STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Extraordinary meeting of the Council held virtually using Zoom with

remote attendance on 2nd March, 2021 at 7.07 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Leafe (Chair of Council)

Councillors: P. Birch, S. Carswell, M. Daniells,

L. Mogg, A. Prior, N. Smith and L. Wolfers

IN ATTENDANCE: L. Ruff – Clerk/RFO

J. Marshfield – Assistant Clerk

J. Symonds – Symonds Estates

J. Mallinson – DevComms

T. Farley - Copesticks

County Councillor L. Leyshon

APOLOGIES: Councillors R. Boyce, D. Drew, D. Goater,

D. Knibbs, T.W.E. Napper and H. Shearer –

another engagement - reasons accepted

177. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February, 2021 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.

178. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor Carswell 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.

179. ERECTION OF PETROL FILLING STATION WITH ASSOCIATED

FACILITIES AND ANCILLARY RETAIL PROVISION AT

OAKLANDS NURSERY, STREET ROUNDABOUT FOR

MR. J. SYMONDS – FULL – 2021/0249/FUL

J. Mallinson gave a presentation on the proposals. He explained how

vehicles would enter, move around and leave the site. The benefits of

the scheme included provision of 2 electric charging points initially and

additional electric or hydrogen points in the future when viable using

the latest technology. 15 new jobs would be created including in

management positions and there would be facilities as a cycle stop.

The proposals would also introduce competition to the area and should

lead to cheaper fuel prices.

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The existing access into the site and the roundabout would be greatly improved. Larger vehicles would be able to refuel at the rear of the

site. The applicant had been willing to provide a new signalised

pedestrian crossing but the County Council had objected as the

disruption to vehicle movements would not be justified by the relatively

limited pedestrian visits. Councillors raised the desire for local

suppliers to be used in regard to the shop and J. Symonds stated that

this would be considered. There would be a demand for more refuel

stops in the future as vehicles using new technologies would not have

the same range as petrol and diesel vehicles.

There would be 4 to 6 outside tables and some councillors were

concerned about pupils from Crispin School and the College crossing

the busy road to get to the site. J. Symonds stated that if this was an

issue he would engage closely with the School. Similar but slightly

smaller projects completed in the area were located at Bath Road,

Wells and in Sherborne.

County Councillor Leyshon referred to the cycle/walk route study

carried out by Sustrans which included providing a path on the north

side of the bypass. This would be very expensive to do but she asked

that the roundabout design was future-proofed to allow for such a path

as it would need to go across the site entrance.

RESOLVED

that the current plans be supported and recommended for approval to

the District Council as Local Planning Authority

180. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Clerk submitted the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February

2021 which had been circulated and which appear as Annex A to these

minutes in the Minute Book. She reported that the Langport Transport

Group had requested a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of the

feasibility study. Members felt that a financial contribution should not

be made as the project was not of great benefit to Street. A fast train to

London with more carriages could be taken from nearby Castle Cary

Station.

RESOLVED

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A. that the report be agreed and the recommendations made

approved

B. that a letter of support be sent in respect of the proposed new

railway station between Langport and Somerton, no financial

contribution be made and progress of the project be followed.

The meeting ended at 8.21 p.m.

Councillor Wolfers left at 8 p.m.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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