



SHIPSTON ON STOUR TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

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General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council, Monday 13th January 2025.

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

Public: 5 **Press:** 1 **SDC:** 2 **WCC:** 0 **Clerk:** H Morgan

1	<p>TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs 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 December 2024. <u>Minutes proposed by Cllr G Kelly, seconded by Cllr Howarth 9 for, 2 abstentions – motion carried.</u></p>
5	<p>CLERK'S REPORT Noted and discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of the green garage storage unit at New Clark House to be looked into.
6	<p>REPORTS</p>
6.1	<p>Cllr Cooper – reported on the ongoing issue of the chaos of traffic lights on the Stratford Road and street lights not working. Cllr Walters – advised that the Mayoral Chain that has been in repair will be back with STC on Friday. Cllr H Kelly – reported that current quotes for EV charging would seem excessive – a work in progress. She had attended the Christmas Carol Service and that the Church was filled to the brim. A lovely evening.</p>

	<p>Cllr Williams – quotes and info re an interactive town information board to be discussed at Finance Working Group.</p> <p>Cllr Howarth – reported on meetings re The Hub stairs and ceiling, the Archery Club proposal, Sports Club drive lighting and the Chapel roof. Riverside planting deferred due to inclement weather.</p> <p>Cllr G Kelly – reported that mains water had been turned off for a short period of time by Severn Trent Water.</p> <p>Cllr Booth – advised that he had attended the Mayor of Coventry’s event at the Guild Hall to represent STC. Chapel roof repairs is still a project for General Purposes – quotes have been sourced – immediate remedial repairs versus the whole roof is the big question. Once we have a use defined for the Chapel’s – we could apply for various funding. Co-op bench – been broached many times – Stour Valley Lions are interested in replacing.</p> <p>Cllr Dinnie – reported on the many festive activities that he had attended, including the Carol Service. All of which are a salute to the community spirit of Shipston.</p>
6.2	<p>District Council (SDC – Stratford District Council) Report as circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devolution and the White Paper – there will be implications should Warwickshire become a Unitary Council – 4 out of 5 DCs have objected including SDC. More discussion to take place. An extension for WCC elections has been applied for. • Parish Liaison Officer appointed. • Community Building Worker appointed which may lead to funding opportunities.
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 – site walk conducted at the Ellen Badger. Hard standing area and an EV charge point for the new vehicle is to be installed.</p>
6.5	<p>Shipston Forum A quiet time of year but all articles welcome please.</p>
6.6	<p>Ellen Badger Hospital A discussion ensued re the meeting with the Integrated Care Board that took place prior to this meeting, the consultation process and the upcoming face to face public session in Shipston on the 22nd. Cllr Dinnie has registered to attend an SDC and a WCC meeting on this matter but not in capacity as Mayor. Cllr Dinnie and Corless will meet post the face to meeting and draft a document from STC outlining Shipston’s residents’ views. To be circulated prior to the February meeting for discussion/approval. STC must remember that we do not have a health remit – but we ought to make comments on behalf of the town – statutory consultee or not.</p>
6.7	<p>Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership Next meeting to take place tomorrow.</p>
6.8	<p>Shipston High School Planning application still pending.</p>
6.9	<p>Shipston Business Group Nothing to report.</p>

7	<p>OPEN FORUM (15 MINUTE DURATION) More discussion ensued re the Ellen Badger – i.e. – face to face meeting (open/structured or not), trouble accessing the document and survey on-line, how to access if not IT savvy, STCs view and will STC be representing the town’s view. Cllr Dinnie will raise the concerns with the ICB re the consultation process. Refer to Agenda item 6.6.</p>
8	<p>ENVIRONMENT AND FLOOD ACTION WORKING GROUP</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council accepts and adopts the Bio-diversity policy. Proposed by Cllr H Kelly, seconded by Cllr Dinnie – motion carried unanimously.</u> Action plan to be reviewed and agreed – in particular re weed spraying.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council approves the name change from ‘Shipston in Bloom’ to ‘Greener Shipston’.</u> Discussion took place – Cllr Cooper advised that ‘In Bloom’ came as a national initiative from the Royal Horticultural Society – for which Shipston won an award and should really be kept – a) residents understand the concept and b) as an honour to the founder members. Recommendation withdrawn.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council approves work to be carried out by Lawns 2 Mow at the Sensory Garden – groundworks, replacement and repair. Proposed by Cllr H Kelly, supported by Cllr Cooper – motion carried unanimously.</u></p>
9	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p>All planning applications can be viewed at https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/</p> <p>24/03194/FUL – Shipston Building Supplies, Tilemans Lane Erection of a 1.8m high, twin wire fence and sliding gates. <u>No rep – proposed by Cllr Dinnie, seconded by Cllr Tesh – motion carried unanimously.</u></p> <p>24/03268/FUL - Shipston Sports Club, 21 London Road Erection of one additional cricket practice net. <u>Support – proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Tesh – motion carried unanimously.</u></p> <p>24/03285/PVN - Shipston Leisure Centre, Darlingscote Road Installation of 168 solar pv panels onto the roof of Shipston Leisure Centre. <u>Support – proposed by Cllr Tesh, seconded by Cllr H Kelly – motion carried unanimously.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Warwickshire Local Plan – consultation is open until 7th March. Cllr Tesh and Mr P Sykes are preparing a document for the January Planning Committee meeting and will present to full Council at the meeting on 11th February.
10	<p>HERITAGE, AMENITIES AND LEISURE PROJECTS WORKING GROUP (HALP) Nothing to report.</p>
11	<p>GENERAL PURPOSES/COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP Tracker/Action Log as circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapels – as per previous discussions – with General Purposes and Finance Working Groups. • Bus stops – not visible or out of date timetables. Cllr Passingham to speak to a WCC contact and will get back to Cllr Booth..

12	<p>FINANCE WORKING GROUP Minutes and spreadsheet as circulated.</p> <p><u>Recommendation that Council demands a Precept of £385,000 for 2025/26.</u> <u>Proposed by Cllr Walters, seconded by Cllr Howarth – motion carried unanimously.</u> This equates to an annual increase of approx. £20 per year per household.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request received for lights on the Sports Club driveway – very dark and could be hazardous – Cllr Howarth looking into this.
13	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS Invoices for approval as circulated.</p> <p><u>Proposed by Cllr Howarth, seconded by Cllr Dinnie - motion carried unanimously.</u></p>
14	<p>STAFFING WORKING GROUP Nothing to report.</p>
15	<p>LOCAL NATURE ACTION PLAN Cllr H Kelly suggested that a survey be conducted to see what the public think about this – more info to follow.</p>
16	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 11th February 2025.</p>

The meeting closed at 2045 hrs.

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

Cllr J Dinnie (Mayor) Shipston on Stour Town Council