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10th November 2022

PLEASE NOTE DATE TIME VENUE

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Street Parish Council which will be held in **Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street on TUESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 2022** for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the following agenda. **In accordance with Standing Order 1 t a councillor shall speak only in relation to the motion under discussion and shall not exceed 3 minutes without the consent of the Chair (excluding motions moved under 1 r).**

Public Question Time will commence at **6.55 p.m.** The Chair will allow each person who has registered with the Clerk to speak for up to 3 minutes on any subject/s and will firstly explain the procedures for the meeting. The Council meeting will commence at approximately **7 p.m.** or as soon as Public Question Time is closed by the Chair. C. Cleaves, Secretary of Glastonbury and Street Chamber of Commerce will give a short update and give details of a Christmas trail. Notes of Public Question Time held on 18th October are attached **Page 4**

In accordance with standing orders 7 c and d, a member with a disclosable pecuniary interest must leave the meeting and be placed in the waiting room during the relevant item of business, unless permitted to remain following the grant of a dispensation. Councillors with an interest in relation to any item of business being transacted at a meeting under Appendix B (Other Interests) or where a matter relates to a financial interest of a friend, relative or close associate, may (i) make representations, (ii) answer questions and (iii) give evidence relating to the business being transacted but must thereafter leave the meeting and be placed in the waiting room, unless permitted to remain following the grant of a dispensation. At a convenient time the Chair will also give this opportunity to any members of the public who have registered to speak with the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

L.A. Ruff Clerk of the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – acceptance of any reasons offered.
2. MINUTES
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Council held on 7th November 2022 (attached) **Pages 5-8**
3. MATTERS ARISING

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS
To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on agenda items and to receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any). Clerk to grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
5. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER
Councillor Napper to report on the 3 priorities agreed at the Meet the Team meeting on 2nd November and the date of the next meeting in January.
6. PRESENTATION ON AVALON AGRO ECOLOGICAL PROJECT
A short presentation will be made by J. Joseph.
7. PRESENTATION ON LGBT+ ISSUES IN EDUCATION
Councillor Reina to make a short presentation.
8. PLANNING COMMITTEE
To note the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October (attached) **Pages 9**
9. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
To receive the minutes of the meeting on 1st November (attached) **Pages 10-14**
To consider the grant of £2,500 for Strode College for activities in school holidays
10. CULTURE WORKING GROUP
To receive the notes of the meeting held on 2nd November (attached) **Pages 15**
11. CLIMATE CHANGE
To receive the notes of the meeting held on 3rd November (attached) **Pages 16-17**
12. CHRISTMAS TASK AND FINISH GROUP
To receive a verbal report of the meeting on 10th November and Councillor Swift to speak on having a Council Christmas card.
13. REPORT FROM CHAIR
14. PARISH PATH LIAISON OFFICER - verbal report from Councillor Leyshon
15. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS (attached) **Page 18-20**
16. REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES
AND COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
Questions to be noted for written replies and matters for consideration referred to the appropriate working group. All reports received have been emailed to members.
17. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (schedule of October payments attached for approval and initialing by Chair) and confidential detailed income and expenditure by account report at 31st October 2022 including budget variance – emailed to members only with bank reconciliations and earmarked reserves schedule. **Page 21 + Confidential attachment for members only**
18. MATTERS FOR REPORT
Consideration of items not on agenda for information only
 - (a) Report from Clerk
 - (b) Matters raised by members – TO BE NOTIFIED TO THE CLERK IN

ADVANCE OF MEETING.

19. STAFFING COMMITTEE

To receive a Confidential verbal report as necessary of an informal meeting held on 10th November.

20. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, it is probable that a resolution will be passed at the meeting to exclude the press and public for item no. 19 as it involves confidential staffing information.

To: Chair and Members of Street Parish Council

Public Question Time

The Community Engagement Officer for Jurassic introduced himself and explained that he was the person to forward any queries or complaints to. He would leave his contact information in the Crispin Community Centre. His aim is to be a familiar and approachable face and would welcome invitations to support local events and activities. PC Pople informed him that Street is a no cold calling zone. The Community Engagement Officer will pass this information on and will consult with parties to check if it is appropriate for him to put his name card through doors. Officers will pass on PC Pople's contact details to him so that they can liaise outside of the meeting regarding this.

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held in Room 6, Crispin Community Centre on 7th November 2022 at 6pm

PRESENT: Councillor L. Wolfers (Chair of Council)
Councillors: D. Goater, P. Goater, N. Howiantz, N.Kellett,
B. Knickerbocker, T. Napper, N.Smith, A.Sparkes and N. Swift

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk: L. Ruff
Deputy Clerk: Z. Leach
PC Pople
Principal of Strode College
Strode Theatre Manager
Jonathan Minshull

APOLOGIES Councillors: P.Birch, S.Carswell, J.Howard, A.Leafe, B.Reina,
H.Shearer, County and District Councillor L.Leyshon – another
engagement - reasons accepted.

120. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th October 2022 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

121. MATTERS ARISING

None.

122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillors P. Goater and Napper 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 Glastonbury Town Council.

Councillors D.Goater, Knickerbocker and Howiantz represent the Council on Strode Theatre Users group but stated that they did not need to declare an interest as they have not attended any meetings.

Councillor Swift is a Friend of Street Library however left the meeting at 7.40pm before the item on the Library desk was discussed and therefore did not declare an interest to the Council.

122. PRESENTATION FROM PRINCIPAL OF STRODE COLLEGE

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

Strode College submitted a Grant Report outlining the grants received by Strode Sports Hall, Strode Book Festival and Strode Theatre and the relevant outcomes achieved. Strode Theatre are requesting an annual grant for 2023/24 of £20,000 from the Parish Council.

The Principal of Strode College, alongside the Strode Theatre Manager, gave a presentation to Members of the Council on Strode College's strategy and vision to communicate and work with the community to ensure that the College meets the local needs and opportunities. This was followed by a question and answer session and they then left .

The Principal advised Councillors of 'The Paddington Trail' - a partnership between London Community Kitchen and Strode College for the betterment of both communities in London and Somerset. A brief discussion followed on possible future connections such as a horticultural project, community kitchen and thermal imaging cameras. The Principal advised that the College has a sustainability group tasked with reducing the College's carbon footprint and there could be scope for future discussions with Clarks Village, Strode College and the Parish Council around sharing resources.

The Strode Theatre Manager advised that the Theatre launched 'Warm Places' in September which will become more relevant to the community now the winter months are approaching.

A discussion followed on the pending grant application from Strode College Sports Centre in relation to provision of activities in the school holidays for children living in Street in receipt of free school meals. An Officer has completed a mapping exercise for holiday activities and free food provision in Street which was circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

A that Councillor Smith will attend the Paddington Trail launch event and explore potential future connections with Strode College.

B that Strode Theatre will be awarded an annual grant for 2023/24 of £20,000.

C that the Principal of Strode College will ask the Strode Sports Centre Manager to submit a further detailed report to the Council for discussion at the next Council meeting on 15 November.

123. LIBRARY GARDEN PAVILIONS, MURALS AND OTHER

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated. J. Minshull gave a presentation of his proposals for the 2 murals on the back wall of each pavilion and trompe l'oeil painting on the rest of the walls. He answered questions from

councillors and then left the meeting.

The Clerk reported on the confidential quote from J. Minshull and from Jones Building Group in respect of the building and other works. It was not necessary to exclude the press and public as none were present.

RESOLVED

A. that, subject to consent from the Library Trust and Conservation Area approval as necessary, Financial Regulation 11 – Contracts be suspended and the quote from Jones Building Group of £20,876.50 plus VAT to carry out the various works as specified be accepted and quotes not to be sought as 3 tenders had been received in September

2021 as detailed in the report and Jones had been the lowest then, less work was now planned and the quote was much lower and represented very good value for money for the community - £800 grant committed by local resident towards new seating

B. that, subject to consent from the Library Trust and Conservation Area approval as necessary, Financial Regulation 11 – Contracts be suspended and the quote from J. Minshull of £4,400 to paint 2 murals of the twin towns on the back wall of each pavilion and trompe l’oeil painting on the rest of the walls as detailed in his quote be accepted – quotes not to be sought as only J. Minshull had submitted a quote in 2021, the murals and wall effect needed to match that already in the middle section in the highly visible central area of Street, the quote represented very good value for money for the community and the sum involved was relatively low

C. that a grant of £15,000 be applied for from The Nine Square Trust towards the building works and smaller sums be requested from local companies, Glastonbury and Street Chamber of Commerce and from Compton Dundon Parish Council and Somerton Town Council – any shortfall in respect of the project to be met by the Council from the Council Reform allocation – it had been noted that £10,000 for roofing by Jones Building was a provisional sum

D. that a Creative Mendip grant of £5,075 be applied for from the District Council to meet the costs of the works by J. Minshull and refurbishing the metal grid

E. that quotes be sought for the protective lacquering of the walls up to around 6 feet and of the murals and also for scaffolding etc. and these be agreed by the Clerk in consultation with the Chair

F. that provision of solar lighting for the Library Garden be looked at after the building and art works have been completed and 1 local company be asked to fund this and there should be a plaque explaining the content of the murals.

124 DESKS FOR MAIN LIBRARY

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated. Discussion followed on whether the new desks would look in keeping with the library.

RESOLVED

that the Council pay the costs of replacing the existing desk and drawers with 2 normal size desks and 2 sets of drawers at a total cost of £567 plus VAT.

125 CONSULTATION ON GREEN SPACES.

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that Councillors will forward any comments on the Draft Supplementary Planning document and audit of greenspaces to the Deputy Clerk for response prior to the deadline of 25th November.

126. CLIMATE CHANGE

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

The Environmental and Climate Change Group would like to hold a community event in the spring with expert speakers which should help to scope the vision and next steps. A priority of the group is to explore what actions are happening currently with local schools, businesses and organisations.

The working group are exploring the possibility of purchasing Solar Panels and Solar Battery and will receive impartial advice at the next working group meeting. The working group will bring any recommendation back to the Full Council for discussion.

RESOLVED

The report was noted.

127 MATTERS FOR REPORT

None.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm

Cllr Wolfers joined the meeting at 6.40pm

Cllr Swift left the meeting at 7.40pm

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Planning Committee held in Room 6 of the Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street, on 18th October 2022 at 6:30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor: P Goater (Chair)
Councillors: P. Birch, N. Howiantz, T. Napper and L. Wolfers

IN ATTENDANCE: The Deputy Clerk Z. Leach and Assistant Clerk D. Price

13. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Assistant Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

2022/1955/FUL - Create highway access through hedgerow for field access and driveway to serve existing dwelling. Overleigh Farm 47 Overleigh Street Somerset BA16 0TR. It was acknowledged how this would make access easier for the applicant. Thorough ecological analysis has been conducted via the Hedgerow Survey Report and there are plans to mitigate and restore any affected areas. Approved.

2022/1884/HSE - Erection of single-storey rear extension following demolition of dilapidated outbuilding. 21 Brooks Road Street Somerset BA16 0PN. It was felt updating the outbuilding would only improve the property. Approved.

NOTE - 0 new units approved – 1 since May 2021.

16. Publication of Draft Supplementary Planning Document: Greenspace – the document was discussed, and all agreed that protecting Street' greenspaces was a high priority. It was felt the whole council should be able to comment on this and that it would be discussed as an emerging item at the full council meeting the same evening. The deadline to respond was noted as Friday 25th November 2022.

The meeting ended at 6:48 pm.

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held in Room 6, Crispin Community Centre on 1st November, 2022 at 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor P. Goater (Chair)

Councillors: S. Carswell, N. Kellett, N. Smith and L. Wolfers

IN ATTENDANCE: L.A. Ruff – Clerk/RFO
Z. Leach – Deputy Clerk/RFO

PRESENT BY
INVITATION: Councillor B. Knickerbocker

APOLOGIES: Councillors: P. Birch - illness, T.W.E. Napper and H. Shearer
– another engagement – reasons accepted

14. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6th September, 2022 which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillors Carswell and P. Goater 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 Carswell also declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to the County Council and stated that he would keep an open mind at either level.

Councillors Smith and Wolfers declared an other interest under Appendix B in the grant application for Greenbank Pool as they were representatives of the Council on that organisation. However, both members stated that they had not attended any meetings or had any communication with the Pool Trust and therefore did not need to leave the meeting when the item was considered.

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

16. GRANT – GREENBANK POOL 2023/24

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

A. that a grant of £20,000 be awarded to Greenbank Pool in 2023/24 with the following condition -

Future Developments – the Trustees of the CIO to support the formation of a Friends of Greenbank Pool with an agreed resident as Chair, offering a voice for the users of the Pool, to encourage more volunteering and to develop fundraising opportunities. The Trustees to work with the Council and the Friends on sustainability plans for 2023 onwards.

B. that £10,000 be ringfenced and the Pool Trust be invited to make a presentation on how it could use this funding to subsidise people living in Street on lower incomes and how evidence would be provided that this had been delivered and/or, on a project for Street residents such as free swimming lessons for under 10s or adults

C. that the Pool Trust be informed that the Council was prepared to look at any sustainable projects which it might wish to put forward.

17. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND PRECEPT FOR 2023/2024

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated, including a confidential section for members only detailing staff salaries etc.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

A. that approval be given to the report and the Estimates for 2023/24 as attached as Annex A to the minutes in the Minute Book and the precept on Somerset Council for 2023/24 to be in the sum of £650,000 – an increase of 12% or £18.45 (£1.54 a month) on a Band D property (council tax base to be confirmed in mid December and figures revised accordingly) – additional £12,000 to be added to the Contingency Fund to total £42,000

B. that subject to A above the information for the council tax section of the Somerset Council's website/leaflet be as attached as Annex B to the minutes in the Minute Book

C. that subject to A above the earmarked reserves at 31st March 2024 be as attached as Annex C to the minutes in the Minute Book

D. that subject to A above the general revenue reserves be set at £182,596 for 2023/24 to maintain current assets such as Street Skate Park, the Parish Rooms and Merriman Park and fund new projects or services as they arise

D. that consideration be given at a future Council meeting of having a

nominated Chair's charity for the year and raising funds for this

E. that as £200 was not spent from the Chair's allowance in 2021/22 and around £100 might be left this year, a grant of £300 be made to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

18. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2022

The Deputy Clerk submitted reports which had been circulated. The detailed income and expenditure report by code at 30th September 2022 appears as Annex D to these minutes in the Minute Book. Attention was drawn to the following significant variations between the budget set and the income/expenditure.

EXPENDITURE 1321 Training Clerk and Members
Qualification fees for CiLCA training for the Deputy Clerk and Assistant Clerk have been incurred. It is anticipated that both officers will complete the training prior to the end of March next year.

INCOME 1190 Interest Received
Interest payments remain significantly higher than anticipated due to increase in rates, particularly for the CCLA account.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

19. PERIODIC REPORTS AND INSPECTIONS

The Deputy Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report be agreed.

The meeting ended at 6.55 p.m.

Councillor Knickerbocker left at 6.50 p.m.

STREET PARISH COUNCIL - ESTIMATES 2023/2024

1. ADMINISTRATION**STAFFING**

Net Salary Clerk)	
PAYE/NI/Pension)	
Deputy Clerk)	128,828
PAYE/NI/Pension)	
Assistant Clerk – Community Engagement)	
PAYE/NI/Pension)	

GENERAL

Payroll Costs		449
Telephone/Broadband		4,604
Insurance		2,880
SALC/SLCC/Com. Council subscriptions		3,119
Audit		2,118
Print/Post/Stationery		2,200
Binding Council Minutes		165
Advertising and Publicity		307
Room Hire		913
Computer Aid/RBS/Data Protection		4,773
Travel and Subsistence		400
Training – Staff/Members		2,500
Furniture/Equipment/Improvements		2,000
Chair's Allowance		825

SPC BUILDING

Rates		11,715
Electric/Gas		5,720
Water/Sewerage		428
Waste Collection	j	2,135
Janitorial		8,544
Maintenance/Renovations		3,000
Legal/Professional		400

LOAN 1 SPC BUILDING REPAYMENTS		22,222
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LOAN 2 SPC BUILDING REPAYMENTS		7,985
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CONTINGENCY FUND		42,000
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TOTAL		260,230
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2. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

GENERAL GRANTS		25,000
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OTHER GRANTS

Mendip Citizens Advice Bureau	10,000
Twinning Association	0
Crispin Community Focus	10,000
Strode Theatre	20,000
Mendip YMCA	10,000
Library - Staffing	36,312

GREENBANK SWIMMING POOL 30,000

COMMUNITY SAFETY 1,000

TOTAL 142,312

3. COMMUNITY

CCTV MONITORING	10,632
HIGH STREET ENHANCEMENT	16,858
LITTER AND DOG BINS	2,000
HIGHWAYS	2,500
ISSUES FOR STREET – YOUTH, VULNERABLE	55,000
STRODE ROAD ALLOTMENTS	788

TOTAL 87,778

4. STREET SKATE PARK 12,804

5. MERRIMAN PARK 37,180

6. EVENTS

Chair's Investiture/Awards	1,320
Christmas Event/Lights/Party	20,776
Merriman Park Fun Day	6,600
Remembrance/Other	3,000

TOTAL 31,696

7. COUNCIL REFORM - STAFFING/ASSETS/SERVICES 100,000

TOTAL GROSS PAYMENTS £672,000

CULTURE WORKING GROUP NOTES - MEETING HELD ON 02.11.22 AT 6:30 PM

PRESENT CHAIR: Cllr. L Wolfers (LW) Cllr. B Knickerbocker (BK) Cllr. N Howiantz (NH)
Cllr. N Swift (NS) David Atkins (DA) Merriman Park Community Group and
Fares Moussa (FM) Strode Theatre

IN ATTENDANCE Danielle Price (DP) – Assistant Clerk – Community Engagement

APOLOGIES Cllr. D Goater – reasons accepted
Cllr. A Leafe – reasons accepted
Cllr. B Reina – reasons accepted
Chris Davis – Land Sec – reasons accepted
Joanne Schofield - Glastonbury FM - reasons accepted
Sam Cullen – Alfred Gillet Trust – reasons accepted

Chair’s Investiture Event and Awards Ceremony

The event was very well received, and the feedback given at the wash up meeting helped to identify the adjustments and improvements for the future, so the template for the event is more streamlined in readiness of May. DP updated with the press titles covering the event.

Remembrance Parade

A brief verbal update was given considering the recent meeting. The remaining actions include finalising and printing out the itinerary and order of service for the day, to be printed inhouse. It was explained a Deputy Lord Lieutenant would be attending and a discussion of protocol was undertaken. ***DP agreed to feedback to ZL.***

SPC office to source the carpet/weather-proof matting for the pathway and PA system will be tested by ZL & DP prior to the event.

Street Festive Market

The group discussed the proof of artwork from Fontology and the quotes and it was agreed the design could be done in house to save money and the banner printing could be sourced and achieved more rapidly by using Vista Print. ***DP to create some examples of artwork and share with the group for feedback to improve turnaround time.***

FM agreed to sponsor a prize for the shop window competition and DP agreed to request AGT to sponsor some children’s skating tickets as well. All branding will be displayed for Strode Theatre & AGT on the winning certificates.

Twinning

LW and The Twinning Association had a very successful visit to Notre-Dame-de-Gravenchon WC 24th October where LW delivered a speech to reflect on the great relationship being cemented. A possibility of an exchange for some of the young people of Gravenchon will potentially be explored.

The Twinning Association has booked a stall for Street Festive Market.

Next meeting – Wednesday 7th December, at 6:30pm in the Parish Rooms.

Notes of the meeting of the Environmental & Climate Change Task and Finish Group on Thursday 3 November at 2pm in the Parish Rooms

Present: Councillors: P Goater (PG) , B Knickerbocker (BK), N Smith (NSm) , A Sparkes (AS), N Swift (NS) and L Wolfers (LW)

Officers: Zoe Leach – Deputy Clerk and RFO (DCRO)
Danielle Price – Assistant Clerk, Community Engagement (ACCE)

Apologies: Cllrs Howiantz, Kellett and Napper.

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were accepted.</p>	
<p>2. Notes of minutes of 6 October 2022 and update on actions</p> <p>PG commented that he has spoken with an Environmental Officer at Mendip District Council who is happy to get involved if we would like him to.</p> <p>Letter to local schools/businesses to find out what actions they are taking with regard to climate control – not yet completed, ongoing.</p> <p>The eco page on the website has not yet been created. ACCE stated that feedback from the survey will help structure the page. The group discussed possible content and the use of video clips to help capture attention. The DCRO reminded all that care must be taken with regards to GDPR when making/publishing video clips for social media.</p> <p>A discussion took place around the work of the allotments and on the importance of educating the community/creating links with local schools and on the possibility of a community stall outside of the allotment gates. Mensed could be asked to help build a stall. The eco page on the website could be used to promote the work of the allotments. Glastonbury FM could also be a good platform.</p> <p>There is a need to utilise our noticeboards more, particularly the one at Clarks Village which is not currently being used.</p> <p>Discussion followed on having a ‘Top Energy Saving Tips’ box at various community locations (with the option of a QR code) to generate interest from the community and the sharing of</p>	<p>PG to send name of the Environmental Officer at MDC to Officers to make contact.</p> <p>Officers to draft a letter to local schools/businesses re climate actions and send a copy to group.</p> <p>ACCE to compile a survey for the eco stall at the festive market.</p> <p>ACCE to include videos and interviews on the web page. PG to send relevant video clips from Houndwood environmental walks/talks and NS to send allotment information/ conduct an interview for the web page on what it is like to be an allotment holder.</p> <p>NS to also investigate the possibility of an allotment instalment on Glastonbury FM.</p> <p>NS will encourage allotment holders to give excess produce to the soup kitchens and investigate the possibility of a ‘help yourself’ stall outside of the allotment gates for community use.</p> <p>Officers to organise an ‘Energy Saving Tips’ box for the library, eco-shop, and community centre. Include QR code. Publish results regularly.</p>

<p>ideas. The officers would regularly publish the ideas generated.</p>	
<p>3. Thermal Imaging Camera</p> <p>A councillor commented of the need to know more about Thermal Imaging Cameras, how they can be used and what the benefits are.</p> <p>A decision on purchasing a Thermal Imaging Camera is time sensitive as it is only really useful during the months of November to March.</p> <p>The idea of partnering with Neighbourhood Watch was discussed and the group felt that this would give the project an aspect of safety and credibility. The group like the idea of undertaking whole streets at a time. A councillor mentioned that we could borrow a camera and this would enable us to undertake a pilot first. South Somerset have purchased a thermal imaging camera.</p> <p>Even if the camera is not used on private houses it could used at the parish rooms, community centre, eco-shop.</p>	<p>All members of the group to do some independent research on Thermal Imaging Cameras and report back.</p> <p>NS will contact Neighbourhood Watch to see if they would be involved/support the project.</p> <p>DCRO to forward the email from the Climate Emergency and Resilience Officer at Glastonbury Town Council.</p> <p>BK will contact South Somerset Library, Taunton for information on what the camera can do and will also contact areas outside of South Somerset.</p>
<p>4. Solar Panels</p> <p>Discussion took place on the desk top quote received from Sunlit Solar and organisations we can speak to for advice including the Centre for Alternative Technology and Avalon Community Energy (ACE)</p> <p>DCRO is struggling to get responses from other solar companies.</p> <p>A councillor commented on the problems of nesting pigeons and the importance of including the installation of a grid around the outside of the panels when obtaining quotes.</p>	<p>A representative of ACE will be asked to give advice to the group at the next meeting. The group to send any specific questions they would like answered in advance.</p> <p>DCRO to obtain two further quotes for solar panels/battery. Councillors to send any contacts to DCRO.</p>
<p>5. Any other matters arising.</p> <p>NSm attended a vegan event at the redbrick recently which was very good. She passed on the details to ACCE of a farming coordinator from Viva who may be able to share resources with us on changes to farming. Viva may also be interested in having a stall at the Festive Market on 3 December.</p>	<p>NSm will send details to Viva of how they can have a stall at the festive market and will copy ACCE into this email.</p> <p>DCRO to investigate the potential of becoming involved with the Solar Streets project.</p>
<p>6. Agree date and time of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 5th December at 4pm.</p>	<p>A representative from ACE to be invited to attend from 4.45pm.</p>

The meeting ended at 3pm.

To: Council
From: Clerk/RFO
Subject: Correspondence/Minor Matters

1. Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2022-23

The National Joint Council for local government services has written stating that agreement has been reached on rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2022. New pay rates have been circulated and employers are encouraged to implement the pay award as swiftly as possible. The changes will be made for December and allowance for this was made in the report to Policy and Finance Committee on 1st November on Estimated Expenditure and Precept for 2023/24. It has also been agreed that with effect from 1st April 2023 the minimum paid annual leave entitlement is 23 days with a further 3 days after 5 years of continuous service. Employees will have an entitlement to 2 extra statutory days holiday which it has been agreed is added to annual leave.

2. Library Garden Project

Verbal update from the Clerk as necessary.

3. Local Government Reorganisation Update.

Report of recent meetings attached from the Clerk for information.

4. Councillor Community Fund

The Chair has suggested that a Councillor Community Fund be set up whereby each member has a small grant allocation to assist projects run by voluntary and community groups in Street. Each member would have say £500 to spend in their area on a project that affects their area. Support from a member would be needed and an application form completed to be determined by a Community Fund Panel of the Council. Details of such a scheme run by Newquay Town Council have been circulated. The Clerk feels that with the present workload and 2 new members of staff who are in the process of gaining the CiLCA qualification, this should not be agreed at this time.

5. Somerset Bus Partnership

Somerset Bus Partnership (SBP) is a county wide group of bus passengers, Councillors, transport campaigners, transport enthusiasts, bus user groups and individuals living in the Somerset County Council area who champion better buses for Somerset. They are exploring the challenges facing our bus service and what actions we need to take urgently to protect our bus services.

Councillor Howard is the Somerset Bus Partnership Champion for Street. Unfortunately she was unable to attend the recent SBP meeting on 1 November but will report back on future meetings.

6. Appointment to Policy and Finance Committee

At the request of Councillors Howiantz and Knickerbocker to agree that they are appointed to serve on the Policy & Finance Committee.

5. Woods Batch Subway – Artwork

The existing mural in the subway was produced by pupils from Crispin School in 2009 and some years later due to a lack of funding the Council agreed to take responsibility for it. The whole mural has been covered in graffiti which cannot be removed and so a new artwork is probably needed. The County Council has asked for the area to be cleaned up and is sorting out the flooding problem.

L.A. Ruff

Clerk

15.11.22

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW – 26TH OCTOBER 2022

The Council is now in the delivery phase such as alignment of IT processes and payment of invoices. The LGR Scrutiny will consider asset and service devolution at a meeting on 27th October. A robust framework is needed to deal with the costs involved in devolution and the implications for the Somerset Council and local councils. The new Chief Executive has drawn up a draft structure based on priorities and when this has been approved recruitment will start.

The Council has had over 550 responses on the LCN consultation as well as lots of conversations with interested parties and feedback from the Conference on 4th October. There is a wide range of views on issues now and in the future and a lot of qualitative information has been gathered. A paper will be considered by the Executive in November on key points and emerging themes. The LGR Scrutiny considered the headlines on 27th October but not the full analysis as yet. The pilot schemes were progressing and a report would be submitted to the Executive on what had been learnt to date and analysis to assist members in making informed decisions.

The Exmoor pilot had centred on how communities could drive and assist with highway service delivery. The aim was to strengthen delivery now and in the future. Minor maintenance works which were 'low tech high value' were being delivered by a Highway Steward employed by the County Council. Work carried out included cutting back undergrowth from verges to expose drains, clearing vegetation from signs and cleaning signs. A 'broker' role had been set up to provide a communication link between the County Council and Exmoor communities. Planned and reactive work details were shared and updated quarterly. There was a discretionary budget of £30,000 for local commissioning of works. 20 separate pieces of work had been put forward and the parishes would decide which would be carried out – some by Christmas and all by 31st March 2023.

UPDATE – 9TH NOVEMBER 2022

All is on track for key capabilities to be in place from 1st April 2023 including the IT and payroll systems and service standards. There will be a new senior structure and as set out in the Unitary Business Case, there will be a saving of £2.9 million per year at the management level. There will be guidelines on how the new branding for the Somerset Council is rolled out and this will be a very phased process to avoid unnecessary waste. Some statutory services will have to bear the new logo including council tax bills and parking signs.

Service realignment will take several years to achieve eg. on which council pays for dog bins and road closures. There were about 550 responses to the consultation on LCNs. The County Executive will consider a paper on the themes and key messaging on 16th November as well as findings from the 3 pilots and comparisons with Cornwall, Wiltshire and Buckinghamshire. There was no clear winner in respect of the 3 options for the geographical areas. The Council is still working on how parishes relate to each other and how social care, health etc. could be included in the work of LCNs to prevent people getting into problems. The best proposal with agreed principles will be agreed in January. It has been concluded that there is a need/gap which LCNs can address.

The framework for service and asset devolution will be considered by the Implementation Board and the Executive but the Somerset Council will not have the capacity to consider this with all 277 local councils for some time.

To: Council
From: Clerk
Subject: Accounts for Payment

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 31st October 2022 have been prepared successfully and sent to all members with the monthly income and expenditure by account report and earmarked reserves. Each reconciliation and original bank statement will be signed by an authorised Councillor as part of the quarterly check of accounts and Councillors operating the Bankline system will also carry out an online check.

Receipts and payments to be authorised, for October are detailed on the pages circulated and will appear as an annex to the minutes in the Minute Book.

L.A. Ruff
Clerk/RFO
15.11.22