NOTES OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME HELD BEFORE

COUNCIL MEETING ON 27TH APRIL 2021

2 local residents gave their reasons for objecting to the proposed 5G mast in the High Street. They were very concerned about possible health issues and pointed out that there was no public notice at the site and nearby properties had not been informed of the application. Some wishing to lodge an objection on the District Council website had been unable to do so. 1 asked for an environmental health assessment and the other asked the Council to invoke a precautionary principle to allow more time to gather information.

District Councillor Goater explained that there were 2 areas where objections could be made – the domination of the mast of the surrounding area due to its scale and height and, the risk to any 5G structures which are easily accessible due to a lot of opposition to this in the local area.

On behalf of a local resident the Assistant Clerk read out another objection to the 5G mast. The Clerk read out an objection to the mast made by the Joseph and Frances Clark Charitable Trust which had acquired and kept the grassed area by the proposed pole as a green area in accordance with Policy Q2 of the Local Plan. This was supported by another resident. The Clerk also read a statement from another person stating that the mast would not transmit at a much higher frequency and that there would not be antennas every few hundred metres.

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 STREET PARISH COUNCIL

 Meeting of the Council held virtually using Zoom with remote

attendance on 27th April, 2021 at 7.17 p.m.

 PRESENT: Councillor A. Leafe (Chair of Council)

Councillors: P. Birch, S. Carswell, M. Daniells, D. Drew, D. Goater, D. Knibbs, L. Mogg, T.W.E. Napper, A. Prior, H. Shearer, N. Smith and L. Wolfers

 IN ATTENDANCE: L. Ruff – Clerk/RFO

 J. Marshfield – Assistant Clerk

 PC M. Pople – Street Beat Team

 County Councillor Leyshon

 APOLOGIES: Councillor R. Boyce – working – reason

 accepted

200. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March, 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.

RESOLVED

that confidential agenda item nos. 22 to 25 be considered after item no. 6 as they were important and members would be less tired than at the end of the meeting.

201. MATTERS ARISING

 There were no matters raised. The Chair left the meeting from

 7.20 p.m. to 7.24 p.m. due to technical issues and Councillor Prior,

 Vice-Chair took the Chair.

202. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

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

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Councillors Birch, Prior and Smith declared an other interest under Appendix B in the grant to Greenbank Pool as they were representatives on the Management Committee and after making representations left from 8.55 p.m. to 9.03 p.m.

Councillors Carswell, Daniells and Mogg declared an other interest under Appendix B in funding for the Merriman Park Fun Day and left after making representations from 9.37 p.m. to 9.43 p.m.

Councillor Mogg declared a personal interest in the grant to Greenbank

Pool as a close family member was employed there and after making

brief representations he left the meeting from 8.49 p.m. to 9.03 p.m.

Councillor Shearer was on the Planning Board but did not declare an

interest in the application for a street pole in the High Street as she did

not join the meeting until after that item had been considered.

203. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

 PC Pople reported on the priorities agreed at the Meet The Team

 meeting on 22nd April. The next meeting would be held on 1st July and

 Councillor Napper hoped that this might be held at the Foyer rather

 than remotely to engage with the young people there.

204. PLANNING COMMITTEE

 The minutes of the Committee meeting on 16th March were submitted

as circulated together with information on application no.

2021/0249/FUL Oaklands Nursery and on consultation for no.

2021/0784/TEL street pole with cabinets at High Street.

RESOLVED

A. that the report from 16th March, and the process being followed by

Mendip District Council in considering the possible refusal of the

application at Oaklands Nursery on a number of grounds be noted

B. that the District Council as the Local Planning Authority be notified

that the Council wished to object to no. 2021/0784/TEL due to the

proposed location of the pole and, to invoke a Precautionary Principle

statement as set out below and to request an environmental health

assessment to give time to consider this matter and making it clear

that responses have been delayed due to no notices being up at the

site or sent to nearby properties and that a number of people were

unable to lodge an objection on the District Council website -

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the precautionary principle requires that, if there is a strong suspicion

that a certain activity may have environmentally harmful consequences,

it is better to control that activity now rather than to wait for

incontrovertible scientific evidence.

The principle implies there is a social responsibility to protect the public

from exposure to harm when scientific investigation has found a

plausible risk.

205. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

 RESOLVED

 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 items as they involved confidential staffing matters,

negotiations with the Pool Trust, a quote for digital boards and CCTV.

206. STAFFING COMMITTEE

 The Clerk submitted the minutes of the meeting on 31st March 2021

which had been circulated to members. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk

left the meeting while considerations took place from 8 p.m. to

8.42 p.m.

 RESOLVED

 that the report be agreed except the recommendations of Minute No. 7

 and the following be agreed with effect from 1st April 2021 -

* + the Clerk/RFO be placed on spinal column point 43
	+ the Assistant Clerk be placed on spinal column point 22
	+ the ACPO be placed on spinal column point 19 and then to go up to 20 when he had obtained the CiLCA qualification.

 Councillors Carswell, D. Goater, Napper and Shearer wished it to be

 recorded that they did not vote in favour of the increased staff pay

 awards as detailed.

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207. GREENBANK POOL - GRANT

 The Clerk and representatives of the Pool Committee gave a brief

 update on meetings held to discuss ways of making the Pool more

 sustainable in the future.

 RESOLVED

 that the grant of £32,000 for 2021/22, already agreed be paid.

208. CCTV

 The Clerk submitted a confidential report which had been sent to

 members only.

 RESOLVED

 that the report be noted.

209. DIGITAL BOARDS

 The confidential report from the Clerk and ACPO had been circulated

 to members. Councillor Smith gave an update. The Clerk would be

 obtaining advice from SALC on various aspects of the project.

 RESOLVED

 that in principle the project should be progressed by the officers in

 liaison with the Business Action Group and a business plan drawn up

 including aims and objectives – councillors to email any comments.

 The meeting was re-opened to the public and streamed on Youtube

 from 9.31 p.m.

210. MERRIMAN PARK FUN DAY

 Councillor Daniells reported that the District Council was very positive

 and supportive of local events being held. Any bookings for the Fun

 Day would only be made if they could be rolled over if necessary. A

 number of savings would be made this year and the event might well

 cost less than £6,000. Councillor Carswell reported that if the funding

was approved the Park Community Group would begin to plan the

event which would be held on Saturday 4th September.

 RESOLVED

 that agreement be given to fund the Park Fun Day to a maximum of

 £6,000 as allocated in the budget.

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211. CO-OPTION TO NORTH WARD

 The Chair reported that there were no candidates at present but the

 two co-options would be considered at the annual meeting of the

 Council and two people were interested in applying.

212. INTERNAL AUDIT AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

 The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

 RESOLVED

 that the report and terms of reference for the internal auditor

 Probusiness Ltd. be agreed and that it is not considered that any

 events have occurred during the financial year or after the year end

 which would have consequences or potential consequences on the

 Council’s finances.

213. UNITARY WORKING GROUP

 The Clerk submitted the notes of the meeting on 30th March which had

 been circulated. The response to the Secretary of State on the unitary

 proposals for Somerset as detailed had been submitted by the required

 date.

 RESOLVED

 that the report be agreed.

214. BUSINESS ACTION GROUP

 Councillor D. Goater reported that the Manager of the Crispin Hall was

 keen to become the Chair of the Chamber of Commerce but had been

 rebuffed. It was agreed that she should be approached about taking up this position.

215. PARKING RESTRICTIONS

 The report from the ACPO which had been circulated was noted.

216. MEETINGS

 The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated. She would

 update members on holding remote meetings after 6th May as soon as

 guidance became available and on holding the Annual Parish Meeting

 by 1st June.

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 In view of not holding a meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee

 due to time constraints and the number of items on the agenda for the

 annual meeting, the Clerk invited members to contact her on 30th April

 to ask questions or discuss any issues.

 RESOLVED

 that the report be agreed and the annual meeting of the Council be

 held at 7 p.m. on 4th May 2021.

217. CHAIR’S REPORT

Councillor Leafe reported on the re-opening of the Library.

218. PARISH PATH LIAISON OFFICER

County Councillor Leyshon had left the meeting but there was nothing to report at present.

219. MENDIP STRATEGIC TOURISM FORUM

 It was agreed to discuss this item at another meeting.

220. CHAIR UPDATES

 No reports were made.

221. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS

 The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated. Councillor

 Napper reported that noise issues at the Victoria Club had been

 resolved.

 RESOLVED

A. that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair be given delegated authority to draw up a tender document for a new 3 year contract incorporating inspections and grounds maintenance at the Skate Park and Merriman Park, watering the baskets and all other works currently carried out by SLH Services – contract to run from 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2024 – tenders then invited on Contracts Finder and Council websites for consideration by the Council

B. that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair be given delegated authority to seek quotes for a new 3 year insurance agreement with mainly the same policy details as currently in place and to agree which quote to accept from 8th June 2021 – cost around £2,500 per annum.

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222. REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

 AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

No reports were made.

223. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

 The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 31st March, 2021

had been prepared successfully and sent to all members with the

monthly income and expenditure by account report, the final report of

receipts and payments for March, schedule of earmarked reserves

and a consolidated summary.

 RESOLVED

 that the report and schedule of payments as circulated be approved

and initialled by the Chair and the income and expenditure by account

report at 31st March, 2021 be noted and the schedule of receipts

and payments for April be attached as Annex A to the minutes in

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

224. MATTERS FOR REPORT

 The Clerk reported that Barclays Bank would be closing in Street but

 hopefully there would be a van at the market on Thursdays.

 The meeting ended at 9.55 p.m.

 County Councillor Leyshon left at 7.55 p.m.

 Councillor Shearer arrived at 8.05 p.m.

 Councillor Wolfers left at 9.05 p.m.

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 STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Planning Committee held virtually using Zoom with remote attendance on 27th April 2021 at 6:00 pm

 PRESENT: Councillor L Wolfers - Chair

 Councillors P Birch, D Knibbs, N Smith

 APOLOGIES : Councillors A Leaf, L Mogg – work commitments –Reasons accepted

 IN ATTENDANCE: J Marshfield – Assistant Clerk.

27. MINUTES

 The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2021 which had been

 circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Mogg declared an interest in planning application 2021/0714/ADV and refrained from voting on this application.

29. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

 The Assistant Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

 RESOLVED

 2021/0480/HSE Two storey side extension to South elevation and single storey rear extension at 15 Brooks Road Street - APPROVAL

 2021/0491/FUL Erection of a two-storey extension at 51 Brooks Road Street - APPROVAL

 2021/0509/HSE Erection of single storey extension at 9 Underhill Road Street - APPROVAL

 2021/0510/HSE Replacement of old conservatory with single storey extension at 2 Ambridge Close Street - APPROVAL

 2021/0520/HSE Erection of two storey rear extension and garage, and removal of existing garage to create rear access to new garage at 20 Orchard Road Street – REFUSAL Due to concerns on impact on next door neighbour’s rear garden.

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 2021/0538/HSE Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 3 Leigh Furlong Road - APPROVAL

 2021/0584/HSE Loft Conversion with Dormer, Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension & Outbuilding at 203 High Street, Street - APPROVAL

2021/0589/FUL Proposed improvement works to rhyne to increase storage capacity at Land At 347021 136787 Gravenchon Way Street - APPROVAL

 Cllr. Mogg joined the meeting at 6:18 pm

2021/0455/FUL Replacement of existing front window/door to White UPVC at Woodward Insurance and Mortgages 143 High Street Street – APPROVAL Concerns that new window/door will not be in keeping with the heritage of the High Street.

 2021/0431/FUL First floor extension, change of use of part of property from A1 retail to C3 residential to create 2no flats and associated works at 110 High Street Street – APPROVAL - concerns regarding health impact of new flat residents due to the retailers extractor fans below.

2021/0603/FUL Existing dwelling converted to two semi-detached dwellings with rear storey extension and detached garages at 4 Merriman Road Street - APPROVAL

 2021/0393/FUL Retrospective allocation of car parking space to 8A Park Close at 8A Park Close Street – REFUSAL inadequate parking for area.

 2021/0600/HSE Convert garage to habitable space, replace door with upvc doors and replace flat roof to sloping roof with roof lights. Update existing utility room replace existing flat roof to hipped roof. Upgrade existing garden room to home office with flat roof and block work construction at 56 Strode Road – REFUSAL – not in keeping with area, not enough information on plans, lack of consultation with neighbours.

 2021/0428/VRC Variation of condition 2 (plans list) of permission 2015/1671/HSE at 12 Hooper Road Street - APPROVAL

 2021/0674/VRC Application to vary condition 2 (plans list) and 10 (roof alterations) of planning approval 2017/2413/FUL for the erection of two detached dwellings and a detached garage. Condition Number(s): NUMBER 10 (ROOF ) NUMBER 2 ( DRAWING NUMBERS) Conditions(s) Removal: TO REFLECT THE LATEST DRAWINGS. TO REPLACE THE VELUX WINDOWS FACING NORTH AND INPUT TWO DORMER WINDOWS INTO EACH PROPERTY FACING NORTH ONLY. ADD SINGLE ATTACHED GARAGE TO PLOT 1 (GARAGE SIZE WITHIN PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS) ENLARGE PATIO DOORS AND GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS TO NORTH AND SOUTH. REPLACE DRAWINGS, 2017/90/03A 2017/90/06A 2017/90/04A 2017/90/05A WITH DRAWINGS, PLOT 1 2021/5/02A 2021/5/04A 2021/5/05A 2021/5/06A PLOT 2 2021/5/07A 2021/5/08A at 30 Green Lane Street – APPROVAL – Request technical department to ensure alterations are in place

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 2021/0683/HSE Remove Roof, raise wall height, add new roof with associated internal alterations at Woodlands Higher Brooks Street - APPROVAL

 2021/0697/HSE Erection of single storey extension. At 2 Beech Road Street - APPROVAL

 2021/0699/FUL Proposal: Erection of permanent after-school club marquee at Brookside County Primary School Brooks Road Street - APPROVAL

 2021/0714/ADV 1no. internally illuminated facia sign at Unit 63 Clarks Village Farm Road Street - APPROVAL

2021/0766/HSE Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations at 24 Orchard Road Street - APPROVAL

 NOTE – 2 new units approved – 1 since July 2020.

The meeting ended at 6:50 pm.

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**NOTES OF STREET COMMUNITY LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP MEETING ON**

**28TH APRIL 2021.**

PRESENT: Councillors M Daniells (MD), D Goater

 L Ruff (LR) – SPC Clerk

 J Marshfield (JM) – SPC Assistant Clerk

 County Councillor L Leyshon

 S Crowley (SC), C Amery (CA) S Addison (SA)– SCC Library Service

 C Axten (CAx), A Southern (AS) – Friends of Street Library (FOSL)

APOLOGIES P Fry – Friends of Street Library

This CLP meeting was an informal discussion to clarify responsibilities and agree the way forward and set dates for quarterly meetings which will revert to the format set up in the CLP agreement.

Claire Axten agreed to Chair the meeting.

**Quarterly meeting for the 3 parties**

To discuss any issues. Standard items will be needed for the quarterly agenda. Consistent communication and coordination.

**Specific roles of the groups**

SCC – Library stock, line manage staff. Day to day issues – SA, broader concerns – (CA)

FOSL – Provide extra library resources, promote, organise and run activities and events.

SPC – Ensure day to day running of the building and maintenance of the building.

**Supply of materials**

SCC – Printer cartridges and specific library items

FOSL – Stationery – NOT printer paper, Digital Den resources

SPC – Printer paper, cleaning equipment

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**TIC services**

Library staff are happy to offer TIC services during opening times. LL offered to supply the Community Support Group information leaflets to enable staff to signpost the public and offered the facility of the Community Group social media page to promote events.

**Booking of rooms for activities and events**

FOSL and Library staff can have free use of a room to run activities if the room is available. SPC staff to be informed of activity/event date.

**Library staff training – SCC**

EVAC Chair Training for library staff – (CA)

Library staff have had Community Connector training. (SA) to run through mental health training with staff to ensure the practicalities.

Library staff and volunteers to have Digital Den refresher training in June. The Digital Den will then be available to the public to use – Covid permitting.

**Library use outside of library opening times**

(CAx) FOSL can run the library and do have insurance, however, volunteer numbers need to increase before this can take place. Volunteer recruitment is underway.

**Library Outreach Vehicle**

The OV is being placed around Street to encourage residents to join the library.

OV available for the Merriman Park Fun Day 4.9.21 (awaiting confirmation of date from MPCG) If library staff are not available to operate library services from the OV vehicle at the event, FOSL and volunteers will be able to.

**FOSL assets and funds**

(CAx) Items purchased by FOSL are given straight to the library and therefore do not have any assets. A copy of FOSL recent accounts will be sent to SPC.

**Library Performance Statistics**

CA reported on the library performance for the last quarter, as the library had only reopened on 8th March information was limited, however, 25 new users had been recorded.

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**CCTV**

JM informed the group that SPC are in the process of installing CCTV to the ground and first floor of the building, ensuring staff and building security. A monitor will be positioned on the ground floor by the library staff desk, the recorder and monitor placed in the SPC office on the first floor.

Library and SPC staff have also been issued with a personal alarm.

**Date of next meeting 27.7.21 at 4:00 PM**

Meeting ended at 11.15 am

J Marshfield

Assistant Clerk Street Parish Council

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