

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Council held in Room 6, Crispin Community Centre on 19th July 2022 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor L. Wolfers (Chair of Council)
Councillors: S. Carswell, D. Goater, J. Howard, N Howiantz, B Knickerbocker, A. Leafe, T Napper, H. Shearer and N. Swift

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Clerk/RFO – Z. Leach
County and District Councillor L. Leyshon

APOLOGIES Councillors: P. Birch, P. Goater, N. Kellett, B. Reina, A. Sparkes and N. Smith – another engagement – reasons accepted.

57. MINUTES

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5th July 2022 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

A Councillor highlighted an error in the minutes of 27 June 2022 on page 4. It should read that Councillor Swift had resigned and not Councillor Smith.

58. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

59. 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.

Councillors Carswell and Shearer declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to the County Council and stated that they would keep an open mind when considering issues at County or Parish level.

Councillor Wolfers declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Street and Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce as she worked freelance for them.

Councillor Howard declared an interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to Crispin Hall and Community Centre, of which she is a Trustee and the Victoria Club, of which she is a Member Trustee.

Councillor Napper declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to Glastonbury Town Council and Street Football Club.

60. 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 24 August 2022 at 7 pm at the YMCA.

61. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

that the notes of the informal meeting were agreed.

62. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting of 5 July 2022 were submitted as circulated and these will appear as Annex A to the minutes in the minute book.

A discussion followed about the need for greater outreach work in the community and for a Community Grants Working Group to scope and advertise the type of applications it would like to receive in order to provide support to the priorities identified. Councillors Carswell and Leafe requested to join the proposed Community Grants Working Group.

RESOLVED

- A. that the Grant for Street Football Club of £1000 be refused on the basis that copy accounts and a breakdown of how the monies will be spent in support of the application had not been received
- B. that a Grant of £27,000 be made to Street and Glastonbury Community Learning Partnership for a one-off payment towards the cost of additional PFSA hours for Elmhurst and Hindhayes School
- C. that the Clerk or Deputy Clerk, in liaison with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council, will meet with the Principal of Strode College to discuss possible group funding with all schools working collaboratively with reference to the grant application made for £20,000.
- D. that a Grant of £4,600 be made to the Salvation Army for Food vouchers, Foodbank and Christmas.

- E. that the Grant for the YMCA for £7,740.60 for SEND support, £3,235.32 for a life skills programme pilot and £2,405.00 for additional activities and equipment is refused and instead a Community Grants Working Group comprising of Councillors Birch, Carswell, D. Goater, Kellett, Knickerbocker, Leafe, Napper, Shearer and Wolfers is formed to draft a request for Grant applications for local organisations to support local people in Street. An initial meeting was agreed for Monday 15 August at 6pm in the Parish Rooms.
- F. that a grant be made to Crispin Hall and Community Centre of £4,400 towards the cost of a new lift (which must be returned if not spent on the lift) with the £600 unspent from knit and natter group, to be repurposed and put towards the cost of the lift.

63 MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION – SO 18 FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND PROCUREMENT
 The Deputy Clerk advised that the National Association of Local Councils have updated Model Standing Order 18 (financial controls and procurement) to simplify it and bring it in line with the procurement position post Brexit and the current procurement threshold figures.

In accordance with Standing Orders 9 b and 25 b, a motion was moved by Councillor Wolfers and signed by Councillors P.Goater, Shearer and Kellett and submitted with 7 clear day's notice.

RESOLVED

A that the Council's Standing Order 18 is updated as set out:

18. FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND PROCUREMENT

- a. v. whether contracts with an estimated value below **£25,000** due to special circumstances are exempt from a tendering process or procurement exercise.
- c. **A public contract regulated by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 with an estimated value in excess of £25,000 but less than the relevant thresholds referred to in standing order 18(f) is subject to the "light touch" arrangements under Regulations 109-114 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 unless it proposes to use an existing list of approved suppliers (framework agreement).**
- f. **Where the value of a contract is likely to exceed the threshold specified by the Office of Government Commerce from time to time, the Council must consider whether the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 apply to the contract and, if either of those Regulations apply, the Council must comply with procurement rules. NALC's procurement guidance contains further details.**

64. REPORT FROM CHAIR

The Chair reported that she had met with both the Principal of Strode College and the Head Teacher of Millfield School and connected them together.

The Chair provided an update on the investigation regarding the defacing of the murals.

65. CULTURE WORKING GROUP

Notes of an informal meeting of the Culture Working Group held on 6 July were circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

- A. that the notes be agreed.
- B. that Councillor Napper be appointed to the Christmas Task and Finish Group.
- C. that the first meeting of the Christmas Task and Finish Group will take place at 6.30pm on 21 July at the Parish Rooms.
- D. the Deputy Clerk will investigate live streaming the Investiture event
- E. that Councillor introductions and working group updates would be recorded and displayed on a loop at the Investiture event.

66. PARISH PATH LIAISON OFFICER

There was nothing to report.

67. STREET COMMUNITY LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

Notes of the Street Library Partnership meeting of 23 June were circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

- A that the notes be agreed.
- B that 5-18 years will not have to pay overdue charges at Street Library and that the Deputy Clerk will investigate how much money has been previously fined to this age group.

68. CHAIR UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

Nothing to report.

69. ANTI GRAFFITI DAY

Councillor D Goater reported that the graffiti clean day on 26 June was successful and included representation from the teenage community.

The next Graffiti clean-up day will take place on 24 July at 12pm; meeting outside of the Police Station.

70. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW (LGR)
The Clerk/RFO submitted a report which had been circulated.
The Deputy Clerk shared the timeline for consultations on Local Community Networks and the longer-term timeframe, post Vesting Day, for Local Plans for the different Councils and a full boundary review.
Work is ongoing to create a Charter for Engagement between local Councils and the new Unitary Council.

71. PARISH OR TOWN STATUS
The Clerk/RFO submitted a report which had been circulated.
A brief discussion followed on any benefits to be gained of being a Town Council rather than a Parish Council.

RESOLVED

A. that the Council would remain as a 'Parish' Council.

72. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS
The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.
Councillor Carswell confirmed that Planning Consent will be required for the proposed alterations/improvements to Merriman Park.

RESOLVED

A that Councillor Napper be appointed to serve on the Policy and Finance Committee

B that the Council can offer a reward of £300 to an individual for information leading to a conviction of those responsible for Graffiti of the Murals in the Library Garden.

C that Merriman Park Group are permitted to make the proposed alterations at the entrance to the Park and bandstand, subject to receipt of planning permission, that all costs incurred will be met by the Merriman Park Group and details of the contractor used, and copies of Insurance and Risk Assessments will be submitted to the Parish Council prior to the commencement of any work.

D that an accessible portaloo be placed by Merriman Park for the summer holidays at a cost of around £350.00, to include weekly servicing, and the Park Group to be asked to monitor it to ensure that there are no problems.

73. REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES
AND COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County and District Councillor Carswell advised that as Deputy Chair of the Government and Constitutional Committee at Somerset County Council, who are considering the LGR and new constitution for the Council, he can be contacted if anyone would like to raise any issues or put forward any suggestions. He also advised that it has been agreed that no events will be held at Cranhill Road Car park for the next 12 months.

County and District Councillor Shearer advised that the second tranche of money for the SCC Household Support Fund, to go to people who most need it, has been made available. People can apply directly online or by telephoning 0300 1232224 for support. IT help is also available in the Street Library on Monday afternoons for anyone requiring IT support.

County and District Councillor Shearer also advised of the success of the Mendip Health and Wellbeing Board and the desire to keep this going as a locality health and wellbeing focus when decisions are being made on what might be in the Local Community Networks.

District Councillor Napper announced the sad death of a local District Councillor.

County Councillor Leyshon reported that a proper timetable is now in place for the establishment of LCNs. There are lots of issues around boundaries, responsibilities and affordability but work is ongoing.

The new Chief Executive has been appointed at Somerset County Council. A budget working group has also been set up.

Traffic Regulation Orders agreed will be advertised shortly. They are now advertised in a block once a year.

40. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 30th June 2022 had been prepared successfully with the monthly income and expenditure by account report, the final report of receipts and payments for June, schedule of earmarked reserves and a consolidated summary.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk will circulate the report and schedule of payments upon her return and they will be formally agreed at the next meeting of the full Council.

75. MATTERS FOR REPORT

None.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm