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PLEASE NOTE DATE TIME VENUE

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Street Parish Council which will be held in **Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street on THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL 2023** 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 **6.25 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 **6.30p.m.** or as soon as Public Question Time is closed by the Chair.

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,

Z.L. Leach 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 Council held on 21st March 2023 (attached) **Pages 3-9**
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. YOUTH OUTREACH AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP
Report from Clerk attached **Pages 10-12**
To receive a presentation from the Director of Youth and Community YMCA in support of the YMCA Brunel youth tender outreach bid which Councillors are asked to consider.
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To: Chair and Members of Street Parish Council

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Council held in Room 6, Crispin Community Centre on
21st March 2023 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillor L. Wolfers (Chair of Council)
Councillors: P. Birch, S. Carswell, D. Goater, P. Goater, J. Howard,
N. Howiantz, N. Kellett, B. Knickerbocker, A. Leafe, 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
County and District Councillor: L. Leyshon

APOLOGIES None.

215. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th March 2023 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

216. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk advised that the Council had received a quote of £450 for protective lacquering of the new murals at the Library gardens. The Council will need to secure a quote from RSL for lower scaffolding which will be needed for the artist to paint the stonework and for the builders to complete their works. The Clerk confirmed that the Council would be liable for the cost of this.

217 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillors Carswell, 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.

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

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

Councillor Wolfers declared an other interest in any matters relating to Street and Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce as she is a board member

Councillor P. Goater declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to the Victoria Club as he is Chair.

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

Councillor S. Carswell declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to Merriman Park as he is Chair of the Merriman Park Community Group.

218. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PC Pople was not present.

219. PRESENTATION ON LGBTQ+ IN EDUCATION

Councillor Reina gave a presentation on his research work on LGBTQ+ in education which was followed by questions from the Councillors.

220. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 21st February 2023 were circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting were noted.

221. GRANT – GREENBANK SWIMMING POOL

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated, together with a paper from the Trustees of Greenbank Pool in connection with their Grant application for 2023/24.

Cllrs Smith, Swift and Wolfers met with the Pool Trustees on 27th February. They confirmed that they did not vote or make any decisions at that meeting and the Pool Trustees held a separate meeting once the Councillors had left.

The Trustees of Greenbank Pool do not wish the conditions, as resolved by Council on 15th November 2022, to be attached to the Grant; but they do intend to consider the formation of a Friends of Greenbank Pool.

The Council acknowledged that in the past the Parish Council Grant had been used to subsidise season tickets for local people and that the Pool is extremely busy and an asset to the community.

RESOLVED

- A. that the report be noted.

- B. that Greenbank Pool is awarded a grant of £30,000 for 2023/24 without any conditions attached.

222. ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Deputy Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

Councillor Shearer provided feedback to the Council on a conversation she had with a Finance Director at Somerset County Council in relation to the security of funds held in the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund (PSDF). The Council noted that the Finance Director was not regulated and therefore unable to provide specific advice to the Council.

The Clerk requested that the three Bankline signatories are sent the CCLA PSDF factsheet each month for review and feedback.

Discussion followed on how Council funds should be split between the NatWest Bank Business Reserve account and the CCLA PSDF acknowledging the Council's duty to protect public money.

RESOLVED

- A. that the report be noted.

- B. that up to £500,000 of the Council's funds will be invested in the CCLA account.
that the Bankline authorised signatories will be sent the CCLA PSDF factsheet each month for review and recommendation
that Council approval of retaining funds in the CCLA PSDF account will be a standard agenda item at each Full Council meeting.

223. REMEMBRANCE EVENT MEETING

The notes of the Remembrance meeting held on 21st February were circulated with the agenda. The Deputy Clerk advised that considerable discussion took place around

the prominence of the new War Memorial, at the URC, in the Remembrance event. The Remembrance Parade and Service for 2023 will in the main follow the same format as 2022 with a greater focus being given to the Remembrance event at 11am on the 11th November at the new War Memorial.

RESOLVED:

A that the report be noted.

B that Officers contact representatives of Shadrach Trust to inform them of the Council's intention to consider relocating the new War Memorial from the Shadrach Gardens at the United Reformed Church.

224. CULTURE WORKING GROUP

The notes of the Culture working group meeting of 6th March 2023 were circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

225. COMMUNITY WELLBEING GROUP.

The notes of the meeting of the Community Wellbeing Group of 8th March 2023 were circulated with the agenda.

The Assistant Clerk clarified that the Eventbrite platform will be used for future 'Discover Your Community' events for Stallholders to book stalls. The banners will be refined for the next community event to have less emphasis on 'Street Parish Council' but will still display the Street Parish Council logo.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

226. SUSTAINABLE STREET WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting of the Sustainable Street Working Group of 8th March 2023 were circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

that the report be noted.

227 YOUTH OUTREACH AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting of the Youth Outreach and Mental Health Working Group of 9th and 15th March 2023 were circulated with the agenda.

Meetings are scheduled with the Clerks at Yeovil Town Council, Frome Town Council and Shepton Mallet Town Council to explore the youth provision in those towns and their experiences of organisations delivering youth outreach. Following which, a meeting is scheduled with YMCA Brunel to enable Councillors to ask questions and explore their bid proposal further.

RESOLVED

- A. that the report be noted.
- B. that Fairthorn Consultancy be informed that the Council did not wish to pursue their proposal any further.
- C. that the Clerk will send an email confirming the details of the scheduled meetings with other Councils to discuss their youth work provisions and of the meeting with YMCA Brunel to discuss their proposal further.

228. STREET HEATH

A verbal summary of the visit to Street Heath was provided by the Chair of Council in item 235 below.

229 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

The Deputy Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

- A that the report be noted.
- B that the Policy & Finance Committee meeting to review the internal audit and annual governance and accounting statements is moved from Tuesday 9 May to Tuesday 13 June.

230 PARISH PATH LIAISON OFFICER

RESOLVED

that Parish Path Liaison Officer will be removed as a standing agenda item moving forward.

231 CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS

The Deputy Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

A that the report be agreed.

B that Councillors Birch and Howiantz are appointed to the Highways Working Group.

C that Councillor Knickerbocker is appointed to the Youth Outreach and Mental Health Group

D that the Council accept the gift of the two benches outside of the Parish Rooms from Landsec and that they are added to the asset register and insurance policy accordingly.

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

County and District Councillor Leyshon advised that a factsheet will be sent to Parish Councils with contact details for the new Somerset Council. The new Council is currently undertaking the recruitment of tier 3 positions for Service Directors.

County and District Councillor Carswell apologised that his Mendip email account had been down and he had been unable to access emails for a couple of weeks.

District Councillor Napper advised of unauthorised encampment in a location near to Street Heath.

County and District Councillor Shearer advised that adult social care is currently looking at services for supporting informal carers.

Councillor Wolfers thanked all Mendip District Councillors for their endeavours on behalf of the Council and community of Street.

RESOLVED:

that County and District Councillor Shearer will discuss the unauthorised encampment near to Street Heath with District Councillor Napper outside of the meeting.

233 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 28th February 2023 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 February, 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 2023 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.

234. MATTERS FOR REPORT

There were no matters for report.

235. REPORT FROM CHAIR

The Chair reported that the Discover Your Community event had been a great success and expressed her thanks to the Assistant Clerk and Councillors involved in running the event.

The Chair and various Councillors enjoyed a guided visit to Street Heath and discovered how the Heath adds to sustainability and Co2 footprint reduction.

The Chair gave a speech thanking the retiring Clerk on behalf of the Councillors and Community of Street for all of her dedication and efforts in 34 years of service.

RESOLVED

that Councillors will consider for the next Council meeting if they wish the Council to acquire any commemorative items to be displayed in street in commemoration of the coronation of King Charles III

The meeting ended at 8.55pm

To: Council
 From: Clerk
 Subject: YOUTH OUTREACH AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP

The Youth Outreach and Mental Health Working Group held meetings with the Clerks at Yeovil, Frome and Shepton Mallet Town Council to explore the youth provision in these towns and their experiences of organisations delivering youth outreach. Following these meetings the working group met with the Director of Youth and Community, YMCA and two YMCA Youth Workers on 28th March 2023 to ask questions and explore the YMCA Brunel bid further. Notes of this meeting are copied below. A copy of the YMCA Tender proposal and accompanying notes have been sent separately to Members. The Full Council will receive a presentation from the Director of Youth and Community YMCA and have an opportunity to ask any further questions prior to being asked to consider their proposal.

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF MEETING WITH YMCA TO DISCUSS THEIR TENDER FOR YOUTH OUTREACH WORK ON 28TH MARCH 2023 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors P. Goater, D. Goater, Shearer and Wolfers
 L. Ruff – Parish Clerk
 Z. Leach – Deputy Clerk
 M. Willcox – Director of Youth and Community YMCA
 F. Jackson and N. Walton – Youth Workers YMCA
 J. Brown – Service Manager Stronger Communities, Public Health, Somerset County Council

APOLOGIES: Councillors Birch, Carswell, Howiantz, Knickerbocker, Leafe, Napper and County and District Councillor Leyshon

Question 1

Explain how the project will be delivered in detail including the number of youth clubs, base/s to be used, outreach work and how will you undertake the collection of evidence to ascertain the present level and type of need?

Mark Willcox explained that 2 detached youth workers would deliver 2 sessions a week, 52 weeks a year and 3 projects a year based on the need in the community. Street Young Peoples Centre would be the base. For the first 3 months community mapping would be carried out using the survey already done and existing links with the Police, schools, social services etc. A community profile would be built using information online and by talking to people. The places where young people actually congregated would be identified. They would speak to the young people about a project for the Summer. Different activities could be put on in the Summer using funding from the bid with the emphasis on impact in the community rather than scale.

It would take time to gather information and pick up on themes and what was important. The users of the Skate Park were not that happy with the design of the skate park as it was difficult to set up lines. They were concerned about the lack of lighting, no roof on the shelter, no CCTV and felt it was safer to skate on the streets.

The lights of cars passing by also bothered them. L. Ruff explained that former pupils of Crispin School had chosen the skate park design and that the planning consent had not permitted lights so that the facility was not used at night and noise created for nearby houses. Mark felt that an event could be organised at the skate park with a demo team, competitions, DJ, Police doing security tagging of bikes and a barbeque. There would be a detached presence twice a week and the workers were good at collecting information for the Police. They would be able to reach out to those who needed help and signpost them to available services. They would help the young people to become good neighbours. It was hoped that an arts project could be done in the 2 underpasses as both were in a bad state with a lot of graffiti.

The youth workers would also be brokers for other organisations and would link with their activities and promote them. Any increase in uptake of other groups would be measurable. There was lots of things that they could do including pop up projects. Any young people who were not from Street should be included as it would be more damaging to exclude them and the impact on adult residents was also being taken into account. The 3 year programme would give consistency in relationships and allow the workers to respond to the needs identified. If successful the project could be extended beyond 3 years. It was important to have relevant partners involved including the Parish Council with the Champion Councillor as lead.

Question 2

How will you staff the outreach work and do you envisage any problems in recruiting?

There would be no problem in recruiting. A number of youth workers were interested in the posts so a fair selection process would be undertaken when contracts had been signed. The process would take about 3 to 4 weeks. The selection panel would comprise Mark Willcox, 2 other YMCA staff and 2 councillors. The workers would be engaged for a fixed term of 1 year with a further 2 years subject to funding being in place. The project in Street would provide 2 days outreach. The project being run in Yeovil was only for 1 day with no projects. There were 50 banked hours as the projects would require more than 2 staff to deliver.

It was agreed that the project should cover 10 to 19 year olds or any young people which were on the street. The £5,500 for the 3 projects would allow the workers to be more flexible and responsive to what the young wanted e.g. a mini festival.

Question 3

We would want 3 monthly reports (supplemented by feedback from the councillor champion) – what are the criteria that you will use to assess the success of the project?

3 monthly reporting is fine. Criteria would include numbers reached, case studies to show impact and areas of anti-social behaviour logged with the Police. Some things would be difficult to quantify such as a young person who was stopped from going into crime. Graffiti etc. should reduce and people in general feel safer. There could

be community promotion in parks etc. such as asking older generations to smile at young people, baking and giving out cakes etc.

Question 4

What links will you endeavour to forge with schools and other agencies working with young people and how will you achieve those links?

The YMCA has been working in Street for 10 years. Existing links will be strengthened. The key will be good relationships with those in other organisations.

Question 5

If we wanted to change or stop things and go where the need is would this pose any problems?

The youth workers would be recruited for 1 year and then extended subject to funding. Regular feedback and working with the councillor champion would mean that there would not be any surprises.

Question 6

When could you start the project?

The work could start 3 to 4 weeks from the contract being signed. If less funding was agreed the workers would be kept and the projects reduced which would result in less impact. With the full project around 500 young people should be connected with in a year. The youth club and outreach work were separate. However, if the project continued long term all those involved should consider having a more integrated offer. The aim would be for young people to love Street and think there was a future. The project would be a model example of how to deliver very good youth work. The youth club would operate 2 days a week and the outreach work on another 2 days a week and the projects would also be organised.

It was agreed that the tender from the YMCA and the discussions with Key4Life were completely separate and different.

An extraordinary meeting of the Council to be held soon to receive a presentation from the YMCA on their tender and make a decision. Councillor P. Goater as Chair of the Group would make the introduction and refer to the tender specification, the YMCA would do a 10 minute presentation followed by questions and answers and the notes of the meetings with Frome, Shepton Mallet and Yeovil Town Councils and of this meeting with the YMCA would be circulated for information.

Key4Life to be invited to make a presentation at the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 13th June.

Z L Leach
Clerk (Acting)
31.03.2023