

## STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Council held in the Main Library, Street Parish Rooms  
On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor L. Wolfers (Chair of Council)  
Councillors: R. Boyce, S. Carswell, M. Daniells, D. Drew, D. Goater, J Howard, A. Leafe, L. Mogg, A. Prior, H. Shearer, N. Smith, A Sparkes

IN ATTENDANCE: L. Ruff – Clerk/RFO  
PC M Pople – Street Beat Team

APOLOGIES: Councillors: P. Birch – illness, D. Knibbs - another engagement, T.W.E. Napper and County and District Councillor Leyshon – another meeting - reasons accepted

### 71. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

With reference to Minute No. 51 Declarations of Interest it was noted that the Chair worked for Street Chamber of Commerce as a freelancer.

### 72. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk would report on developments concerning moving the war memorial with the other confidential items.

### 73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillors Carswell 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 Drew declared an interest in any matters relating to the Street Library as she is a member of the Friends of Street Library

74. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PC Mark Pople informed the Council that over 60 bikes had been given security markings at 2 recent events. If possible a further event would be arranged as part of the Merriman Park Fun Day. The next PACT meeting would be on 9<sup>th</sup> September at the YMCA foyer. The Clerk reported that the District Council was extending the district wide Public Space Protection Orders for a further 3 years from early July. The next meeting of Neighbourhood Watch was on 8<sup>th</sup> September and Councillor Boyce hoped to attend as he wished to set up a scheme in the Orchard Road area.

75. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July were submitted as circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

76. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July were submitted as circulated and are attached as Annex A to the minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED

that the recommendations in Minute Nos. 5 B, 7 C, 10, 11 and 12 be agreed.

77. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was not necessary to pass a resolution as no press or public were present.

78. MOVING WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported on an update report which had been circulated to members concerning a damaged section of the memorial which had been discovered when it was dismantled. Fitting a new section of stone would cost around £500 and not require further permissions. If the damaged section was cut away and the height of the memorial reduced, a retrospective variation of conditions application with a new drawing would be required and an amendment to the Section 106 agreement. This would probably involve a similar cost.

## RESOLVED

that delegated authority be given to the ACPO in consultation with the Chair to deal with the damaged section of the memorial, selecting whichever option it was decided was best.

### 79. DIGITAL BOARDS

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated. Councillor Smith explained that the 4 sites had been considered and it had been decided that the front of the Parish Rooms near main bus stops would be better than opposite Bet Fred. The aims of the project were to improve community engagement, embrace new technology, to give a tool for local businesses to use and to generate income to supplement local or High Street businesses in some way.

## RESOLVED

A. that the report be received and the officers pursue the provision of digital boards

B. that the community benefit of the boards be quantified including how this would work and what they would have displayed on them and an informal Council meeting be held via Zoom to discuss details of the project

C. that local businesses should now be consulted on the boards including holding a meeting in the Crispin Hall for a number of mixed use businesses

D. that delegated authority be given to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair to decide what to use the £17,000 Welcome Back Fund grant for instead of digital boards – the project must be delivered by the end of the financial year – ideas to consider were new bins, refurbishing the map boards and updating the shop plans, refurbishing signs and making sure that directions were correct, a storage unit in the service yard for events materials although this might not meet the criteria.

### 80. LIBRARY GARDEN AND MURAL

The Clerk gave an update on the project. The repair work to the back wall and pavilions was more extensive than first envisaged and thus was likely to cost more. She had been working with Dylan Thomas on how the mural might be done and he had suggested having electric and lights so that it would be easier to use the area for events in the future.

RESOLVED

that formal tenders be invited for the repair works, others be asked to contribute to the cost and a further report be made to Council.

Councillors Daniells and Mogg wished it to be recorded that they did not agree with the above decision.

81. CCTV

The Clerk submitted a confidential report which had been circulated to members.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed.

82. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that a LGR Working Group comprising the following members should consider the list of County and District Council owned assets in Street which the Council might wish to have transferred to it and report back at the end of the month - Councillors Carswell, Daniells, Mogg, Prior, Shearer and Smith.

83. CULTURE WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July which had been circulated were submitted. As agreed £5,000 towards the cost of moving the war memorial had been received from the Merriman Park Community Group.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed.

84. STREET COMMUNITY LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

Notes of the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July which had been circulated were submitted.

RESOLVED

A. that the report be agreed and a Library Working Group comprising the following members should look at all options and determine what should be in place under the current situation at the break clause on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and, what should be in place if the library was moved back to the 1924 building - Councillors Drew, Goater, Howard, Mogg, Shearer and Smith with County and District Councillor Leyshon

B. that a constructive response be given to the Library Service to explain that most of the ground floor of the Parish Rooms had been committed to the library including 2 small rooms and, space for staff lunch breaks had been given by the kitchen on the first floor – there were benches outside the building, cafes in the High Street – the first floor needed to be retained by the Council for confidential and other business purposes

C. that a report be made at the next meeting on quotes for blinds for the ground floor and advice be sought on ventilation of the building and CO2 levels.

85. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP

Notes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> August had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed and Councillor Boyce be appointed to the Group.

86. BUSINESS ACTION GROUP

The meeting scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> August had been cancelled. The Group had been focussing on the digital boards.

87. REPORT FROM CHAIR

Councillor Wolfers reported that she had opened the 101<sup>st</sup> Park Run which had been attended by over 200 people of all ages and abilities. Councillor Howard asked for the fact that the Theatre bar was open before and after the event to be publicised.

88. PARISH PATH LIAISON OFFICER

Councillor Leyshon was unable to attend the meeting.

89. MENDIP STRATEGIC TOURISM FORUM

The Clerk gave a verbal report. Application would be made for a Mendip Strategic Tourism grant to fund 30 lightweight chairs for outdoor events and Santa hats etc. for the Christmas event.

RESOLVED

that the Council sign up to the 'Walkers are Welcome network when possible.

90. CHAIR UPDATES

Councillor Mogg referred to the notes of the Highways Group meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> August. Councillor Daniells felt that the decision of the County Council to leave Higher Brooks as the national speed limit was disgraceful.

91. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed with Councillor Carswell coming off of the Staffing Committee and members wishing to speak on Glastonbury FM liaising with the Clerk.

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

District Councillor Shearer would report at the next meeting on changes in responsibilities at the District Council for portfolio holders. She encouraged people to become members of the NHS Trust. She had received safeguarding training on the exploitation of vulnerable adults, modern slavery etc. District Councillor Carswell reported that he was responsible for car parks, events, markets etc.

93. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 31st July, 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 July, 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 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2021 be noted and the schedule of receipts and payments for July be attached as Annex B to the minutes in the Minute Book in order to publish payments of £500 or more.

## 94. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Mogg asked to receive agendas by email only. Councillor Carswell asked for volunteers to marshall at the Merriman Park Fun Day on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

The Clerk reported that the road closure order for the Remembrance Parade on 14<sup>th</sup> November had been received. The CCTV for the Parish Rooms was being fitted.

The meeting ended at 8.40 p.m.

Councillor Leafe left the meeting at 8.30 pm

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

