STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Extraordinary meeting of the Council held virtually using Zoom with

remote attendance on 28th July, 2020 at 6.53 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Leafe (Chair)

Councillors: C.E. Axten, P. Birch, S. Carswell, M. Daniells, D. Drew, D. Goater, P. Goater,

L. Mogg, T.W.E. Napper, A. Prior, H. Shearer and L. Wolfers

IN ATTENDANCE: L. Ruff – Clerk/RFO

M. Sandiford – Assistant Clerk Projects Officer

J. Marshfield – Assistant Clerk

County Councillor L. Leyshon

Councillor J. Harvey – Chair Walton Parish

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APOLOGIES: Councillor R. Boyce – working – reason

accepted

24. MINUTES

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 21st July, 2020 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and arrangements

would be made for them to be signed by the Chair in accordance with

current guidance.

25. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that a decision was needed on the current

temporary closure of the High Street which was due to end on 7th

August. One resident had spoken during Public Question Time for it to

be re-opened and phone calls or emails had been received from 4

other residents who were strongly in favour of ending the closure. The

Chair had spoken to 6 independent traders in the High Street and 5 of

those had wanted the High Street reopened as they felt the closure

was seriously affecting their business.

Councillors felt that traders would be mostly losing trade due to the

Coronavirus and that it was easier to social distance if the High Street

was closed and safer for the elderly and others. It was an opportunity

to assess the potential pedestrianisation of the High Street in the

future. Planters were placed within the road closure to stop vehicles

being driven through but deliveries could still take place. The road

closure would not be manned now. Cafes etc. could apply for a

pavement licence to have tables and chairs outside and the closure

would allow more space for this.

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RESOLVED

that the current restrictions in the High Street be kept in place until the

end of September and an enquiry be made as to how the emergency

services would access the area – this decision to be ratified at the

meeting on 18th August.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillors Carswell, P. Goater, Napper and Shearer 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 declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to the County Council and that he would keep an open mind.

The following members declared an other interest under Appendix B in

the matters detailed as they were representatives on the Management

Committees of the organisations and left the meeting while each was

considered -

Councillors Axten, Carswell and Daniells – tenders for Merriman Park

play area – on Merriman Park Community Group – left from 7.32 p.m.

to 7.44 p.m. Councillor Axten spoke on the project before leaving.

Councillor Axten – grant to Elmhurst School – governor – left at

7.50 p.m. and did not return as had another engagement.

Councillor Leafe – grant to Elmhurst School – disclosable pecuniary

interest as this was connected to his role as a Parent Family Support

Adviser at the School – left the meeting from 7.50 p.m. to 8 p.m. and

the Vice-Chair took the Chair.

Councillor Napper – planning application for Street Business Park – left

at 8.15 p.m. after speaking in support and did not return as last item.

Councillors P. Goater and Shearer – planning application for Street

Business Park – members of District Planning Board – left at 8.12 p.m.

and did not return as last item.

27. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

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

1960 as 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

quotations received.

28. TENDERS – 0 TO 11 YEARS PLAY AREA AND FENCING

MERRIMAN PARK

The ACPO submitted a confidential report which had been circulated to

members only. It was noted that 2 companies had submitted tenders

which were slightly less than the £100,000 budget but neither had

scored highly and any saving would need to be split with the Trust

which was contributing 50% of the funding.

RESOLVED

that Kompan be selected to refurbish the play area for children up to

11 years in Merriman Park and provide the fencing as detailed in their

tender of £100,000 + VAT as it was consistently strong in all the scored

areas – the order to be placed when the £50,000 from the Trust had

been received by the Council.

29. GRANT FOR SUMMER SUPPORT

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated. Careful

consideration was given to the application and the information

provided.

RESOLVED

that a grant of £1,000 be made to the Street and Glastonbury

Community Learning Partnership for the ELSA to work through the

Summer holidays with vulnerable children as detailed and a plan be

submitted of how the money would be spent including over what

period, number of hours to be worked and number of children involved.

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30. APPLICATION NO. 2020/1294/OTS – OUTLINE PLANNING

PERMISSION WITH SOME MATTERS RESERVED FOR THE

EXTENSION OF STREET BUSINESS PARK COMPRISING B1

BUSINESS, B2 GENERAL INDUSTRY, B8 STORAGE OR

DISTRIBUTION, RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME AND EXTRA CARE

(USE CLASS C2) FOOD AND DRINK (USE CLASS A3/A4/A5),

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ARM TO THE A39 QUARRY BATCH,

A39 WEST WAY AND WEST END JUNCTION, ASSOCIATED

INTERNAL ACCESS ROADS AND PATHS, PARKING AND

SERVICE AREAS WITH DETAILS OF ACCESS – LAND AT

347021 136787 GRAVENCHON WAY, STREET FOR MR. MARK

FITZGERALD – OUTLINE – SOME MATTERS RESERVED

Consideration was given to the application. Some members were in

support due to the creation of a considerable number of new jobs and

provision of a much needed care home. Others felt that they needed

more time to consider the proposals and consult with the public. The

recommendation of refusal made by Walton Parish Council was noted.

It was also noted that the green gap between Walton and Street had

already been broken when Badgers Green was built.

RESOLVED

A. that consideration of the application be deferred for more due

diligence with public consultation and more information from Highways

to give balance and clarity

B. that consideration be given to providing a pump track in the

wooded area between the Skate Park and McDonalds as suggested by

2 young people who attended a meeting of the Council about a year

before.

The meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

County Councillor Leyshon arrived at 8.01 p.m.

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