STREET PARISH COUNCIL

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

15th February 2022 at 7:12 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor L. Wolfers (Chair of Council)

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

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L. Ruff – Clerk/RFO

J. Marshfield – Assistant Clerk

County and District Councillor L. Leyshon

APOLOGIES Councillors: A. Leafe and A. Prior – another

engagement – reasons accepted.

216. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2022 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair with the following amendments -

Minute No. 198 – 5th line to read ‘Reynolds Way’

Minute No. 200 – resolution A to read ‘town and village’

Minute No. 206 – resolution B to read ‘Cllr. Shearer had asked Ian Black’.

217. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that the artist would be sending the exact design for the

Library Garden 4th mural for final approval and that the fingerposts would be

refurbished soon.

218. 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.

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.

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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.

219. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

There was no Police representative at the meeting. There had been reports of

several attacks around Street recently but no one had details. It was agreed to

make the Police aware that it appeared that a certain insurance company would not

insure properties in the BA16 area. Councillors Smith and Sparkes needed a third

person to set up a community speed watch.

Councillor Shearer would take action in regard to the problem of road noise which

had been raised during public question time.

Councillor Napper suggested that trees be planted on the side of the bypass where

the caravan and horses had just been removed from. It was agreed that the

Assistant Clerk would send a plan of the area to Councillor Shearer so that she could

see if the District Council could provide trees. Councillors Napper and Smith would

assist as appropriate.

220. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Committee meeting on 18th  January, 2022 were submitted as

circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

221. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting on 8th February 2022 were submitted as circulated and

appear as Annex A in the Minute Book.

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An update from the Salvation Army and YMCA had also been circulated. Councillor

Shearer felt that the recommendations in regard to the vulnerable should be looked

at in the wider round to find a more comprehensive way forward. In December it

had been agreed to ask all the schools and College what they needed for PFSA

support. This had been done but there had been a mixed response. A consensus

needed to be reached between all of the schools and the College on what they

wanted and other groups supporting the vulnerable also needed to be considered.

The decision on PFSA funding of May 2019 had been for all schools and the College

and subject to an agreement with the County Council to ringfence funding. The

decision was clearly not enacted and no agreement had been entered into. 2 ½ years

had passed and things had changed and it was appropriate to revisit the matter. In

November 2019 it had been reported that the draft agreement had not been received

and the County Council would be considering PFSA provision as a whole early in 2020

so the matter had been put on hold. This and the use of any unspent funds from the

allocation in 2019/20 towards the cost of altering the Parish Rooms was agreed by

Council on 19th November 2019.

County Councillor Leyshon now had contacts at the County Council who would be

able to assist with enquiries about PFSA funding, an agreement etc. There was a

need to get the schools together and gain real clarity on the issue.

RESOLVED

A. that the bi annual risk assessment, annual investment strategy, receipts and

payments October to December 2021 and periodic reports and inspections be

approved

B. that Glastonbury Town Council be asked for details of what they had done

regarding assistance for vulnerable people

C. that the annual grant of £10,000 be made in 2022/23 to the YMCA for the

delivery of 2 sessions a week at the Youth Club

D. that a Task and Finish Group be created to look at vulnerable people and

deprivation in Street and undertake to meet within 1 month – a standard letter to

be sent to all the schools and the College asking if they need to be supported and

to what degree and asking them to come to a meeting or give their concerns and

what they needed regarding PFSA funding – the terms of reference for the group

to be to look at what schools said on PFSA funding and also to look at all the

requirements of organisations supporting the vulnerable such as the YMCA and

Community Centre together – Councillors Daniells, Drew, Carswell, Howard,

Shearer, Smith, Wolfers and County and District Councillor Leyshon to serve on

the Group

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E. that legal advice be taken for the Council and the Clerk in respect of the

situation regarding funding of PFSAs

F. that the recommendation on the grant for Greenbank Swimming Pool be

agreed except that there should not be a joint press release from the Council

and the Trustees – the press release from the Council to state that it has given

support to the Pool through grants totalling £80,000 over the 3 years from

2020/21.

222. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The Chair had circulated notes of the meeting with Glastonbury Town Council

on 3rd February. The Town Council had a suitable site for a pump track opposite

the Red Brick Building but there was no parking, it was on the side of a main road

and might be considered too small. There was a good bus service. There had also

been discussion on transportation between Street and Glastonbury. There was a

mental health hub at the rear of St. Dunstan House and it was hoped to have pop

clinics twice a week at the Community Centre.

Councillor Carswell reported that the Glastonbury Town Deal involved funding

of £23.6 million for 12 projects with a lot based around the Red Brick Building

which would therefore have an impact on Street. There would be an event

about this on 25th February in the Town Hall. The Chair reported that there would

also be a meeting for businesses in the Town Hall on 3rd March.

223. CULTURE WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting on 19th January had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed except that the Council staff would still prepare the

event management plan and book the marquee etc. for the Fun Day.

224. 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 staffing, legal and quotation information.

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225. LIBRARY WORKING GROUP AND STREET CLP

The confidential notes of the meeting on 9th February with R. Clark of the Library

Trust had been circulated to members only. It was agreed to ensure that the grant

for Greenbank Pool was not used for the Library as requested by Councillor Napper.

RESOLVED

that the notes be agreed.

226. CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS 2022

The confidential report of the Assistant Clerk had been circulated to members

only.

RESOLVED

that a 1 year extension with Blachere Illuminations be agreed for the lights in the

High Street and at the Parish Rooms for 2022 and consideration be given to buying

a storage unit.

227. QUOTES TO REPAIR SKATE PARK

The confidential report of the Clerk had been circulated to members only.

RESOLVED

A. that D.B. Gibbons be engaged to replace the damaged section of concrete at

the Skate Park for £2,480 + VAT and SLH Services be instructed to reduce the height

of the hedge as much as possible prior to 1st March

B. that the Police be asked if they can provide temporary CCTV for the area and

McDonalds be asked to monitor the area using their security personnel

C. that the owners of the Business Park be asked to install additional lights when

the residential home is built by the Skate Park.

228. POST OF DEPUTY CLERK/RFO

The confidential report of the Clerk had been circulated to members only.

RESOLVED

that the Interview Panel be given delegated authority to agree any flexible/home

working arrangements with the selected candidate.

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229. MAINTENANCE OF WOODS BATCH

The confidential report of the Clerk had been circulated to members only.

RESOLVED

that the interest in taking responsibility for Woods Batch be stopped as it would

not be cost efficient for the people of Street.

230. BUSINESS ACTION GROUP

It was noted that Councillor Prior would organise the next meeting on 3rd

March.

231. REPORT FROM CHAIR

The Chair thanked former Councillor Mogg for all of his services and noted that

a contribution had been made to the Salvation Army on his behalf. A card would

be sent to him signed by staff and members.

232. PARISH PATH LIAISON OFFICER

County and District Councillor Leyshon had not seen the PPLO recently.

233. MENDIP STRATEGIC TOURISM GROUP

No report was made. The January meeting had been attended by the ACPO.

234. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

1. Literary Festival

RESOLVED

that the arrangements and use of the Parish Rooms be agreed.

2. Library Working Group and Greenbank Pool Management Committee

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

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3. Vacancy in the North Ward

RESOLVED

that notices be displayed inviting suitable candidates to apply to be considered

for co-option at the meeting on 15th March and 2 or 3 meet and greet sessions be

organised for potential candidates ahead of the elections by a few members.

4. Street Visitor Leaflet

RESOLVED

A. that the leaflet be agreed at no cost to the Council with the new logo and

any alterations needed

B. that £500 Mendip Tourism grant funding left when the fingerposts had been

refurbished be used to replace the bench removed at Marshalls Elm.

5. CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

235. REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Napper raised the need to cut back a hedge at Stone Hill as a lady had

fallen off of the pavement trying to get past it and it was agreed to write to Area

Highways. He stated that he no longer wished to serve on the Victoria Field Charity

Committee.

Councillor Shearer reported that if still available cherry blossom trees would be

planted at Woods Batch by the District Council to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Councillor Carswell reported that the event being held at The Loft by the Merriman

Park Community Group to raise funds was now sold out.

236. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 31st January 2022 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

January, schedule of earmarked reserves and a consolidated summary.

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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 31st January 2022

be noted and the schedule of receipts and payments for January be attached as

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

more.

237. MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Clerk reported that Truespeed had recently placed a large cabinet and a pole

on land owned by the Council just outside Merriman Park and the permission

gained for this was being investigated as the Council had not been notified and it

would have an impact on any potential future development of the area.

Councillor Smith raised the fact that the lights by the steps leading from Clarks

Village play area to the High Street had not worked for some time and it was agreed

to contact C. and J. Clark about this.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

Councillor Birch left at 8.30 p.m.

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