STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Council held in the First Floor Studio, Strode Theatre on

20th July 2021 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor L. Wolfers (Chair of Council)

Councillors: P. Birch, S. Carswell, M. Daniells, D. Drew, D. Goater, J Howard, D. Knibbs,

L. Mogg, T.W.E. Napper, A. Prior, H. Shearer, N. Smith, A Sparkes

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Marshfield – Assistant Clerk

M. Sandiford – Assistant Clerk Projects Officer

County Councillor Leyshon

PC M Pople – Street Beat Team

APOLOGIES: Councillor R. Boyce – Hospital appointment,

Councillor A Leafe – Work commitment

L Ruff – Clerk RFO – Family matter

49. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2021 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Councillor Mogg asked that it be noted that he will not be sending a statement in response to the statement on social housing Cranhill Road car park and land at Cemetery Lane made by the District Council for the information of members.

50. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Shearer raised concerns that Councillor Boyce had not been seen for some time at Council meetings and asked for clarification on the Council’s Standing Orders. Councillors also expressed concern on Councillor Boyce’s wellbeing.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk check the ruling and will report back to Council and that Councillors will endeavour to make contact with Councillor Boyce.

51. 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

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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.

Councillor Drew declared an interest in any matters relating to the Street Library as she is a member of the Friends of Street Library

Councillor Mogg declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the grant for Greenbank pool but had left the meeting before this item was discussed.

Councillor Wolfers, Chair declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the grant application by Street Chamber of Commerce as she would be

working for the organisation and the proposal from Fontology as owner’s partner is one of her clients and left the meeting from 7:40 p.m. to 8.03 p.m. Councillor Prior took the Chair for this item.

52. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PC Mark Pople informed the Council that there have been reports of

loud motorcycles being driven throughout the Houndswood Estate and urged residents to call the Police Station if this anti-social behaviour continues.

Electrical scooters are not to be ridden anywhere public have access and recommended that if seen, to contact the Police.

Jubilee and Glanville Road parking issues will be looked at and updates given at the next PACT meeting on 9th September. Venue for this meeting is waiting to be confirmed.

Reports have been received that intruders are accessing properties via windows being left open at night during the hot weather and advised resident to shut windows when leaving the house.

Neighbourhood Watch next meeting 8th September awaiting confirmation of venue.

Bike theft is still on going. PC Pople is in contact with Clarks Village to organise bike lockers. ‘Marked Bike’ events are being held at Street Police Station on 31st July between 9 am and 3 pm and 14th August between 12 noon and 4 pm PC Pople asked for this event to be promoted on the Council’s social media pages and website.

During the Little Eats Festival Councillors encountered some unhappy residents who have noticed unpleasant behaviour at Merriman Park in the afternoon. It was suggested that there could be more of a Police presence during this time.

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PC Pople assured Councillors that officers go through the area 3-4 times daily and suggested that more children being in the park may be due to Greenbank not being open. Restorative Justice programmes have been run throughout schools.

As the school holidays are approaching PC Pople advised that any antisocial behaviour be reported to the Police.

53. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Committee meeting on 15th June were submitted

as circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

54. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 6th July were submitted as circulated

RESOLVED

A. that up to a further £2,000 be earmarked for Chamber of Commerce work and the matter be considered again when the business plan was ready with a representative other than the Chair, giving a presentation on it to the Committee

Councillor Drew thanked the Policy and Finance Committee for their support for the Chamber of Commerce.

B. that Fontology Studio be engaged to create a new logo and brand, refresh the website home page and structure and assist with social media posts.

C. that Councillors Birch, Smith and Wolfers join the Policy and Finance Committee. Councillor Smith stated that she had not previously left the group.

D. that if the shortfall looks to exceed £5000 for the renovation of the library mural and gardens, to come back to the Council for approval. County Councillor Leyshon offered to write a full project brief and to submit the Council.

E. that organising a reception meal for Covid award winners was not the best way to honour those who had helped during the pandemic and that an acknowledgment from the Council would be sufficient recognition.

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F. that a certificate of thanks be created and be given to those who helped during the pandemic.

G. that a half hour slot at the Merriman Park Fun Day be arranged with David Atkins for the Chair to recognise the people of Street who helped during the pandemic. Councillors to be present throughout the day to meet the public.

H. All other recommendations to be considered further

55. CULTURE WORKING GROUP

The Assistant Clerk submitted notes of the meeting on 23rd June which had been circulated. The Mini Eats Festival on 11th July was attended by over 3000 people, Councillors engaged with the public and was a successful day.

RESOLVED

1. that the report be agreed and to hold a Mini Eats Festival, working with Mendip DC, on 20th November in the Crispin Centre and Crispin Hall.
2. The Chair to investigate a Saturday pop-up craft market in the Crispin Centre. This will not be organised by the Council.

56. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP

The meeting of 15th July was postponed due to lack of attendees. Comments from Vestry and Leigh Road residents regarding the High Street closure during market days had been received

RESOLVED

1. that Councillors A Sparkes and L Wolfers be added to the group.
2. that Councillor Carswell will contact Somerset County Council and Mendip District Council to discuss more signage when the market is being held.

57. SUMMER SURVEY

The ACPO submitted a report of responses to the Summer Survey. Councillors were asked to submit their responses by the closing date 23rd July 2021.

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RESOLVED

that the report be agreed.

58. BUSINESS ACTION GROUP

The ACPO submitted notes from the meeting on 2nd July and Councillor Prior gave a verbal report saying that their key project are the digital boards.

RESOLVED

That the report be agreed.

Councillor Drew asked for the comment in item number 4 stating that *the Friends of Street Library receive grants when holding existing funds* be removed from the report as this is not the case.

59. REPORT FROM CHAIR

Councillor Wolfers reported that she had met Chris Davis the Clarks Village Manager. They discussed the two notice boards situated outside the Clarks Village entrance in Farm Road which he has agreed to refurbish free of charge for the Parish Council to use. Also, the possibility of the old signpost situated by the zebra crossing in Farm Rd to be repositioned with correct signage by the Parish rooms. The outside garden area of the Parish Rooms is being maintained by Clarks Village and will be looking at designs with Friends of Street Library to develop the area.

The Chair’s one to one meetings have been very encouraging and asked Councillors wanting to meet to contact the Chair or Clerk book a convenient time.

60. PARISH PATH LIAISON OFFICER

Councillor Leyshon informed the Council that the PPLO is enjoying his role and that she has purchased some new equipment for him to continue carrying out his work.

61. MENDIP STRATEGIC TOURISM FORUM

The Assistant Clerk gave a verbal report.

RESOLVED

that the Council sign up to the ‘Walkers are Welcome network and liaise with Shepton Mallet and Frome Town Council.

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62. CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report.

63. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed.

64. REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

County Councillors Leyshon and Napper notified the Council that a meeting is being held on 21 July 2021 at Somerset County Council to discuss the Unitary position for the County.

65. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 30th June, 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 June, 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 30th June, 2021 be noted and the schedule of receipts

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

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

66. MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Mogg asked if there had been any update on the Cemetery Lane and Cranhill car park proposed developments.

Councillor Carswell informed the Council that the Cranhill car park proposed development has been shelved and the Cemetery Land proposed development is being held back due to the Phosphate issues within Somerset.

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Date of next meeting 17th August 2021 at 7 pm at the Parish Rooms.

67. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

present.

68. DIGITAL BOARDS

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

RESOLVED

1. that to proceed in principle, with 4 double sided kiosks (8 screens) and to apply for grants from the District Council, Clarks Foundation etc for this financial year with the Council meeting any shortfall.
2. that to ask the officers to submit information on consent from County Highways, planning/conservation area consent and business rates to the next meeting together with a business plan.
3. that to agree to initial legal advice being sought from Wellers Headley at a cost of around £800 + VAT
4. that Councillor Napper contact Somerset County Council regarding Road Record and Section 171 licencing costs.

69. MINOR ADDITIONAL WORKS – MOVING WAR MEMORIAL.

The ACPO submitted a confidential report which had been

circulated to members to approve the revised total estimate.

RESOLVED

that the report be approved.

70. GREENBANK POOL – GRANT

Nothing to report.

RESOLVED

That and informal Zoom Council meeting be arranged in September.

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The meeting ended at 10:15 p.m.

Councillor Birch left the meeting at 9.22 pm

Councillor Mogg left the meeting at 10.07 pm

Councillors Knibbs and Sparkes left the meeting at 10.09 pm

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

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