STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Council held in Room 6, Crispin Community Centre on

7th December 2021 at 7.25 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor L. Wolfers (Chair of Council)

Councillors: P. Birch, S. Carswell, D. Drew,

D. Goater, J. Howard, D. Knibbs, A. Leafe, L. Mogg, T.W.E. Napper, H. Shearer, N. Smith and A. Sparkes

IN ATTENDANCE: L. Ruff – Clerk/RFO

J. Marshfield – Assistant Clerk

PC M. Pople – Street Beat Team

County and District Councillor L. Leyshon

R. Martin – Director, Alfred Gillett Trust

APOLOGIES: Councillors: R. Boyce, M. Daniells and A. Prior

- another engagement - reasons accepted

166. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2021 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

167. MATTERS ARISING

With reference to Public Question Time held prior to the meeting it was

agreed to write to the Greenbank Pool Trust stating that the public felt

strongly that there should be a public meeting to explain plans for 2022

including in regard to season tickets and a discount for Street residents

or a written statement which the Council could display on its website. It

was also agreed to ask the trustees to have minuted meetings again

attended by the Council’s representatives and that Richard Clark must

be present as S. Moss was not able to make decisions.

168. 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.

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Councillor Napper declared an other interest under Appendix B in any

matters relating to the County Council and stated that he would keep an open mind when considering issues at County or Parish level.

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

Councillor Wolfers declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any

matters relating to Street Chamber of Commerce as she worked freelance for it. She also declared an other interest under Appendix B in the grant for the Community Centre as she represented the Council on the organisation but only observed at meetings.

Councillor Leafe declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in funding

for a Parent Family Support Adviser as he was employed in this role

and did not leave the meeting as discussion was only minor.

Councillor Howard declared an other interest under Appendix B in any

matters relating to the Crispin Hall as she was a trustee.

169. PRESENTATION – ALFRED GILLETT TRUST

R. Martin the new Director of the Trust explained the proposals to open

a visitor experience at The Grange in 2025. There was a fantastic

collection of Ichthyosaur fossils, shoe making items etc. to display and

a programme of events would be organised. Residents could submit

ideas and a post would be put out on the Council’s social media. The

Chair asked that contact be made with the ACPO regarding other

projects including restoration of the old toll gate. Local people would

be interviewed to capture their history and experiences. The Trust was

looking for trustees. The meeting was adjourned from 7.32 p.m. to

7.34 p.m. and from 7.35 p.m. to 7.37 p.m. to allow the public to speak.

Some funding was already in place and this would be used as a

leverage to gain more. A fund raiser would be employed in 2022.

170. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PC Pople gave the Council his monthly report. Registration numbers of

any vehicles racing around should be reported to the Police. It was

agreed that Councillors Smith and Sparkes would operate a

Community Speedwatch. Councillor Birch would email PC Pople in

regard to the horses tethered at the bypass. Vehicles parked across

the pavement would be investigated. Councillor Shearer would share

details of a Street Link where homeless people could access help.

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171. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Committee meeting on 16th November were

submitted as circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

172. REVIEW OF GRANTS FOR VULNERABLE

The Assistant Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated. It

was acknowledged that these groups had all been proactive during the

Lockdown and were all doing fantastic work in the community for those

in need. Details of a grant application for a pilot project from the YMCA

had also been circulated.

Councillor Wolfers proposed that the grants as set out in the report be

made to the specified organisations in January to March 2022 and this

was seconded by Councillor Shearer. Councillor Wolfers asked for the

way in which members voted to be recorded and the voting was -

Members Voting For Motion Members Voting Against Motion

Cllr. Birch None

Cllr. Carswell

Cllr. Drew

Cllr. Goater

Cllr. Howard

Cllr. Knibbs

Cllr. Leafe

Cllr. Shearer

Cllr. Smith

Cllr. Sparkes

Cllr. Wolfers

Councillors Mogg and Napper abstained from voting. The motion was

passed by 11 votes to 0 votes.

RESOLVED

A. that the Community Centre be asked for a review of costs of the

tea dances in the New Year and information be publicised on where hot

meals and showers can be accessed in Glastonbury

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B. that the Policy and Finance Committee should meet in early

January to consider the grant application for the pilot project from the

YMCA and an application for the £10,000 grant to deliver 2 sessions a

week at the Youth Club in 2022/23 and make recommendations to

Council

C. that the Clerk to report back on the decision made previously

regarding raising the precept by £55,000 to support vulnerable people

and what was decided in regard to funding PFSAs

D. that the schools be asked to submit a report on the need for

funding of PFSAs and County Councillor Leyshon to find out if funding

for this role is confirmed until April 2023 and after.

173. CHRISTMAS SPARKLE EVENT

The Assistant Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated. It

was felt that assistance at community events should be added to the

remit for new councillors.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed and Christmas hats be purchased in January

to give away at the event in 2022.

174. RESULTS OF SUMMER SURVEY

The results of the survey had been circulated and were on the website.

Members wished to record their gratitude to the ACPO for doing a

brilliant job in organising the survey.

RESOLVED

A. that the report be noted and the owners of the former Tesco

building be contacted to see if it could be used for events etc.

B. that a press release and social media posts be issued and then

updated on actions which the Council was taking in regard to the top 5

voted ideas and also reasons why action could not be taken in some

cases – members to email statements to be added to this.

175. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting on 25th November had been circulated.

RESOLVED

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A. that the report be agreed and County Councillor Leyshon to report

back to the Group on the idea of the ACPO of having a priority system

for Vestry Road and whether this was agreeable to County Highways

B. that the ACPO would contact the J and F Clark Trust about having

bike racks at Woods Batch rather than at Merriman Park

C. that Councillor Mogg would email the Chair about the road

subsidence in Glaston Road and Councillor Howard would email her

about buses so that she could raise these issues with the MP.

176. REMEMBRANCE WORKING GROUP

The report of the ACPO was submitted as circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed.

177. HANGING BASKETS AND PLANTER QUOTATIONS

The press and public were not excluded from the meeting as details of

companies and quotations did not need to be discussed. Brownes

Garden Centre had not submitted a quote.

RESOLVED

that Sweetacre Nurseries be engaged to carry out the specified works

in 2022 for £2,598.

178. BUSINESS ACTION GROUP

Councillor Mogg gave a verbal report on the meeting of 2nd December.

Members wished to see a full business plan on the digital boards with

aims and objectives, breakdown of costs and income, number of local

businesses which would take space and how legal issues would be

resolved.

The Chair reported that the inaugural meeting of the Chamber of

Commerce had been held and a secretary and treasurer appointed. A

further meeting would be held in January.

RESOLVED

that the Group should submit a business plan for Policy and Finance

Committee to consider in regard to having a community board and

other types of board and then the Council should make a final decision

on the project.

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179. ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENTS SKATE PARK,

MERRIMAN PARK AND STRODE ROAD ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed and McDonalds be asked to replace the

damaged fence with non flammable material.

180. REPORT FROM CHAIR

The Chair wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

181. PARISH PATH LIAISON OFFICER

Councillor Leyshon had nothing to report.

182. MENDIP STRATEGIC TOURISM FORUM

The Assistant Clerk reported that the £6,000 grant to refurbish the

finger posts had been agreed. Members were asked to email ideas

for what should be on the posts for consideration at the next meeting

eg. High Street shops, Parish Rooms, High Street parking, The Grange

Crispin Community Centre.

183. CHAIR UPDATES

There were no updates.

184. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

A. that the railings around the war memorial in Merriman Park should

be 90cm high

B. that the anti social incidents be noted and no further contact be

made in that regard

C. that a guest speaker be agreed for the Annual Parish Meeting on

15th March 2022 from 6 p.m. and the Chair’s Investiture be considered

at the next meeting

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D. that an extraordinary meeting be held at 6 p.m. on 11th January

2022 to receive presentations from artists quoting for the murals on the

Library Garden wall and agree which one to select.

185. REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

County and District Councillor Napper reported that the elections would

be in May 2022 and there would be 4 unitary councillors for Glastonbury and Street. District Councillor Shearer drew attention to the importance of transport to hospitals and that Councillor Howard would be investigating the Bus Back Better initiative. County and District Councillor Leyshon reported that she was a trustee of the Crispin Hall. The Local Community Networks to be set up as part of the Unitary process would have a population of around 28,000. A lorry parked at Portway had been reported. There was no update on the Active Travel Tranche 3. The maintenance of public spaces in Clockhouse View might have finally been resolved.

186. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 30th November, 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 November, schedule of earmarked reserves

and a consolidated summary. The Clerk reported on an offer from

Rialtas to receive a 7% discount on the 2022 fee if a 3 year year end

loyalty scheme was entered into.

RESOLVED

A. 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 November, 2021 be noted and the schedule of

receipts and payments for November be attached as Annex A to the

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

more

B. that the Council should enter into a 3 year term for the year end

service and receive a preferential year end date and a 7% discount on

the 2022 fee.

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187. MATTERS FOR REPORT

It was agreed that the Community and Well Being Group would meet

at 2 p.m. on 17th January with a representative of the Salvation Army.

It was also agreed to meet with Glastonbury Town Council and

neighbouring parish councils to discuss the formation of a Local

Community Network.

Councillor Mogg reported that he would be resigning from the Council

in January as he would be moving to Scotland and everyone wished

him well in his new life.

The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

Councillor Leafe left at 9.15 p.m.

Councillor Birch left at 9.30 p.m.

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

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