



# SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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To: Councillors Barratt, Brown, Budd, Daultrey, Dibben, Edwyn-Jones, Elmendorff, Heritage, Hollingshead, Loader, Philpott, Salkeld, Smith, Williams and Yeo

Invited to attend: Dorset Council Councillors Beer and Jeanes

For Information: Members of the Public & Press

## AGENDA

### **FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

You are summoned to a meeting of the for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below. To be held at **7 pm on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026** in the **Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall**. The meeting will also be hosted online. Public, press and non-committee members, join on your computer or mobile app using [Microsoft Teams](#).

Ms Billy Maddock

Interim Town Clerk, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Public Participation:** The Chairman will invite members of the public to present their questions, statements or petitions. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed twenty minutes. A member of the public shall not speak for more than three minutes.

Members are reminded of their duty under the [Code of Conduct](#), [Scheme of Delegation](#) and [Standing Orders](#).

The Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, belief or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights. Disabled access is available.

All in attendance should be aware that filming, recording, photography or otherwise may occur during the meeting.

**The 7 principles of public life:** Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership (*Committee on Standards in Public Life, 1995*)

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## **Agenda Item No. 1**

### **Apologies – To receive and consider for acceptance**

The Council (including committees) should approve (or not) the reason for apologies given by absent councillors. If a council member has not attended a meeting of the council (or its committees) or has not tendered apologies which have been accepted by the council (or committee), for six consecutive months, they are disqualified.

Apologies received from Cllr Daultrey.

## **Agenda Item No. 2**

### **To receive any Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

Members and Officers are reminded of their obligations to declare interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct – adopted in July 2021. The Clerk will report any dispensation requests received.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which relates to a councillor's interest, the councillor has the responsibility of declaring that interest in accordance with the adopted code of conduct. (Shaftesbury Town Council Code of Conduct, 2019)

## **Agenda Item No. 3**

### **Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

When the meeting is approving the draft minutes of a previous meeting as an accurate record, the only issue for the meeting is whether the minutes accurately record the proceedings of the meeting and the resolutions made at them. It is irrelevant if the chairman or other councillors were not present at the meeting to which the draft minutes relate.

If it is necessary for the draft minutes of the previous meeting to be corrected because of inaccuracies, then the amendments to the draft minutes must be approved by resolution. (Tharmarajah, 2013, p. 154).

#### **Recommendation**

Confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on [17<sup>th</sup> March 2026](#).

## **Agenda Item No. 4**

### **To receive a report for information to Full Council**

#### **Civic Report**

Councillors are invited to provide a report at this point.

#### **Mayoral Diary**

A [report](#) has been provided.

#### **Dorset Council Reports**

Dorset Councillors are invited to provide a report at this point - [Cllrs Beer & Jeanes provided a report](#).

#### **Other Reports**

None

#### **Local Organisation Reports**

Local Organisation representatives invited to provide a report at this point.

#### **Recommendation**

That the reports are received, and any points of note are identified for future meetings of the Council or its committees or for action by officers of the Council.

**To receive and note minutes of and/or to determine recommendations by committees**

Reports provided within this item are to be received, they provide updates on decisions already taken by the Committee(s) and actions taken under the Scheme of Delegation (where not previously reported) that need to be resolved.

Receive and note minutes of and/or to determine recommendations by committees.

When a council delegates its responsibilities to a committee, sub-committee, officer or another local authority, they are acting for and on behalf of the council. The statutory authority for a delegation is found in Local Government Act, 1972 s.101. (NALC, 2018)

Minutes for the Planning and Highways committee are provided for information using the hyperlinks below and any recommendations for Full Council to consider are noted.

Draft minutes from the Shaftesbury Swimming Advisory Committee meeting on [19<sup>th</sup> March 2026](#).

Draft minutes from the Planning and Highways committee meeting on [7<sup>th</sup> April 2026](#).

**Recommendations for STC to consider and resolve upon**

**Shaftesbury Swimming Advisory Committee**

**SS59 To receive an update on working with Morgan Sindall**

The chair gave an update on developments following the Morgan Sindall visit.

Stuart reported that Vanessa Good of SCAPE and Morgan Sindall had met on Tuesday and the next stage is to complete an [Expression of Interest](#). If this is successful, the next stage would be a full application form for support to undertake a feasibility study.

[Guidance notes](#) have been provided.

SCAPE are happy to work with SSAC/the town council on the EOI/application.

It is good news that we have been invited to submit an EOI.

It was suggested to speak to Dorset Council for support and possible funding.

**Planning & Highways**

**PH71 To consider two speed surveys to support the possible extension of the proposed 20mph area on the eastern side of the town**

Officer report 0426PH7 was received and noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the whole of Shaftesbury is to become a 20mph zone, except for the trunk roads. Once confirmed by Full Council this request will be sent to Dorset Council.

**Additional Information**

Following the P&H meeting, officers sought further advice from Dorset Council which is as follows:

*In Dorset, trunk roads are those sections maintained by National Highways, so using this term more broadly may cause some confusion. These should be called main roads (A350 and A30).*

*As previously suggested, it would be helpful if the TC could produce a map clearly showing the start and finish (terminal) points for the 20mph application. If possible, this should also include the existing 20mph area, along with the requested reduction from 40mph to 30mph on the A30 Christys Lane and A350 Grosvenor Road. Having this map available for Full Council would help avoid any later uncertainty about which roads are being considered.*

*At Full Council, you are able to explain that, subject to Full Council supporting the application, the Town Council will still be required to carry out local engagement to demonstrate significant community support. The application would then be assessed by my team to determine whether it is credible and meets policy guidance. If it does, it will be referred to the 20mph Panel to decide whether it can proceed to formal public consultation as part of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process: [How a Traffic Regulation Order \(TRO\) is made - Dorset Council](#).*

It should be noted that there is a difference between 20mph zones and 20mph speed limits. 20mph zones require less signage, with signs being at terminal points, and less repeater signs due to other traffic calming measures already being in place. This would potentially not be applicable to Shaftesbury and a 20mph speed limit would have to be considered. However Dorset Council will advise further once this is being considered.

Dorset Council, in order to obtain a complete position on Shaftesbury, would require for the town council to commission two speed surveys, as detailed in the Planning & Highways agenda, at a cost of £495 + VAT. DC already hold survey data for the western side of the town, and these further surveys will give DC a complete picture of speeds across the whole area. In liaison with the Data Team, the Road Safety Manager recommends two specific locations for these surveys: [23 Pound Ln - Google Maps](#) & [King Alfred's Way - Google Maps](#)

Once the data of these surveys has been received DC will evaluate it for its viability and advise on next steps. The town council will have to undertake public engagement to understand public support for this.

### **Recommendation**

Members are requested to

- (1) Receive and note the SSAC and P&H minutes
- (2) Note the update on working with Morgan Sindall and to support the completion of an Expression of Interest by the chair of the advisory committee.
- (3) Resolve that the whole of Shaftesbury is to have a 20mph speed limit, except for the main roads, and that two speed surveys are commissioned, one in Pound Lane and one in King Alfred's Way, as recommended by Dorset Council at a cost of £495+VAT taking funds from budget line Legal and Professional.

## To approve payments and receive financial reports

### Summary

The Council should have a clear understanding of the Council's financial position throughout the year. Every local council must ensure that it has a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of its functions.

The following summaries are for the committee to receive and note:

- Balance Sheet – to be presented with the year-end accounts
- Summary Income and Expenditure by budget heading – to be presented with the year-end accounts
- Earmarked Reserves – to be presented with the year-end accounts
- List of payments – [March payments](#), [April payments](#)

If any councillor would like to see any additional information, please let the office team know and this will be arranged.

Members should be kept up to date with the council's accounts to ensure that there are sufficient funds to meet commitments.

### 6.2 Bank Reconciliation

As per the Council's financial regulations (2.2) (as resolved in February 2023) state - On a monthly basis, including financial year end, a member shall be appointed, on a rota basis to include twelve members, to verify bank reconciliations (for all accounts) produced by the RFO. The member shall sign the reconciliations and the original bank statements (or similar document) as evidence of verification. This activity shall on conclusion be reported, including any exceptions, to and noted by Full Council.

The March bank reconciliation is due to be signed by Cllr Loader.

### Legal Implications

Every local authority shall make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and shall secure that one of their officers has responsibility for the administration of those affairs. *Local Government Act 1972 s.151*

### Recommendation

That the Council receives and notes the payment lists for this month and raises any queries it may have.

## To receive recommendations from the Mampitts Advisory Committee

### Information

The Mampitts Advisory Committee will be meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April and will be considering the following two items for recommendation to Full Council.

1. To note further updates to the Mampitts Hub Operating Plan

An updated Mampitts Hub Operating Plan has been developed by the project team. Following the Committee's considerations at the February meeting and Council's feedback this version of the plan includes changes to:

- The classes of uses for the management and delivery of the Mampitts Community Hub including outdoor space in compliance with the land transfer.
- The outdoor hire rate and the administration of this in accordance with the Council's Hire of Land.
- Policy meaning that there is clarity on there being no charge to Shaftesbury Community and charitable groups.
- Flexible approach to Family Hub room allocations and bookings.
- The financials in terms of the above and an envisaged reduction in insurance costs.

It should be noted that the Operating Plan is a live document with further changes to be considered as and when required.

#### *Proposed Recommendation to the Committee*

To recommend to Full Council to note the updates to the Mampitts Operating Plan.

2. To consider expenditure for consultant support for the next phase of the project

As we move to the next phase of the project, the following expenditure should be considered.

#### Procurement Consultant

Further support from the Procurement Consultant is required as we move through the tender process which includes training, collating bids for moderation, moderation meeting / follow ups, collate outcomes and award letters.

The services of the consultant will also be required for the café operator tender.

It is estimated that an additional £2,000 is required for this support.

#### Tender Evaluation Support Architect and Quantity Surveyor

Tender evaluation support from Architect and Quantity Surveyor is not included in original quote.

The hourly rates are £95/hr for the Architect and £107/hr for the Quantity Surveyor.

#### Project Manager

Continued Project Manager support at a new revised day rate of £300 (previous £275 per day) with an average of 3 days a week, as per same principles as set out in 20251118 FC report, agenda item 12.3.3 and corresponding minute ref FC93c, note item 8.4.

Note: Project Consultant still within original approved budget.

#### Construction Project Manager as the project develops

As the Mampitts project moves from RIBA Stage 4 (Technical Design) into RIBA Stage 5 (Construction), the Project Manager role will need to evolve to reflect the requirements of a live construction environment. The existing Project Manager and project team recognise that this phase

ideally requires a PM with direct experience of construction projects of this nature, the ability to attend site at short notice, a working knowledge of CDM Regulations/responsibilities, and the capacity to act as the key point of contact between the Town Council, the Architects in their role as Contract Administrator, and the Building Contractor's Project Manager as required.

Subject to a suitable construction tender being approved by Full Council, the expectation would be for the new PM to be in post for handover with the current PM in early June so they can be involved with the appointed Contractor and Architects from the earliest stages of mobilisation.

The Committee will therefore be asked to note that this change in project phase necessitates a review of the Project Manager role, enabling the Town Clerk to update the PM job description and consider the most appropriate approach to appointing a new Project Manager for the construction phase.

#### *Proposed Recommendation to the Committee*

To recommend to Full Council the approval of additional expenditure for support with the Mampitts Hub project of an

- (1) additional £2,000 for the Procurement Consultant.
- (2) approve tender support of the Architect at £95/hr and Quantity Surveyor at £107/hr.
- (3) approve the continuing support from the Project Manager at £300 per day on 3 days a week.
- (4) note the need for a Construction Project Manager as the project moves into construction.

#### **Recommendation**

Members are requested to receive the two proposed recommendations from the Mampitts Advisory Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April and to vote on these accordingly. These are

- (1) to note the updates to the Mampitts Operating Plan.
- (2) To approve additional expenditure for support with the Mampitts Hub project
  - a. An additional £2,000 for the Procurement Consultant,
  - b. tender support of the Architect at £95/hr and Quantity Surveyor at £107/hr,
  - c. continuing support from the Project Manager at £300 per day on 3 days a week, and
  - d. noting the need for a Construction Project Manager as the project moves into construction.

## To receive and note the Civic Protocol

### **Background**

Each year, at the Annual meeting in May, members select a Mayor/Chairman and Deputy Mayor/Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming mayoral year. The Council's Standing Orders set out the Civic Protocol in Section 27.

### **Information**

The [Civic Protocol](#) provides guidance to councillors on how the selection process is undertaken. It also sets out the criteria for choosing a Mayor/Chairman, excerpt below.

The following criteria will apply to the selection of a Mayor:

The Council should choose a Mayor who best exhibits the following criteria, whilst recognising that the criteria should not be too prescriptive and that each candidate will bring his/her individual personality and style to the office of Mayor:

- Chairmanship skills – the candidate can run public meetings efficiently and effectively to ensure that all councillors and as many members of the public as possible are able to provide input on the Council decisions. There will be an expectation for experience of chairing formal meetings, and the candidate should have had experience of chairing a Council committee for a minimum of one municipal year.
- Integrity – the candidate maintains the highest possible ethical standards, works well with other councillors and officers, has the courage to take an unpopular position if it is best for the town and adheres to all the protocols laid down for conduct and behaviour.
- Commitment – the candidate is able and willing to devote sufficient time to the role of Mayor in order to perform it properly, is supportive of and supported by the community. The candidates past actions have been for the benefit of the Town rather than being self-serving.
- Relationships – the candidate should be able to demonstrate the confidence and willingness to meet and interact with the public and external organisations at all levels as part of the ambassadorial role.

The [nomination form](#) for the Mayor/Chairman and Deputy Mayor/Vice-Chairman should be completed with a Proposer and Seconder. This needs to be submitted to the Interim Town Clerk by 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

### **Recommendation**

Members are requested to receive and note the Civic Protocol for the selection of a Mayor/Chairman and Deputy Mayor/Vice-Chairman to Shaftesbury Town Council.

**To receive a report from the Grounds contractor and consider the proposed recommendations**

**Background**

As part of the contract, the grounds contractor provides a six-monthly report to show the progress made in each of the open spaces they look after on behalf of Shaftesbury Town Council.

**Information**

The report shows each individual open space with a rating out of ten. It also details recommendations of enhancements and proposals for each space, reaching from increased bulb planting to further hedge cutting and tree planting.

[Grounds contractor six-monthly report](#)

**Recommendation**

Members are requested to receive and note the grounds maintenance progress report including recommendations to be worked up further and be considered at a later stage.

## **To consider the Consultation on Ward Boundaries for Dorset Council**

### **Information**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is inviting proposals for new council wards and ward boundaries for Dorset Council.

The review will recommend new electoral arrangements and will propose:

- The total number of councillors elected to the council in future
- The number of wards
- The number of councillors representing each ward
- Ward boundaries
- The names of wards

Dorset Council are intending to recommend that 82 councillors should be elected in the future. This is no change from the current number of councillors, but they are inviting proposals to help draw up a pattern of wards to accommodate them.

In drawing up new electoral wards, three legal criteria must be balanced:

- To deliver electoral equality – where each councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the county
- That the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities
- That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government

The 10-week public consultation started on 24<sup>th</sup> March and will close on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026. Draft recommendations will be published in September, with final recommendations expected in March 2027, and the new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in May 2029.

### **Further Information**

Officers requested further information from LGBCE regarding the format for feedback on ward arrangements and the number of electorates for one councillor as Shaftesbury only has two Dorset Councillors and two wards.

The response was that Dorset has a [have your say form](#) where views can be shared on the current boundary arrangements for Dorset Council wards. People are also encouraged to tell LGBCE about their local communities to help develop boundaries that work for local people.

Recommendations are based on 5-year electorate forecasts, with Dorset's forecast in 2032. A margin of 10% either way is allowed in terms of electoral variance on that forecast so, for Dorset, it will be around 3537-4324 electors per councillor (but in some circumstances there may be greater or lower variances if other criteria and evidence supports it).

The LGBCE have produced a [guidance for councillors flipbook](#) for more information on making a submission and the links below also provide further details on the process.

Previous Stage:

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/dorset#59676>

[https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2026-03/final\\_council\\_size\\_submission\\_0.pdf](https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2026-03/final_council_size_submission_0.pdf)

Further information about the Review Process

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLHmAfIEDPE>

Guidance on changing wards and number of councillors a council has

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/changing-wards-number-councillors-council-has>

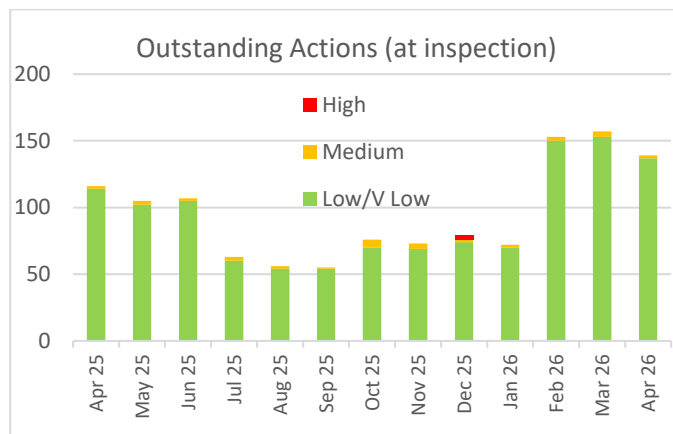
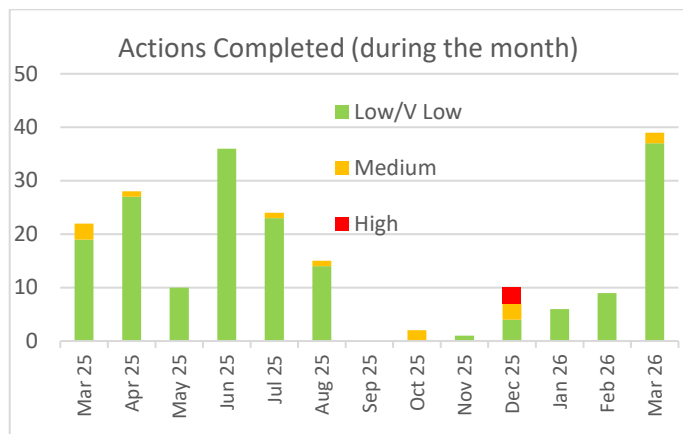
**Recommendation**

That members consider the consultation on ward boundaries for Dorset Council and formulate proposals for submission by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.

**To receive an update on the annual play park inspections**

**Summary of the last 12 months of Play Equipment MONTHLY operational inspections**

A total of 180 actions (including ten medium risk and three high risk) were completed during the last 12 months to the end of March, with 139 outstanding (including two medium risk). Considering we have had only one caretaker for over half of this time this is quite an achievement. Officers have had to resort to using contractors to keep the actions low. The figures include actions resulting from the Annual Inspection.



**Summary of the Play Park ANNUAL EXTERNAL inspections**

The annual external play inspection took place in January, a summary of the findings is below.

Site	Number of Findings		Risk Level Overall		Medium		Low		Very Low	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Ash Cose	27	36	9	10			21	30	6	6
Barton Hill	41	50	12	12	2	1	25	39	14	10
Cockrams	33	42	12	10	2		25	36	6	6
Enmore Green	17	24	10	10			15	21	2	3
Gower Road	6	9	8	8			2	8	4	1
St James Park	28	44	12	10	1		22	39	5	5
Wincombe	98	120	12	12	1	1	86	113	11	6
Total	250	325			6	2	196	286	48	37

Note: The annual inspection goes into more detail than the monthly inspection. Furthermore, the way findings are recorded is different, resulting in numbers varying from the monthly ones. The overall risk at each site has remained generally stable, with Cockrams and St James improving from medium- to low-risk. The number of low-risk findings has increased 45% compared last year reflecting the ageing of equipment across all sites.

It should be noted that the annual inspection assigns an intrinsic risk for every item, therefore it is impossible to reach zero risk: there will always be a risk associated with each item, meaning there will always be around 100 risks noted given current assets.

Full, detailed reports are available for inspection by councillors should they wish to review them in detail.

**Recommendation**

Members are requested to note the update on the annual play park inspection.

## Clerk's Report including correspondence and progress report on Full Council business

### Report Content/Detail

Reports provided within this item are to be received, they provide updates on decisions already taken by the Council and actions taken under the Scheme of Delegation (where not previously reported) that need to be resolved.

### 12.1 Clerk's Report

#### **Funding Requests for Shaftesbury Lido**

In addition to Donhead St. Mary Parish Council's donation of £250, a further £100 has been received from Donhead St. Andrew towards the Lido and thanks have been extended to them.

#### **Keep Britain Tidy #GBSpringClean**

Cllrs Barratt, Dibben, Salkeld and Williams, together with two members of the office team, attended the litter pick for the Great British Spring Clean on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The pick was organised in collaboration with Hilltop Litter Pickers and sincere thanks have been expressed to them for their assistance in enabling STC to participate in the campaign. Efforts were concentrated on Ten Acres and surrounding areas.

Having been unable to join the pickers in the afternoon, Cllr Edwyn-Jones did her own litter pick in the morning in and around Rifles Lane.

Eight bags of litter were collected in total.

#### **New vehicle**

The new vehicle has been ordered, and delivery is expected in the summer.

### 12.2 Delegated Decisions for Information (within the Clerk's delegated spend)

#### **12.2.1 Willow tree in St. James**

As there was a danger of the stem falling and hanging deadwood, the Tree Officer granted permission for STC's grounds contractor and Tree Surgeons to attend to the Willow tree opposite Ye Olde Two Brewers in order to make it safe.

**Cost:** £600

**Budget Line:** General Grounds - Treework

#### **12.2.2 Contemporary Art Event alongside Fringe**

A contemporary art installation will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> July (and will be taken down on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026) to run alongside the Fringe.

It will include work from Aliceson Green and four artists from St. James/Enmore Green.

The Fringe team are happy to have an installation on the balcony – 'Foghorn on Balcony' – a tribute to Nick Crump making musical instruments, and bird song will be played from it.

Other proposed installations will include:



- (1) Chairs off trees at the bottom of St. James by Zara McQueen, consisting of light plastic chairs secured sympathetically to the trees.

Note: Natural England has been contacted to seek advice for the installation, which will be shared with councillors once received.

- (2) Willow weaving for children/the general public; making willow tunnels on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, and this will remain in place for a couple of days to enable people to alter or add to it.
- (3) Stour Valley Band performance on Castle Hill at some time over the weekend.

The theme of the art festival is loosely based on William Barnes and will include other art on non-council property.

All artists have public liability insurance.



### 12.2.3 Play Park repairs

Around 30 repairs across six sites have taken place to clear some of the backlog of repairs:

Barton Hill Rec - £45

Cockrams - £90

Enmore Green - £35

Gower Road - £25

St James Park - £103

Wincombe Rec - £2,168

**Total Cost:** £2,446

**Budget Line:** Play Parks (2025/26)

### 12.2.4 Blacksmith specialist metalwork repairs

Skate Park, start ramp major repair of platform £800

Ash Close, multi-play step welding £120

Barton Hill, slide welding £100 (*originally requested Sep 2025; only just completed*)

**Total Cost:** £1,020

**Budget Line:** Play Parks (2026/27)

### 12.2.5 New Caretaker

George Wilson has been appointed via the Recruitment Agency to fulfil the role of full-time temporary Caretaker, commencing on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**Cost:** £Redacted

**Budget Line:** Staffing Costs

### 12.2.6 Darwin Ecology's fee for discharge of planning condition 5 for Mampitts Community Hub

Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to detail measures to protect and mitigate impacts to ecology during the construction phase.

**Cost:** £500

**Budget Line:** Mampitts HUB EMR

### **12.2.7 Lido Collapsing Timbers**

As a satisfactory solution has not yet been achieved and it is currently still necessary for Acrow-props to remain in place, John Crompton Ltd (structural engineer) has been appointed to visit, carry out a visual structural survey and produce written confirmation of findings, conclusions and recommendations.

**Cost:** £329-£564 plus £94/hr to formulate remedial measures (including preparation of structural calculations and sketches/drawings if necessary).

**Budget Line:** Swimming Pool – Repairs & Maintenance

#### **Recommendation**

That the reports are received and noted and any actions arising identified for future meetings of the Council or its Committees and to **resolve** on any matters as referenced above.

### **12.3 Other Matters to resolve**

#### **12.3.1 Councillor appointment to Sustainable Shaftesbury Advisory Committee**

Cllr Philpott would like to join the advisory committee.

**Recommendation:** Members are requested to approve the appointment of Cllr Philpott to the Sustainable Shaftesbury Advisory Committee.

#### **12.3.2 Shaftesbury Business Awards 2026**

Since 2022 STC has sponsored the 'Independent Business of the Year' category for the Shaftesbury Business Awards. STC has been given the opportunity to sponsor the same category again.

The awards will be held at on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at Motcombe Memorial Hall.

This year the Shaftesbury Awards and Gillingham Awards are held on the same day, at the same venue, but still with their own identity and with individual winners in each area. The aim is to give everyone across each area the chance to meet new contacts. This year close to 80 are expected to attend.

**Cost:** £335 + VAT

**Budget Line:** Economic Development

**Recommendation:** Members are requested to consider if they wish to sponsor the 'Independent Business of the Year' category for the Shaftesbury Business Awards 2026 taking funds of £335 + VAT from budget line Economic Development.