STREET PARISH COUNCIL

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

15th March 2022 at 7:05 p.m.

 PRESENT: Councillor L. Wolfers (Chair of Council)

 Councillors: P. Birch, J. Howard, D. Knibbs, A. Leafe

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

 IN ATTENDANCE: J. Marshfield – Assistant Clerk

 County and District Councillor L. Leyshon

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

 M. Daniells D. Goater, and A. Prior – another

 engagement – reasons accepted.

238. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2022 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

239. MATTERS ARISING

 Nothing to report.

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

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

Councillor Wolfers declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any

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

241. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

There was no Police representative at the meeting.

Councillors were reminded that the next Meet the Team meeting would be held on Monday 4th April at 7 pm at the YMCA.

242. PLANNING COMMITTEE

 The minutes of the Committee meeting on 15th February 2022 were submitted as

circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

243. CO-OPTION NORTH WARD.

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated. There was 1 candidate who was present. Councillor A Leafe proposed Peter Goater for consideration and this was seconded by Councillor L Wolfers. All members voted for the candidate.

 RESOLVED

That Peter Goater be co-opted to fill the vacant seat in the North Ward for the current term of office to May 2022 – he then signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Chair and joined the meeting.

244. TASK AND FINISH GROUP – SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated. Councillor Shearer gave a short verbal update.

 RESOLVED

 That the report be noted.

245. 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 item as it involved

confidential staffing information.

246. STAFF RECRUITMENT

The confidential report of the Clerk was submitted which had been circulated and Councillor Shearer gave a verbal update.

RESOLVED

1. that the Interview Panel have delegated authority to appoint an assistant and agree all details with flexibility to decide when to appoint, salary range of 4 spinal column points around SCP 18 depending on duties, job title and description and person specification.
2. that the Interview Panel have delegated authority to appoint a temp from a selected recruitment agency with flexibility to agree all details including rate of pay, charges to the agency, duties, period/s, and hours.

Councillor A Leafe thanked the Interview Panel for their time and effort with the recruitment procedure.

The meeting was adjourned between 7:32 pm and 7:34 pm for a comfort break and

the public to return.

247. CULTURE WORKING GROUP

A verbal report was given by the Assistant Clerk. It was noted that a 1-year extension with Blachere had been agreed for the Christmas illuminations for the High Street and Parish Rooms.

The Council to promote local Platinum Jubilee events on the website and social media pages.

248. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP

A verbal report was given by the Assistant Clerk. It was noted that it will not be possible for Mendip District Council to relocate the High Street Market within the next business year due to the need to ensure that services are safe and legal in readiness for the transfer to the new authority.

Mendip District Council have funds to supply two cycle racks within Street. One to be placed in Cranhill Carpark and have asked Councillors for position ideas for the second.

249. POSITIONING OF TRUESPEED CABINET OUTSIDE MERRIMAN PARK.

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

RESOLVED

1. to enquire if the unregistered land could be adopted by Street Parish Council.
2. that Mendip District Council be asked to place a cycle rack on the unregistered land.

250. BUSINESS ACTION GROUP

 No meeting has been held.

251. REPORT FROM CHAIR.

The Chair informed the Council that the listing for the War Memorial in Merriman Park has been amended to show the new site in the corner.

Meetings have been held between Glastonbury Town Council and Street Parish Council to discuss the possibility of a joint Local Community Network and a joint project regarding the positioning of a new Pump Track. The Chair encouraged Councillors to attend the next meeting which will take place at Glastonbury Town Hall on 11th April.

The Chair was deeply saddened by the atrocities happening within the Ukraine and urged residents of Street to support fundraising events being held throughout the village.

The meeting was adjourned from 8.05 pm to 8.07 pm for a member of the public to speak.

Councillor Leafe suggested that the Ukrainian flag be flown from the Parish Council to show support.

RESOLVED

To purchase a Ukrainian flag and fly from the Parish Council flagpole.

252. PARISH PATH LIAISON OFFICER

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

253. MENDIP STRATEGIC TOURISM GROUP

No report was made. The February meeting could not be attended due to interviews for the Deputy Clerk role taking place.

254. CHAIR UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

 None were made.

255. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS

 The report of the Clerk was submitted which had been circulated.

 RESOLVED

 A. that the report be noted and the Policy and Finance Committee to meet at 6 p.m.

 on 3rd May following by the Planning Committee at 7 p.m.

 B. that the grant application from the Victoria Club be considered by the Policy and

 Finance Committee on 3rd May

 C. that the owner of the Fun Fair be given the contact details for the Theatre

 Manager to liaise to arrange a time and date for the fair to take place.

256. REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND

 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Shearer reported that the NHS Members Somerset Foundation Trust at Musgrove Park Hospital will be merging with Yeovil District Hospital.

Councillors to note that Covid -19 numbers are increasing in the area.

County Councillor Leyshon reported that the Spring and Autumn vaccination programme is underway.

Mendip’s public consultation on the proposed introduction of a Public Space Protection Order ends 20th March and encouraged Councillors to complete the online survey.

Councillor Napper expressed concern regarding the entrance to Merriman Park and Councillors should consider installing a height restriction bar.

257. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

 The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 28th February2022 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.

 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 28th February 2022

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

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

 more.

258. MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Assistant clerk reported that any Councillors interested in having a stand at the Book Festival being held on 1st and 2nd April to contact Councillor Drew or Strode Theatre.

The Victoria Club needs a Councillor on the board of Trustees as Councillor Napper had resigned.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Knibbs will replace Councillor Napper on the Victoria Club board of Trustees.

The meeting ended at 8:45 pm

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