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.

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