

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Council held in Room 6, Crispin Community Centre on
18th October 2022 at 7pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk: L. Ruff
Deputy Clerk: Z. Leach
Assistant Clerk: D. Price
PC Pople

APOLOGIES Councillors: S. Carswell and A. Leafe
County and District Councillor L. Leyshon – another
engagement - reasons accepted.

103. MINUTES

The minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 7th October 2022 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

A Councillor commented that it had not been noted on the minutes that the Council strongly disagreed with Local Community Networks. The Deputy Clerk commented that this had been reflected in the consultation response sent and this was noted.

104. MATTERS ARISING

All drains are blocked on Tynings Road, and water is running into Stone Hill. Councillor Shearer advised that there is an opportunity to report these issues on the Somerset County Council website.

The Clerk confirmed that Mendip District Council own Goswell Road Car Park.

RESOLVED

- A. that Officers will contact the resident of Green Lane to discuss the problems he is continuing to encounter accessing his property due to cars parking for the nearby businesses.
- B. that the Clearing of drains on Tynings Road will be added to the priorities list for Highways.

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillors P. Goater, 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 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 Kellett declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to the British Legion as he was a committee member.

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

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 Sparkes declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to the Victoria Club as he is a Trustee.

Councillor Howard declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to Crispin Hall and Community Trust, Victoria Club and Friends of Strode Theatre as she is a Trustee.

106. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PC Pople gave a verbal update. There had been nine calls to the High Street, eight to the YMCA, five to West End, four to Leigh Road, four to Crispin School and four to Millfield.

PC Pople requested Councillor volunteers to join the local action team to look at the problems experienced around young people and anti-social behaviour. PC Pople reported that he has met with the new Principal of Strode College.

Councillors were reminded that the next Meet the Team meeting would be held on 2 November at 7 pm at the YMCA.

Questions for PC Pople should be forwarded to mark.pople@avonandsomerset.police.uk

107. PRESENTATION FROM PRINCIPAL OF STRODE COLLEGE

Deferred to a future Council meeting.

108. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 28th September 2022 were circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

109 REMEMBRANCE 2022

The notes of the Remembrance planning meeting of 3rd October were circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted, and Councillor Napper's apologies recorded on the notes.

110. CULTURE WORKING GROUP

The notes of the Culture Working Group meeting of 5th October were circulated with the agenda.

Councillors were reminded to encourage local shopkeepers to have a Christmas display/feature outside their shop fronts

RESOLVED

A. that the report be noted.

B. that the book of condolence be sent for archiving once it has been circulated around local schools and care homes.

111. CLIMATE CHANGE

The notes of the Environmental and Climate Change meeting of 6th October were circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

A. that the report be noted.

B. That an extraordinary council meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 7 November to discuss green spaces and climate change objectives.

112. COMMUNITY LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

The notes of the Community Library Partnership meeting of 5th October were circulated with the agenda.

The Clerk reported on an ongoing issue with the library reception desk. One section of the desk is too high, the other section is too low, and the library staff are unable to access the drawers. The desk is extremely uncomfortable to work at. The Clerk reported that unfortunately there is not a spare desk available at Taunton Library as had been hoped.

Discussion followed that due to the financial constraints at Somerset County Council discretionary spending is impossible. Friends of Street Library should be asked to contribute.

RESOLVED

A that the report be noted.

B that the Council would fund 2 new desks and a drawer unit in the main library provided that 50% of the total cost was met by the Friends of Street Library. Library staff to supply details and costs of appropriate furniture. Friends to provide latest accounts. Council to sell/dispose of existing desk.

113. WARM SPACES

The Assistant Clerk is in the process of completing a mapping exercise of all warm spaces.

RESOLVED

A. to write a generic letter that can be sent out to all organisations asking what they can offer to the local community this winter. Consult with Councillors Smith and Swift regarding businesses they can approach for follow up.

B. Councillors to email the Assistant Clerk with any warm space offerings they are aware of to help complete the mapping exercise

114. REPORT FROM CHAIR

The Chair reported that Lord Lieutenant Annie Maw has retired and acknowledged her service to the people of Somerset. The former High Sheriff, Tom Shepherd, has been made Deputy Lord Lieutenant.

The Chair was proud to have been asked to attend Strode College's graduation ceremony at Wells Cathedral. It was a wonderful, community minded event that was very well attended.

115 PARISH PATH LIAISON OFFICER

No report was made.

116 CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation that the Council can access the £7,500 Creative Mendip Grant to use for coordinating murals at the library gardens. The pavilions will need repairing first and a meeting is taking place next week with the Library Trust to investigate this further.

Councillor P. Goater proposed that the Council purchases a thermal imaging camera and makes it available for public use. Councillors felt there needed to be reason and methodology for this. For example, a link to advice on what to do next. Councillors liked the idea of grouping the community together and surveying a whole street at a time. A local surveyor may be able to help with this.

The Councillors discussed the application from the Bull and Bar, 60 High Street, for a licence to supply alcohol.

RESOLVED

- A that Councillors will consider potential nominations for the County Chairs Awards for services to the community and share any thoughts with the Council prior to the deadline of 31st October.
- B the Clerk will report back at the Extraordinary Council Meeting following a meeting with the Library Trust on refurbishing the pavilions in the Library Gardens and new murals etc.
- C that the mission statement will go back for discussion at the next culture working group meeting
- D to purchase a thermal imaging camera up to a value of £500 to be loaned out for community use, details on the structure for this to be finalised later. Councillor P. Goater to provide the Officers with details of a suitable device having conducted further research.
- E to recommend the Bull & Bar's application for a licence to supply alcohol.

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

County and District Councillor Shearer commented that the health and wellbeing board's quarterly multi agency forum is pivotal in sharing ideas. They are working hard to keep this in place. She reminded the Council of the serious financial challenges facing Somerset County Council considering inflation increases and the addition of the four District Councils debts and borrowing.

Councillors P. Goater and Swift attended a meeting on building resilience at West Monkton. It was an extremely useful meeting which focussed on how to improve resilience and the importance of emergency planning. Somerset Resilience has an emergency plan template.

Councillor P. Goater attended the Mendip Parish Forum and received a presentation from Somerset Wildlife Trust who are undertaking a bio blitz.

RESOLVED

- A. that County and District Councillor Shearer will share information on the free training which is available on how to be a health connector.
- B. that Councillors P. Goater, D. Goater, Howard, Kellett, Smith, Sparkes, Swift and Wolfers will form a group to review the Council's Emergency Plan.

118. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 30th September 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 September, 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 30th September 2022 be noted and the schedule of receipts and payments for September be attached as Annex A to the minutes in the Minute Book in order to publish payments of £500 or more.

119. MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Assistant Clerk summarised the role Councillors should take at the upcoming Investiture and that they should be available in the foyer from 7pm.

Surveys will be available at the event to gather views on priorities for the Parish Council to focus on.

The Assistant Clerk commented that a large number of guests are expected to attend the Investiture and that it was unusual not to have any food offering and could this be reviewed.

RESOLVED

- A. that wrapped snacks would be available for guests following the Investiture ceremony.
- B. That Councillors will inform the Chair if they wish to attend a free, two-day mental health first aid course.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

Cllr Napper left the meeting at 7.45pm and returned at 8.05pm

Chair _____