

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 7pm
Held in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall

Members Summoned and Present: Cllrs Edwyn-Jones (Chair), Williams (Vice-Chair), Barratt, Budd, Dibben, Elmendorff (arrived at 7.01pm), Heritage, Hollingshead, Philpott, Salkeld (arrived at 7.01pm) and Yeo

Absent: Cllrs Brown, Daultrey, Loader and Smith

Officers Present: Billy Maddock (Interim Town Clerk) and Sarah Johnson (Office Administrator)

In attendance: Press (1) arrived at 7.45pm, Members of the public (0), online (1), Dorset Cllrs Beer and Jeanes

[Link to agenda](#)

The chair welcomed Cllr Budd who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Public Participation

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern. The following matters were raised:

- Cllr Beer commented that, on all committees he serves on, he has noted a high usage of consultants. Sometimes this works well but he wanted to give a word of caution that some authorities feel it is not good use of money.
Cllr Edwyn-Jones stressed that consultants are only used to provide expertise and time that members and officers may not have.
- Cllr Edwyn-Jones thanked Dorset Cllrs Beer and Jeanes for their report but felt that, in future reports, it would be interesting to know how many members of the public contact them and what about.
Cllr Jeanes explained that their reports are prepared based on what goes on across the whole county not just Shaftesbury and that most issues raised are confidential. He commented that they have been dealing with several resident issues where people are struggling financially.
- Cllr Heritage is aware that Shaftesbury Town Silver Band have been selected to represent the whole region at the National Finals 2026. Folde have also been awarded Best Indie Bookshop in the South West in the @thebritishbookawards, and he felt that both should be congratulated.

The meeting commenced at 7.07pm.

FC152 Apologies

Officer report 0426FC1 was received.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllrs Daultrey and Smith.

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| Proposed by Cllr Hollingshead | | |
| Seconded by Cllr Elmendorff | | |
| In Favour | 11 | Cllrs Edwyn-Jones, Williams, Barratt, Budd, Dibben, Elmendorff, Heritage, Hollingshead, Philpott, Salkeld and Yeo |
| Abstentions | 0 | |
| Against | 0 | |
| MOTION CARRIED | | |

FC153 Declarations of Interest

Officer report 0426FC2 was received. It was **NOTED** that Councillors should declare any interests if they arise.

Cllr Yeo stated that he is an unpaid trustee of Mampitts Community Land Trust.

FC154 Minutes

Officer report 0426FC3 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the Full Council meeting held on 17th March 2026.

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| Proposed by Cllr Barratt | | |
| Seconded by Cllr Edwyn-Jones | | |
| In Favour | 6 | Cllrs Edwyn-Jones, Williams, Barratt, Dibben, Hollingshead and Philpott |
| Abstentions | 4 | Cllrs Elmendorff, Budd, Heritage and Salkeld |
| Against | 1 | Cllr Yeo |
| MOTION CARRIED | | |

FC155 To receive a report for information to Full Council

Officer report 0426FC4 was received and **NOTED**.

Civic Report – included as a link within the agenda.

Dorset Council Reports – included as a link within the agenda.

Other Reports – None

Local Organisation Reports – None

Cllr Dibben noted the 17 April 2026 as the 42nd anniversary of the shooting in London of a local police officer in 1984. He urged members to remember her and her family on Friday.

Cllr Elmendorff noted Shaftesbury Chamber Music Series (at Port Regis) which will be five concerts next year instead of four. She will leave a leaflet with the Interim Town Clerk and email all councillors.

Cllr Philpott attended the recent SuSAC informal meeting. The committee requested a letter be sent to Bimport residents regarding fly-tipping at Castle Hill and the recent clearance works that took place.

Cllr Edwyn-Jones made it clear that Bimport residents are not being accused of fly-tipping but are merely being asked to be aware of the problem and to be vigilant.

FC156 To receive and note minutes of and/or to determine recommendations by committees

Officer report 0426FC5 was received and the SSAC and P&H minutes were received and **NOTED**.

FC156a Shaftesbury Swimming Advisory Committee

SS59 To receive an update on working with Morgan Sindall

Members noted the update on working with Morgan Sindall and it was **RESOLVED** to support the completion of an Expression of Interest by the chair of the advisory committee.

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| Proposed by Cllr Dibben | | |
| Seconded by Cllr Yeo | | |
| In Favour | 11 | Cllrs Edwyn-Jones, Williams, Barratt, Budd, Dibben, Elmendorff, Heritage, Hollingshead, Philpott, Salkeld and Yeo |

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| Abstentions | 0 | |
| Against | 0 | |
| MOTION CARRIED | | |

Action: Interim Town Clerk

FC156b 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

It was **RESOLVED** that the whole of Shaftesbury is to have a 20mph speed limit, except for 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 (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8) but that the Interim Town Clerk will check with Dorset Council about surveying Pound Lane in view of the Shaftesbury bus gate and the survey commissioned by the town council previously.

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| Proposed by Cllr Yeo | | |
| Seconded by Cllr Elmendorff | | |
| In Favour | 11 | Cllrs Edwyn-Jones, Williams, Barratt, Budd, Dibben, Elmendorff, Heritage, Hollingshead, Philpott, Salkeld and Yeo |
| Abstentions | 0 | |
| Against | 0 | |
| MOTION CARRIED | | |

Action: Interim Town Clerk

FC157 To approve payments and receive financial reports

Officer report 0426FC6 was received and the lists of payments – [March payments](#), [April payments](#) - were received and **NOTED**.

FC158 To receive recommendations from the Mampitts Advisory Committee

Officer report 0426FC7 was received and members **NOTED** the updates to the Mampitts Operating Plan.

It was **RESOLVED** 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
- d. noting the need for a Construction Project Manager as the project moves into construction.

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| Proposed by Cllr Edwyn-Jones | | |
| Seconded by Cllr Dibben | | |
| In Favour | 10 | Cllrs Edwyn-Jones, Williams, Barratt, Budd, Dibben, Elmendorff, Heritage, Hollingshead, Philpott and Salkeld |
| Abstentions | 0 | |
| Against | 1 | Cllr Yeo |
| MOTION CARRIED | | |

Action: Interim Town Clerk

FC159 To receive and note the Civic Protocol

Officer report 0426FC8 was received and members **NOTED** the Civic Protocol for the selection of a Mayor/Chairman and Deputy Mayor/Vice-Chairman to Shaftesbury Town Council.

FC160 To receive a report from the Grounds contractor and consider the proposed recommendations

Officer report 0426FC9 was received and members **NOTED** the grounds maintenance progress report including recommendations to be worked up further and be considered at a later stage.

Cllr Philpott thanked the grounds contractor for another excellent report.

FC161 To consider the Consultation on Ward Boundaries for Dorset Council

Officer report 0426FC10 was received.

Members considered the consultation on ward boundaries for Dorset Council, and it was **RESOLVED** to submit a consultation response to include

- (1) that Dorset ward boundaries should be extended to include both Saxon Grange developments, the whole of the travellers’ site at Orchid View and houses on the west side of the Higher Blandford Road from the roundabout up to and including Mayo Farm
- (2) that members are happy with the number of ward councillors currently serving Shaftesbury, noting they have not reached capacity
- (3) that the town council seeks clarity on the East and West ward boundaries within Shaftesbury and how these could be more effectively aligned.

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| Proposed by Cllr Williams | | |
| Seconded by Cllr Yeo | | |
| In Favour | 11 | Cllrs Edwyn-Jones, Williams, Barratt, Budd, Dibben, Elmendorff, Heritage, Hollingshead, Philpott, Salkeld and Yeo |
| Abstentions | 0 | |
| Against | 0 | |
| MOTION CARRIED | | |

Action: Interim Town Clerk

FC162 To receive an update on the annual play park inspections

Officer report 0426FC11 was received and **NOTED**.

FC163 Clerk’s Report including correspondence and progress report on Full Council business

FC163aOfficer report 0426FC12.1 was received and **NOTED**.

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 21st 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.

Cllr Dibben stated it has been suggested that the electric vehicle charger is located at the new Barton Hill storage hut.

FC163b Officer report 0426FC12.2 was received, and Councillors **NOTED** the updates and the expenditure authorised under the Clerk's Scheme of Delegation (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8).

Cllr Edwyn-Jones requested that The Shaftesbury Tree Group be consulted regarding item 2.

1. Willow tree in St. James - £600
2. Contemporary Art Event alongside Fringe
3. Play park repairs - £2,466
4. Blacksmith specialist metalwork repairs - £1,020
5. New Caretaker
6. Darwin Ecology's fee for discharge of planning condition 5 for Mampitts Community Hub - £500
7. Lido Collapsing Timbers - £329-£564 + £94/hr to formulate remedial measures

FC163c Officer report 0426FC12.3 was received and **NOTED**.

Councillor appointment to Sustainable Shaftesbury Advisory Committee

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the appointment of Cllr Philpott to the Sustainable Shaftesbury Advisory Committee.

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| Proposed by Cllr Edwyn-Jones | | |
| Seconded by Cllr Heritage | | |
| In Favour | 10 | Cllrs Edwyn-Jones, Williams, Barratt, Budd, Dibben, Elmendorff, Heritage, Hollingshead, Salkeld and Yeo |
| Abstentions | 1 | Cllr Philpott |
| Against | 0 | |
| MOTION CARRIED | | |

Action: Interim Town Clerk

Shaftesbury Business Awards 2026

It was **RESOLVED** 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 (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8).

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| Proposed by Cllr Yeo | | |
| Seconded by Cllr Elmendorff | | |
| In Favour | 11 | Cllrs Edwyn-Jones, Williams, Barratt, Budd, Dibben, Elmendorff, Heritage, Hollingshead, Philpott, Salkeld and Yeo |
| Abstentions | 0 | |
| Against | 0 | |

MOTION CARRIED

Action: Interim Town Clerk

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.33pm.

These minutes were adopted on 19th May 2026 under minute reference FC4 as a true record of the decisions taken and are duly signed below by the chair of that meeting.