STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Council held on 20th March, 2018 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor V.A. Appleby (Chairman of Council)

Councillors: C.E. Axten, S. Dowden,

T.L. Emery, P. Goater, T.W.E. Napper,

T. Rice, N.M. Swift, J. Wooldridge and L. Zaky

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L.A. Ruff - Parish Clerk

County Councillor E. Leyshon

District Councillor B.A. Beha

PC M. Pople – Street Police

APOLOGIES: Councillors: L. Hughes and A. Leafe –

another engagement – reasons accepted

219. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th February, 2018 which had

been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the

Chairman. It was agreed to defer agenda item nos. 3 and 4 to the end

of the meeting and to consider item no. 14 after Matters Arising and

Declarations of Interest.

220. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the meeting with Walton Parish Council to discuss the

Neighbourhood Plans would be arranged when the new

Neighbourhood Plan Officer was in post. County Councillor Leyshon

had met with Jake Dalton, Parish Path Liaison Officer to discuss a

programme of improvements. The County Council was arranging with

a resident for a tree growing from their garden across the path by the

Victoria Club to be taken down. It was agreed to ask the PPLO to

report back at each Council meeting.

221. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillors Napper and Rice declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to the District Council and stated that they would keep an open mind when considering issues at either District or Parish level. Councillor

Napper also declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to the County Council or Glastonbury Town Council

and stated that he would keep an open mind when considering issues

at either level.

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Councillors Axten and Napper declared an other interest under

Appendix B in the item on Street Library as they served on the Library

Trust as representatives of the Council. Councillor Swift declared an

other interest under Appendix B in the item on the Library as she was a

member of the Friends of Street Library. They left the meeting after

making representations at 7.52 p.m. and returned at 7.55 p.m. The

meeting was adjourned from 7.46 p.m. to 7.50 p.m. to allow the public

present the opportunity to speak on the Library.

222. STREET LIBRARY

A report on options for the Library was submitted and had been

circulated. County Councillor Leyshon reported on Street Library and

explained that the County Council had extended the consultation

period to 13th June. The situation with Street Library was complex and

would take until about April 2019 to resolve. She explained the various

options set out in the report. The County Council would want a new

lease on the building to be for a minimum of 5 years and

implementation would be phased. Members and the public spoke in

favour of keeping the Library open and the many advantages that it

gave to local people including free use of numerous services in a

central location which was easy to access. It was felt that the facility

was particularly valuable to the young, the elderly, the unemployed and

low income families. It was agreed to invite the MP, James Heappey to

attend the public meeting on 26th March.

RESOLVED

that the Council would look at Option 2 – Community Funded Approach

SCC to continue to run the Library and Option 3 – Development of

Library Trust, as detailed in the report but very much keeping it’s

options open.

223. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PC Pople warned residents to be careful about home security following

a number of burglaries. He did not know any details about dogs

possibly being made sick by chemicals in Woods Batch and Councillor

Rice agreed to contact Environmental Health about this. The meeting

was adjourned from 8 p.m. to 8.03 p.m. to allow the public to speak..

224. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting on 20th February 2018 which had been

circulated were submitted.

RESOLVED

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that the report be noted.

225. CULTURE WORKING GROUP

The Clerk submitted the notes of the meetings held on 21st February

and 12th March, 2018 which had been circulated. It was noted that the

British Legion would not be needed for Somerset Day.

RESOLVED

that the report and recommendations made be agreed.

226. NEW SCOUT HUT

The Clerk submitted notes of a meeting held on 22nd February 2018

which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed and funding towards the project from the

District Council be pursued.

227. MARKET WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting on 9th March 2018 were submitted as

circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed.

228. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the Returning Officer and Cabinet of Mendip District Council be

informed that the Council wished to increase the number of members

from 12 to 16 from the next elections in May 2019 due to the additional

work being undertaken including the Neighbourhood Plan, continuing

refurbishment of Merriman Park and involvement in improvements to

other play areas such as Ringolds Way, organising a number of

community events each year including Somerset Day, Chairman’s

Investiture, Merriman Park Fun Day and the Christmas Cracker event,

and increasing involvement in local issues such as the future of Street

Library, having a weekly market and the careful development of land

off Somerton Road with the Ninesquare Trust and residents.

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229. ORDER OF BUSINESS AT COUNCIL MEETING

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

the order of business at Council meetings to go back to the former

arrangement with any confidential items being considered at the end of

the meeting.

230. STREET YOUTH CENTRE

The Clerk read out a report from Councillor Leafe as he was unable to

attend the meeting. Councillor Dowden reported that one of them

would be attending the monthly meetings at the Youth Centre and

would liaise between the two organisations. The meeting was

adjourned from 8.30 p.m. to 8.33 p.m. and from 8.40 p.m. to 8.43 p.m.

to allow the public to speak.

RESOLVED

that the report be received and the Youth Centre be asked to make a

presentation to the Council on what kind of bench they wished to have

at the Skate Park.

231. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR ISSUES

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

1. Street Lights

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

2. Consultation on Crime and Poor Performance in Waste Sector

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

3. Parkrun

Councillor Rice reported that the first Parkrun would start on Saturday

5th May at 9 a.m. He needed to confirm a few things before this was

publicised on Facebook etc. and would let the Clerk know when this

was done.

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RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

232. REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Reports from County Councillors Leyshon and Napper had been

emailed to members. It was agreed to arrange a meeting of the

Highways Working Group to discuss issues including use of the speed

indicator devices and prosecuting those continually fly tipping in the

lane at the rear of Somerton Road.

233. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 28th February, 2018

had been prepared successfully and sent to all members with the

monthly income and expenditure by account report.

RESOLVED

that the report and schedule of payments as circulated be approved

and initialled by the Chairman and the income and expenditure by

account report at 28th February, 2018 be noted and the schedule of

payments for March be attached as Annex A to the minutes in the

Minute Book in order to publish payments of £500 or more.

234. LISTING OF STREET WAR MEMORIAL

A report was considered on the possible listing of the war memorial

in Merriman Park which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the Clerk in liaison with Councillor Swift and Catherine Atkins be

given delegated power to agree the response to Historic England to

demonstrate that the Council was very opposed to the listing of the

war memorial with photos of the memorial also being sent.

235. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Councillor Appleby gave her report for the month. She had attended

numerous meetings and events. She thanked Councillor Axten for

making a new velvet collar for the Chairman’s chain of office.

236. MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Clerk reported on several matters for information.

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237. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings)

Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies

Regulations 2014, the press and public be excluded from the meeting

for the next item as it involved confidential information on quotations

obtained for watering the hanging baskets.

238. WATERING OF BASKETS AND PLANTERS

The Clerk submitted a confidential report which had been circulated to

members only.

RESOLVED

that S.L.H. Services of Street be engaged to water and maintain the

hanging baskets, and to water the planters and horse trough from the

end of May to early October 2018 for £9,000 + VAT.

The meeting ended at 9.18 p.m.

Councillor Zaky left at 8 p.m.

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ANNEX A

Subject: Accounts for Payment

NOTE – Chairman’s allowance – expenses for 21st February to 20th March 2018 totalled £0 - see below. Internal auditor, P. Male of Probusiness Ltd. felt this was a better system whereby the Council could approve expenses each month prior to reimbursement.

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 28th February 2018 have been prepared successfully and sent to all members with the monthly income and expenditure by account report. Each reconciliation and original bank statement has been signed by Councillors Appleby and Goater as part of the monthly check of accounts.

From 1st December, 2014 a schedule of individual nos. for direct debit payments was introduced so that they could be traced more easily as with payments by cheque. The first no. used was DD141501 and from 1st April 2017 numbers will start DD171801.

£280 received from We Hear You for use of small room in March.

The Council is asked to approve payment of the following -

Clerk’s net salary As agreed

Asst Clerk’s net salary As agreed

Petty cash float to bring back up to £50 for March £ transfer

Pension contributions - March SCC Pension Fund As agreed

+ pension deficit recharge 2017/18 – not April or May 17 As agreed

PO Ltd. PAYE and NI contributions As agreed

Probusiness Ltd. – payroll March Month 12 £ 24.17 + VAT

DD171869

Mendip District Council – rates on whole of Parish Rooms £ 850.00

for 1st April – total of £10,200

Idverde Ltd. – maintenance Merriman Park for February £ 1,465.42+VAT

E.R. Garrett Ltd. – clean grd and 1st flr Parish Rooms Feb £ 172.27+VAT

Southwest Digital Systems Ltd. – copying February £ 25.49+VAT

PC Comms Ltd. – 2 MS Office 365 Business Premium £ +VAT

emails and 13 Business Essentials emails December

02 – mobile phone for NPO to 15th March £ 50.00+VAT

DD171867

Bankline – monthly fee March £ 32.20

DD171868

C. Axten – refund for 5 banners and 2000 flyers re Saving £ 171.13+VAT

The Library

C. Axten – refund for Santa suit, paint etc. paid in Nov but £ 245.30

then returned by Nat West due to a set up error VAT recl Nov

Biffa Waste Services Ltd. – empty 2 wheelibins 31 March £ 354.12+VAT

to 29June DD181901

Viking – archive boxes etc. £ 68.77+VAT

J. Marshfield – refund for 16 Somerset flags ordered from £ 54.83+VAT

FLAG&buntingSTORE

Somerset County Council – advert for NPO 1st Feb £ 40.00+VAT

Local World Ltd. – invite to quote to water baskets 1st Mar £ 141.00+VAT

TCBs – clean bin in High Street 29 Jan to 19 Feb £ 16.00

Glasswood – 50% deposit for restoration works on windows £ 8,770.00+VAT

and provision of secondary glazing on first floor of P Rooms

Grant - Love Musgrove for a third MRI scanner at £ 1,000.00

Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton

E.ON – gas Parish Rooms 8th Feb to 7th Mar £ 252.63+VAT

DD171870

E.ON – electric ground floor Parish Rooms 8th Feb 7th Mar £ 100.72+VAT

DD171872

E.ON – electric first floor Parish Rooms 8th Feb 7th Mar £ 87.30+VAT

DD171871

E.ON – electric clock High Street 8th Feb 7th Mar £ 10.80+VAT

DD171873

Cllr. Appleby – repair work to Chairman’s Chain £ 45.00

Wessex Jewellers from Chairman’s allowance

Smith of Derby – 2 year service of clock High Street £ 201.00+VAT

Elmhurst Junior School – hire of Hall for meeting re Library £ 45.00

on 26th March

Perrys Recycling – disposal of confidential waste £ 96.00+VAT