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PLEASE NOTE DATE AND TIME

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Street Parish Council which will be held in the John Webster Room, Street Parish Rooms, 6 Leigh Road, Street on TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 2019 at 8 P.M. for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the following agenda. This will follow the Neighbourhood Plan Open Evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In accordance with standing orders 7 c and d, a member with a disclosable pecuniary interest must leave the room during the relevant item of business, unless permitted to remain following the grant of a dispensation. Councillors with an interest in relation to any item of business being transacted at a meeting under Appendix B (Other Interests) or where a matter relates to a financial interest of a friend, relative or close associate, may (i) make representations, (ii) answer questions and (iii) give evidence relating to the business being transacted but must thereafter leave the room, unless permitted to remain following the grant of a dispensation. At a convenient time the Chairman will also give this opportunity to any members of the public wishing to speak on any matter being transacted.

Yours faithfully,

L.A. Ruff, Clerk of the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – acceptance of any reasons offered
2. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15th January, 2019 (attached).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS
4. STREET LIBRARY (confidential report attached for members only)

5. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, it is probable that a resolution will be passed at the meeting to exclude the press and public for item no. 4 as it involves confidential information on legal negotiations.

6. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

To consider any matters which have arisen for information.

To: Chairman and Members of Street Parish Council

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Council held on 15th January, 2019 at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillor N. Swift (Chairman of Council)
Councillors: V.A. Appleby, C.E. Axten,
P. Goater, L. Hughes, A. Leafe, T.W.E. Napper,
and T. Rice

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. L. Ruff – Clerk
T. Litston – Neighbourhood Plan Officer
County Councillor L. Leyshon
PC M. Pople – Street Beat Team

APOLOGIES: Councillors F. Buxton, S. Carswell, S. Dowden
and L. Zaky - another engagement – reasons
accepted

189. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December, 2018 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

190. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the Culture Working Group would be considering reinvigorating the Civic Pride initiative and if there was a particular project then Community Pay Back could be asked to be involved. The owner of Grinters was willing to paint the frames of the murals on his wall. It was agreed to thank him and state how much the Council appreciated him doing this. The meeting was adjourned from 7.20 p.m. to 7.27 p.m. to allow the public to speak. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the man who had operated the fruit and vegetable stall in the Crispin Centre to find out why he had stopped coming to Street on a Saturday. She was also asked to find out if space could be found for the stall at the Crispin Hall or the United Reformed Church and to liaise with Councillor Napper.

191. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

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

Councillor Napper declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to the County or District Councils or Glastonbury Town Council and stated that he would keep an open mind when considering issues at either level.

Councillors Axten, Napper and Swift declared an other interest under Appendix B in Minute No. 199 on the Library for the following reasons and left the meeting from 8.15 p.m. to 8.18 p.m. It was agreed that Councillor Appleby should take the Chair for this item -

Councillor Axten – Chairman of the Friends of Street Library

Councillor Napper – member of Somerset County Council

Councillor Swift – member of the Friends of Street Library.

County Councillor Leyshon also left the meeting for this item.

192. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PC Pople reminded members that the next PACT meeting would be on 13th March, 2019 at 7 p.m. There had been some issues with the Foyer but staff were to be given training to try to resolve problems. Volunteers were needed for the Community Speedwatch scheme and it was suggested that Millfield could get involved in this. The Clerk was asked to request CCTV footage of an alleged incident on 9th January where someone was asked to move on by the Police for no apparent reason. The latest count of gypsy and traveller sites was being made by the District Council but none were known of in Street.

193. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting on 11th December, 2018 were submitted and circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

194. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that she had spoken on Glastonbury FM and attended a meeting at Brookside School about the setting up of a debt service for Street by a national organisation called Christians Against Poverty, details of which were on the website.

195. PARISH PATH LIAISON OFFICER

The Clerk reported on contact with the Youth Club and the Mendip Ramblers Association.

RESOLVED

A. that County Councillor Leyshon and the Path Liaison Officer should meet with the Youth Club to arrange for path clearance work to be carried out

B. that as recommended by the Ramblers, a reply be made to the County consultation on paths asking for the following footpaths to be categorised as 1 or 2 as they were walked regularly and not as 3 which mean't that they were not used - L7/24, WS12/19, WS12/29, WS12/30, WS18/21/1, WS18/57, WS18/62, WS18/91.

196. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND LOCAL PLAN PART 2

The report from the Neighbourhood Plan Officer had been circulated. He informed members that analysis of data received from the surveys would soon be sent out to members and the Steering Group. An event for the Steering Group would be arranged for the evening of 12th February to gain new members.

RESOLVED

that the report be received and publicity be arranged with the winners of the survey prize draw.

197. PARISH ROOMS

The notes of the meeting on 7th January had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed, the Group be renamed as the Projects Working Group and all members be invited to attend the meetings from 10 a.m. every other Monday morning – next meeting 21st January.

198. INFORMAL MEETING ON LAND WEST OF SOMERTON ROAD

Members had attended a meeting with the Nine Square Trust on 17th December 2018 and when a detailed plan had been prepared, public consultation would take place. Pre application advice would be sought from the District Council prior to public consultation. It was noted that if the same density as at Clockhouse View was applied to this site 410 houses would be proposed rather than the current 280. Residents on the north side were concerned as the higher density housing was being proposed near their homes. On all other sides of the site green space was proposed as well as through the middle where houses could not be built due to flood risk.

The 280 new homes would produce the need for 90 primary school places and 40 secondary and this was beyond the capability of the schools in Street. Affordable housing was needed but school places would need to match the requirements arising from this and Street was not on the list for new schools. The large development in Walton would create even more need. Parking provision was another concern as for example the St. Dunstons Park, Glastonbury development had a big problem with lack of parking. The meeting was adjourned from 8.05 p.m. to 8.11 p.m. to allow the public to speak. It was agreed that if and when the residents by the site met with the Trust either Councillor Hughes or Leafe should attend. The infrastructure for new housing was important and should be part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED

that Mendip District Council and the Nine Square Trust be informed that the Street Neighbourhood Plan was being done and should be taken into consideration and that the highest density houses should not be put nearest the existing houses.

199. STREET LIBRARY

It was noted that the County Council had received the Expression of Interest and would be working with the partners to establish a Community Library Partnership in Street by 1st April 2019. The County Council had asked for confirmation that the Partnership wished to purchase staff hours to the value of £35,000 a year equating to around 50.68 hours.

As Councillors Axten, Napper and Swift had declared an other interest and left the meeting it was agreed that Councillor Appleby should take the Chair for the item. Councillor Appleby in the Chair. It was noted that 2 volunteers would be required each day from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and that they would be co-ordinated by Councillor Axten. It was agreed that she should contact the Head of Millfield about pupils volunteering in the Library.

RESOLVED

that the County Council be given confirmation that the Street Community Library Partnership expression of interest states that it wishes to purchase staff hours from Somerset County Council to the value of £35,000 equating to around 50.68 hours - £20,000 to be contributed by Street Parish Council over 5 years, this to be raised each year after 2019/20 in line with the Retail Price Index and £15,000 to be contributed by Somerset County Council over 7 years – break clause after 5 years.

200. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting on 7th January were submitted as circulated. It was noted that Councillor Napper had given his apologies for the meeting.

RESOLVED

that the report and proposals be agreed subject to the signs at Clockhouse View being provided at the same time as those for Grangefields on land at the end of the road.

201. RINGOLDS WAY PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

The new play area had been very well received, especially the surfacing of the whole area so that there were no muddy parts. It was noted that the Council was still insuring the play area and that SLH Services would be asked to quote to reinstate the muddy areas and provide a fence in front of the small section of wall.

202. FUTURE HIGH STREETS FUND

Consideration would be given to making a bid to be taken forward by the District Council for this Fund at the meeting of the Strategy Working Group on 22nd January. It was likely to be awarded in more deprived areas but if the Council decided to have this as a long term project there were other funding sources available.

203. SOURCING NEW MEMBERS – ELECTIONS IN MAY

RESOLVED

A. that the Clerk should write to Councillor Buxton asking why she had been unable to attend many meetings etc. to provide feedback on potential difficulties for new members

B. that an open evening be arranged in the Parish Rooms at 7.30 p.m. on 20th February for potential new members with existing members and staff available to answer questions – anyone who had previously applied to be on the Council to be invited and details of the event to be publicised in the local newspaper and on the website – further consideration to be given at the Projects Working Group meeting on 21st January.

204. MERRIMAN PARK FUN DAY

Councillor Appleby reported that a lot of initial work and bookings had already been done for the Fun Day on Saturday 7th September. She asked if the budget for the event could be increased from £5,000 to £6,000 as more might be needed for the day time attractions for children and for the evening entertainment. The Clerk stated that there was probably enough in the existing Events budget for this.

RESOLVED

that the allocation for the Fun Day, within the Events budget, be increased to £6,000.

205. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR ISSUES

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

1. Man Vs Fat Initiative – Mendip

Councillor Rice gave details of the scheme. It was hoped to arrange a pilot in Street with the support of the Council. He was thanked for setting up Parkrun in Street which had the third highest attendance in the Country on Christmas Day. It was noted that the Parkrun volunteers were very good.

RESOLVED

that the Council should support the Man Vs Fat pilot and the Strategy Working Group should consider what financial contribution to make.

2. Speaker for Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED

that Brian Walton, Head of Brookside School be invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on the crisis in education, particularly in relation to Street.

3. 2020/21 Schools Admission Arrangements Consultation

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

4. General Data Protection Regulation

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed and Winckworth Sherwood be used for assistance in the event of a data breach.

5. Police Stations in the Mendip Area

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

6. Nomination – Buckingham Palace Garden Party

RESOLVED

that Councillor Appleby be nominated to attend the Garden Party on 29th May in view of her long and dedicated service to the Council.

7. Victoria Club – Charitable Incorporated Organisation

RESOLVED

that Councillors Goater and Napper be agreed as the Council's new trustees on the Victoria Club CIO.

206. REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The written reports from County Councillors Leyshon and Napper had been circulated.

207. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 31st December, 2018 had been prepared successfully and sent to all members with the monthly income and expenditure by account report and schedule of earmarked reserves.

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 31st December, 2018 be noted and the schedule of payments for January be attached as Annex A to the minutes in the Minute Book in order to publish payments of £500 or more.

208. MATTERS FOR REPORT

It was agreed that the Council should arrange for algae to be cleaned from the new war memorial and for at least one Remembrance wreath to be laid at the old memorial in Merriman Park or at the new location in November 2019. Councillor Rice thanked the Assistant Clerk for her persistence in organising new benches at Woods Batch and at Slugg Hill. It was agreed that the Food Forest Project should apply to have an allotment at Strode Road.

209. 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 following item as it involved confidential information on possible legal negotiations.

210. PARISH ROOMS AND LIBRARY

Options had been and continued to be considered and some information was commercially sensitive. A lot of matters considered were found not to be possible such as fitting a lift in the Parish Rooms. The Library Trust and the County Council were dealing with the dilapidations for the building and nothing else would be considered until this was concluded.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

