

## STREET PARISH COUNCIL

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held in Room 6, Crispin Community Centre on 7<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

Chair \_\_\_\_\_