STREET PARISH COUNCIL

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

18th January 2022 at 7:10 PM

PRESENT: Councillor L. Wolfers (Chair of Council)

Councillors: R. Boyce, S Carswell, D. Drew,

M. Daniells D. Goater J. Howard, D. Knibbs,

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

A. Sparkes

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Marshfield – Assistant Clerk

M. Sandiford – Assistant Clerk and Projects Officer

County and District Councillor L. Leyshon

PC M. Pople – Street Beat Team

APOLOGIES Councillors: P. Birch, A. Leafe and L. Mogg – another

engagement – reasons accepted.

195. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2022 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair with the following amendments.

A. Minute 191 – Councillor Carswell suggested writing to local Schools / College to inform pupils of the cost to repair the Skate Park.

B. Minute 192 – the land that had been offered to MDC by a local landowner has not been formerly ruled out.

C. That it be noted that Councillor Daniels was not present at the Business Action Group meeting when item 3 – Truespeed Update was being discussed.

196. MATTERS ARISING

None reported.

197. 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 Howard declared an other interest under Appendix B in any

matters relating to the Crispin Hall as she was a trustee

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.

198. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PC Pole gave the Council his monthly report.

The next meeting of Meet theTeam will be held at the YMCA on 26th January and encouraged Councillors to attend.

The horses on the A39 have now gone.

Issues are being dealt with in Lime Tree Square and Rynolds Way.

The Neighbourhood Watch are collecting information regarding ‘card cloning’ and encourages any suspicious behaviour be reported to the Police.

Street now has a Community Speed Watch thanks to Cllrs Smith and Sparkes.

Concerns with spiking of drinks and injecting customers has been raised and a meeting has been held with local pubs and clubs to discuss this issue.

PC Pople informed the Council that he would be happy to attend monthly Beat Surgeries at the Parish Council.

Cllr Napper offered to organise a group to clean up the graffiti within Street. Anti-graffiti spray to be purchased and inform Cllr. Napper when this can be collected.

Cllr. Napper raised concerns regarding travellers being moved on in Glastonbury as they could aim for Street. He suggested that the Council investigate further deterrents for the Merriman Park entrances.

Cllr. Shearer to discuss Public Space Protection Orders with her team at MDC and will forward the information to Councillors

199. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Committee meeting on 7th December 2021 were

submitted as circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

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200. PARISH OR TOWN STATUS.

Cllr. Wolfers proposed that the concept of the Parish or Town Status for Street

be discussed further by the Council and was seconded by Cllr. Knibbs.

RESOLVED

A. that further information on the advantages/disadvantages of being a village be sort.

B. would there be any financial benefits e.g for bidding or funding?

C. that if the Council wishes to proceed, a public consultation be arranged for the people of Street to decide.

201. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act

1960 as amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies

Regulations 2014, the press and public be excluded from the meeting

for the following items as they involved confidential information on

staffing vacancy recommendations, quotes for refurbishing the fingerpost and War Memorial railings

202. INFORMAL STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Assistant Clerk and Assistant Clerk and Projects officer left the meeting at 7:51 pm for the Council to consider the recommendations and returned at 8:10 pm.

RESOLVED

That the confidential notes be agreed.

203. REFURBISHING FINGERPOST SIGNS

The Assistant Clerk submitted and circulated a confidential report to the Council.

RESOLVED

A. To engage Somerset Forge Ltd to carry out the works to the fingerposts.

B. To enquire if the remaining grant amount from MDC be used to contribute towards the cost of replacing the bench at Marshalls Elm

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204. QUOTES FOR WAR MEMORIAL RAILINGS

The ACPO submitted and circulated a confidential report to the Council.

RESOLVED

A. To engage Castle Welding to manufacture the 12 mm bow top railings.

B. To engage SLH Services to install the new railings.

205. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP.

CCllr Leyshon informed the Council that the proposed Millfield zebra crossing will be funded by Millfield. To help with the cost, under safety issues, a small improvement scheme would be sort. This would need the support from the County Council and Parish Council to be considered. This small improvement scheme would be separate from other Street small improvement schemes already in place.

RESOLVED

That the notes be agreed.

206. COMMUNITY AND WELL BEING WORKING GROUP.

Cllr. Drew showed concerned that she has been elected Chair of the group as she was not present at the meeting.

RESOLVED

A. That Cllr. Drew will discuss the appointment with the Clerk.

B. That Cllr. Shearer will ask Ian Black from MDC to contact John Melia from the Salvation Army to discuss ways forward for the job club.

207. BUSINESS ACTION GROUP.

Cllr. Prior thanked the Assistant Clerk and Projects Officer for his concise notes.

RESOLVED

A. That a portfolio of ideas for generating income for the community be prepared by the B.A.G group, along with a strategy on how to spend income that would be generated.

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B. That the information generated be added to a Council agenda later in the year for discussion.

208. REPORTS FROM CHAIR.

Cllr. Wolfers took the opportunity to thank the Assistant Clerk and Projects Officer for his hard work and that she and her fellow Councillors have enjoyed working with him over the past two years.

209. PARISH PATH LIAISON OFFICER

Councillor Leyshon had nothing to report.

210. MENDIP STRATEGIC TOURISM GROUP

The Assistant Clerk informed the Council the next MSTG meeting was being held on 20th January and will be reported at the next Council meeting.

211. CHAIR UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS.

None received.

212. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

A. that a guest speaker from the Climate Action Network be asked to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in March as a guest speaker.

B. that the precept for 2022/23 will be £580,000 and the tax on a Band D property will be £152.86

C. that the Fir tree in Merriman Park be removed and replant a minimum of 2 new trees elsewhere in the park

D. not to replace the Time Tracker Rotor play equipment again in Merriman Park and that the existing board be left in place.

213. REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Napper expressed concern that a chair has not been organised to enable a Councillor to attend Council meetings.

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Cllr Wolfers assured Cllr Napper that a chair is being arranged and is hopeful that it will be available for the next Council meeting.

Cllr Napper suggested that Strode Road allotments could be considered for the proposed 33 affordable homes being planned at Cemetery Lane.

Cllr. Shearer will be attending a Health and Wellbeing meeting at MDC and agreed to share information with Councillors.

Cllr. Carswell informed the Council that 13 electric vehicle charging points will be installed in Street by MDC.

The Business Revitilisation Grants are being well received by local businesses.

The Merriman Park Community Group ‘Great Gatsby’ event will be taking place at The Loft on 31st March 2022. Tickets are available from the Merriman Park Community Group.

214. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

That the report be agreed.

215. MATTERS TO REPORT.

The Assistant Clerk reported that Jonathan Minshull, the artist producing the library murals, has suggested that the fourth panel be a view of Street and Clark’s chimney from a distance across the countryside, with the main theme being local agriculture and wildlife, with an emphasis on locally found species.

Cllr. Prior will take over from Cllr. Mogg to carry out online banking checks.

Cllr. Daniells was pleased that MDC have finally placed a notice informing the public of Planning Application no. 2021/2637/FUL erection of 33 affordable homes with associated access, parking and landscaping land at 347350 137003 Cemetery Lane, Street albeit adjacent to the proposed building plot. Cllr. Daniells asked that the public be made aware of the extended reply date.

The meeting ended at 9:15 pm

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

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NOTES OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

HELD BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 18.1.21

A resident of Green Lane Avenue, Street asked the Council to move a dog waste bin that is opposite his property. The resident would like the bin to be placed at the bottom of the lane as this would aid the emptying of the bin. The Council agreed to look into this matter and report back to the resident.

The Secretary from Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group informed the Council of their aim of their campaign to get communities together to demonstrate their support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and asked Street Parish Council for their support and encourage further discussions at a future Council meeting.

A resident of Orchard Road, Street asked the Council for help with noise disturbance and verbal harassment from an adjoining neighbour that has been ongoing for quite some time. The resident has been in contact with Cllr Boyce and welcomed Cllr Boyce passing on their contact details to PC Pople of the Street Beat Team and Cllr. Shearer who will inform MDC Environmental Health Team.