Post Offices listed, 2 are mobile. Shipston Post Office management are looking to reduce serving hours, by 20 per week. Lloyds Bank is due to close on the 9th November. Cllr J Barker offered to get together with Cllr I Seccombe to see if they can help any further.</p> <p>Cllr J Barker – Reported on the Mayo Road Trust, General Purposes asked for an update on the Rugby Club car park. Rugby Club will be helping with this, but no progress yet, as conditions have been too wet. This will be going ahead when the weather dries up. Permission will be sought from STC when assessment has taken place. Reported the manhole on Campden Road and has been reported on Fix My Street. Is sorting out a Pothole Survey in the area.</p> <p>Cllr R Walters – Nothing to Report</p> <p>Cllr I Cooper – Nothing to Report</p> <p>Cllr T Booth - Attended the Allotment Representatives meeting at New Clark House in February, reported that mood seems to have improved over the last 12 months. Office staff have a good rapport with the reps and have carried out an incredible job. Expressed thanks to Cllr Barker for her visible campaign towards the South Warwickshire Local Plan – this is very emotive for Shipston and Cllr Barker has helped to rally everybody together. Expressed thanks to Council for supporting the Youth Club. They are very pleased to be offered a permanent home, which Youth Club could potentially help financially. Has offered to become involved with the Youth Club Committee. Is in the process of arranging a meeting with the CCTV team at SDC</p> <p>Cllr J Dinnie - Expressed thanks to Cllr Tesh and Mr Sykes for their help submitting a response to the South Warwickshire Local Plan. Also expressed thanks to the Office team for continued support.</p>
6.2	<p>District Council issues (SDC – Stratford District Council)</p> <p>Reports as circulated. Noted and discussed.</p> <p>Cllr O Hatch – reported that work has started on the solar panels on the Leisure Centre roof.</p>

	<p>Cllr D Passingham - reported that ongoing objections to the South Warwickshire Local Plan are taking place. Devolution has shortened SWLP to 2 years. District and County submissions on what position is in terms of devolution with the Government by the 21st March. In discussions, District and County Council will hold an extraordinary meeting to finalise. Still in discussions.</p> <p>Cllr J Dinnie – reported that Cllr I Seccombe will be attending New Clark House on the 14th April at 6pm, for a meeting with the Councillors before the next Town Council Meeting. The WALC meeting regarding devolution is taking place tonight but is being recorded if Councillors wish to catch up.</p>
6.3	<p>County Council issues (WCC – Warwickshire County Council)</p> <p>Cllr J Barker – reported that the contract for Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust for mental health work has been renewed. Agreed to fund SEND mediation services. A new highway enforcement policy about removal of cars. Reinforced the economic strategy, there is a new health protection strategy coming out. Household Support Fund - energy voucher campaign, is starting again. Applications close on the 28th March, or before if funds deplete.</p>
6.4	<p>Blue Light update – No Report</p>
6.5	<p>Shipston Forum Jam packed spring issue with lots of events. Deadline at the end of this week.</p>
6.6	<p>Ellen Badger Hospital Cllr Dinnie reported that Cllrs, Barker, William, Corless and himself attended the feedback report. Not received the final version yet. Reported that the stats for the “Make your mind up question” have been released – 82% voted option A, 13% voted option B, 5% voted neither. – 1242 via survey (10% paper) 189 drop ins. 72 written responses. 12th March – report coming for ICB, to be presented to the board. 19th March – result at the ICB meeting at Coventry Rugby Club at 1.30pm.</p> <p>Reported that STC have received a letter from Sophie Gilkes asking if we have any ideas for uses of the open space surrounding the hospital. Asked for Councillors to have a think and come back.</p>
6.7	<p>Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership Minutes as circulated. Councillors reported that SHWP have received £186,000. £90,000 per year for the next 3 years to go towards staffing and upgrading.</p>
6.8	<p>Shipston High School Sports Hall Planning Application is ongoing – they are hopeful to hear something by the end of next month.</p>
7	<p>OPEN FORUM (15 MINUTE DURATION) None</p>
8	<p>ENVIRONMENT AND FLOOD ACTION WORKING GROUP Environment Minutes as circulated. SAFAG - Report as circulated Brian Cooper reported that Geoff Smith has stepped down, they have reorganised everything and shared tasks out amongst members. Brian Cooper to provide monthly reports to Full Council.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council approves the purchase of an additional supply of rebar. 1m x 10mm – a total of 40. Quoted cost (with free delivery) £115.96</u></p> <p><u>Proposed by Cllr J Dinnie, seconded by Cllr H Kelly, motion carried unanimously.</u></p>

9	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE Minutes as circulated.</p> <p>All planning applications can be views at https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/</p> <p>25/00134/FUL – 1 Greenway Road, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4EA – Proposal is for the construction of new single storey flat roof extension to the rear and right side elevation.</p> <p>Discussion ensued – Would like to see inclusion of Water Butts on the application.</p> <p><u>Qualified No Objection with request for Water Butts, proposed by Cllr P Tesh, seconded by Cllr J Dinnie, motion carried unanimously</u></p> <p>Cllr P Tesh expressed thanks to Mr Phil Sykes and D Hardiman for submitting the response to the SWLP. Reported that it is still unclear when part 2 will be published. It is suspected that some sites will be knocked out before part 2, which gives a second opportunity to object. Will keep everyone updated.</p>
10	<p>HERITAGE, AMENITIES AND LEISURE PROJECTS WORKING GROUP (HALP) Nothing to report - this was covered in Cllr Howarth's Council report.</p>
11	<p>GENERAL PURPOSES/COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP Tracker/Action Log as circulated. Cllr Booth expressed thanks to the Office for continued help. Reported the remedial works for the Twin Chapels is imminent. Updated the Council on an ongoing subsidence issue, currently with our insurers. Council has been advised by insurers to seek quote to remove 3 trees that could potentially cause further damage. Council discussed if an adequate monitoring period has been completed and if removing the trees is the best form of action or if root barriers could be an option.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council ask TreeTech to remove T15, T16 and T17 in line with insurer's advice.</u></p> <p><u>Proposed by Cllr T Booth, seconded by Cllr J Dinnie, 1 against, 11 for, motion carried, providing other options are explored by insurers before removal.</u></p> <p>Cllr T Booth and J Dinnie to follow up with insurers.</p>
12	<p>FINANCE WORKING GROUP Minutes as circulated. Cllr I Cooper informed Council that the Grant for streetlighting at the Hub and Sports Club have been unsuccessful.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that the outstanding CCTV bills for 23.24 & 24/25 are paid subject to there being an ongoing level agreement.</u></p> <p><u>Proposed by Cllr J Dinnie, seconded by Cllr J Barker, 11 for, 1 against, motion carried.</u></p>
13	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS Invoices for approval as circulated.</p> <p><u>Proposed by Cllr J Dinnie, seconded by Cllr I Cooper, motion carried unanimously.</u></p>

14	STAFFING WORKING GROUP Nothing to report
15	LOCAL NATURE ACTION PLAN Cllr H Kelly reported they have volunteers, and that Cllr R Walters has sent a list of green assets – volunteer from the Environment Group will be going around to take photos
16	EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC Under legislation Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and The Local Government Act 1972 SS100 & 102. 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 and press were present during the consideration of such business, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information <u>Recommendation that Council resolves to exclude the public in order to discuss matters of a confidential nature.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr J Dinnie, seconded by Cllr G Kelly, motion carried unanimously</u>
16	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 14 th April 2025

The meeting closed at 2035 hrs.

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

Cllr J Dinnie (Mayor) Shipston on Stour Town Council