STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in Room 6, Crispin Community Centre on 11th January 2022 at 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor L. Wolfers (Chair of Council)

Councillors: R. Boyce, J. Howard, L. Mogg, T.W.E. Napper, A. Prior, H. Shearer, N. Smith

Councillor S Carswell arrived at 7:52 pm

Councillor D Knibbs arrived at 7:58 pm

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Marshfield – Assistant Clerk

M. Sandiford – Assistant Clerk and Projects Officer

County and District Councillor L. Leyshon

J Minshuall - Artist

APOLOGIES Councillors: Birch, Drew, Goater,

Leafe and Sparkes - another engagement –

reasons accepted

188. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2021 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

189. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillors 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 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 Mogg declared an other interest in item 7 on the agenda -Planning Application no. 2021/2637/FUL erection of 33 affordable homes with associated access, parking and landscaping land at 347350 137003 Cemetery Lane, street for Aster Group as he lives near the proposed development and left the meeting at 7:40 pm and returned at 8:08 pm after the Council’s decision was made.

Councillor Wolfers declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any

matters relating to Street Chamber of Commerce as she worked freelance for it.

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Councillor Howard declared an other interest under Appendix B in any

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

190. PRESENTATION – ARTIST JONATHAN MINSHULL

Jonathan informed the Council that the 4 murals for the back wall of the library gardens will revamp the library garden area and displayed a visual board of how the wall will look once completed. Jonathan’s vision is for the panels to look like an outdoor art gallery and the 8 ft x 4 ft Marine ply panel boards will enable this. Each panel will have a have a 2-inch boarder and be sealed with sever layers of lacquer. The lacquer will help prevent graffiti. Once the panels size has been decided the composition of the artwork can be determined. Once the library wall renovations have been completed the 4 murals panels would be installed.

RESOLVED

A. That Jonathan Minshull be commissioned to produce 4 murals for the back wall of the library gardens along with the background wall and pillar section painted in a tromp l’oeil style at a cost of £4000.

B. That the Clerk or Assistant Clerk in consultation with the Chair agree to apply for grant from the Clarks Foundation for £1587.00 to cover the costs of securely fixing the 4 panels to the wall and covering the entire area with a protective lacquer.

The meeting was closed at 6:45 pm for a short break and reopen at 6:50 pm

191. WORKS AT STREET SKATE PARK

A confidential report on the proposed works at the Skate Park from the ACPO had been circulated.

Councillor Daniells commented that there had been more antisocial behavior within Merriman Park over the past year and suggested that CCTV would be more beneficial here rather than the Skate Park.

Councillor Howard suggested adding further signage to the Skate Park asking users to take more responsibility for their actions.

Councillor Napper suggested that reducing the height of the hedge may be a deterrent for anti-social behavior.

Councillor Shearer proposed that the Skate Park be repaired and to monitor any further antisocial behavior and was seconded by Councillor Wolfers.

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RESOLVED

That further quotes be sort to dig out the existing damaged ramp area 10 metres x 3.5 metres and relay a new concreate area with polished finish to match the existing ramp.

192. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2021/2637/FUL ERECTION OF 33 AFFORDABLE HOMES WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS, PARKING AND LANDSCAPING LAND AT 347350 137003 CEMETERY LANE, STREET FOR ASTER GROUP

County councillor Leyshon explained that Mendip District Council estimate the capacity of Street Cemetery will be full within 11 years and that new cemeteries do not need to be placed near an original burial site. The land that had been offered to MDC from a local landowner is not suitable as there are electricity cables overhead and the only access to the land would be through Morland Road. County Councillor Leyshon expressed concern that there is a social housing crisis within the area and this piece of land has been within MDC’s Local Plan Part 2 for many years.

Councillor Daniells thought that the timing of this planning application submission has been underhanded by Mendip.

Councillor Napper suggested that the application should be re submitted as the plans have changed.

Councillor Shearer informed the Council that she would not be voting on this matter as she is on the Cabinet at MDC addressing commercial development of land use. She encouraged Councillors and residents to make a representation at the MDC Planning Board and will inform Councillors of the next meeting date. Councillor Shearer left the meeting at 7:58 pm and returned at 8:08 pm

Councillor Napper asked for a way in which members voted to be recorded and the voting was –

Members For Members Against

Cllr.Carswell Cllr. Boyce

Cllr Howard Cllr. Daniells

Cllr Napper

Cllr.Prior

Cllr. Smith

Cllr. Wolfers

The motion was against by 6 votes to 2

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RESOLVED

That the application be refused and the following recommendation be sent to Mendip District Council Consultation Responses

Street Parish Council understand the need for Social Housing within our area, however, we recommend that planning application 2021/2637/FUL be refused for the following reasons: -

* The plans have changed fundamentally
* The access and egress of the site along Portland Road along with the increased traffic generation to the main A39 Westway bypass will impact on residential and public safety.
* The loss of ecological habitats within the site and surrounding areas
* Confirmation of a future burial site within Street

193. BOND WITH MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Council were informed that the £20,000 Bond held by the District Council until the war memorial in Merriman Park was moved, has still not been repaid.

ACPO Mark Sandiford gave a quick update on what the Bond was for

RECOMMENDED

That Councillor Carswell contact Julie Reader Sullivan at MDC to question when the £20,000 Bond will be returned to Street Parish Council and to report back at the next Council meeting.

194. MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Assistant Clerk informed the Council that the Public Space Protection Order signage date need to be changed. MDC to issue sticky labels that can be placed on the original PSPO signage.

Councillor Wolfers informed the Council that a resident meeting to discuss Greenbank Pool will be held at the Bear Hotel on Wednesday 26th January at 6:30 pm and all are welcome to attend. Councillor Wolfers is working with County Councillor Leyshon and resident Mr Tim Rice to form a group Friends of Greenbank.

RESOLVED

That SLH Services be asked for a quote to attach the labels the Street PSPO signage.

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The meeting ended at 8:16 p.m.

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NOTES OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

HELD BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 11.1.21

Two residents asked to speak regarding planning application

2021/2637/FUL erection of 33 affordable homes with associated access,

parking and landscaping land at 347350 137003 Cemetery Lane, Street for

Aster Group.

Resident A lives at Portland Rd and is concerned that there would be too

many vehicles travelling along Portland Rd to and from the new

development. He stated that proposed land has always been earmarked for

a cemetery and has concerns as to where a new cemetery would be placed

within Street. The resident also has concerns regarding the developer, Aster

Housing, as they may change the proposed development if planning is

granted.

Resident B read a statement that he will be sending to the press highlighting

the following issues –

* Few residents received notification of this planning application
* Road access to and from the site is not sufficient
* Cemetery lane would become a rat run
* Original plans have been amended to the access for the site
* Aster Housing have an agreement to utilise a field opposite Cemetery Lane for construction materials, machinery, workmen’s carpark, this should have a separate planning application.
* Somerset Phosphates restrictions on new development plans should be noted.

A copy of this Resident B’s statement has been sent to Councillors.