SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

# Minutes of the Mampitts Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 14th July 2026 in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall

**Members Summoned and Present:** Cllr Daultrey, Malak Hammoud, Cllr Salkeld, Cllr Smith, Ann Taylor and Cllr Williams (Chair)

**Absent**: Ann Glennon (Vice-Chair) and Paul Glennon

**Officers Present:** Matthew Harrison (Town Clerk) and Billy Maddock (Deputy Town Clerk)

**In Attendance:** Members of the public (1), Online (1)

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**Public Participation**

- Cllr Dibben thanked the advisory committee for getting this far with the Hub.
  He noted that the formation of the Resident Association was timely, particularly with upcoming resident engagement meetings involving contractors.
  A significant concern raised was the condition and management of the Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS). He stated that the SuDS infrastructure appears to be approximately 12 years overdue and suggested that both Shaftesbury Town Council and Dorset Council should have treated the matter as a higher priority. Concerns were expressed that required infrastructure had not been delivered in line with expectations.
  More challenge should be directed towards Persimmon and that Dorset Council, as the Planning Authority, should be encouraged to use its powers to require completion of outstanding obligations and infrastructure.
  Cllr Dibben reported that he wrote to the CEO of Persimmon seeking an explanation for the delays and issues experienced.
  He enquired if consultants had been sent a letter of apology in relation to the conduct at previous meetings. The chair reported that there has been email correspondence with at least one consultant and conversations were had.

The meeting commenced at 7.01pm.

**MAC14 Apologies**

Officer report 0726MAC1 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Ann Glennon and Paul Glennon.

Proposed by Cllr Williams and Seconded by Cllr Smith

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| In Favour | 6 | Cllr Williams, Cllr Daultrey, Malak Hammoud, Cllr Salkeld, Cllr Smith and Ann Taylor |
| Against | 0 | |
| Abstentions | 0 | |

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MAC15 To receive any Declarations of Interest**

Officer report 0726MAC2 was received and it was **NOTED** that members should declare any interests if they arise.

**MAC16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2026**

Officer report 0726MAC3 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 16th June 2026.

Proposed by Cllr Salkeld and Seconded by Cllr Daultrey

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| In Favour | 5 | Cllr Williams, Cllr Daultrey, Malak Hammoud, Cllr Salkeld and Ann Taylor |
| Against | 0 | |
| Abstentions | 1 | Cllr Smith |

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MAC17 To receive and note a verbal update on construction process**

The project remains broadly on track, but construction has been delayed beyond the original target start date of 9th July due to a small number of outstanding legal and technical matters with Persimmon. Shaftesbury Town Council and Dorset Council have completed most of their required work and are continuing to press Persimmon for final sign-off.

Officers are actively chasing Persimmon and escalating concerns to senior management.

Other outstanding issues include a sum to rotavate the site if STC take this on after construction begins, possible indemnity for land contamination and as-built drawings from Persimmon for the installed drainage.

Dorset Council has confirmed that the extensive evidence pack submitted by the project team to satisfy the s106 conditions has been accepted. A particular success noted was the establishment of the Advisory Committee and resident representation, which helped satisfy governance and community engagement requirements.

Unfortunately, the application to the National Lottery was unsuccessful. The feedback indicated that Shaftesbury did not score highly enough against deprivation criteria used by the fund. The decision reflected funding priorities rather than any shortcomings in the project itself.

However, the project has secured 420 trees from the Woodland Trust and the team are still exploring other funding options.

Dorset Council will retain ownership of the Hub and land for an initial period before it transfers to Shaftesbury Town Council.

Before transfer can occur a series of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) must be agreed. These are expected to measure the success of the Hub and potentially the green space. It was agreed to wait for guidance from Dorset Council before developing proposed KPIs.

Attention is beginning to shift from construction planning to future operation of the Hub including the proposed Operating Plan, which includes a procurement process for the café operation.

Several landscaping considerations were discussed, including wildflower planting and management of open spaces. The preservation and potential seed collection from existing teasels already growing on site was suggested and the Town Clerk will propose this to Sustainable Shaftesbury for practical assistance.

The committee stressed the importance of proactive communication with residents, including for any upcoming road closures for utility connections.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

These minutes were adopted on 8th September 2026 under minute reference MAC20 as a true record of the decisions taken and are duly signed below by the chair of that meeting.