



## **SHENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **SHENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENT**

#### **OCCUPATION OF MALKINS COPPICE**

**8<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**On the 31<sup>st</sup> August Staffordshire police informed the Parish Council that Malkins Coppice had several trees that were occupied by a number of individuals associated with the Palestine Action Group.**

**The freeholder of Malkins Coppice is South Staffs Water and the Parish Council has a periodic tenancy to maintain the coppice as it is listed as an Ancient Woodland, Site of Biological Interest and Neighbourhood Plan Local Green Space.**

**Over the last week the Parish Council has liaised with the coppice occupants, householders and police and also any land and business owners affected. The Parish Council is urgently exploring the options and the legal costs of resolving the occupation, including obtaining an order for possession and High Court enforcement.**

**Re the protesters on the highway & verge, this land is owned by Staffordshire County Council (SCC).**

**The Parish Council have made sure SCC are aware of the position with regular updates and understand that SCC are considering next steps.**

**A further statement will be made by the Parish Council in the very near future.**