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13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 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, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 **6.55 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. Notes of Public Question Time on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 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,

Z.L. Leach Acting 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 extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (attached) **Pages 5 -7**
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. TWINNING PRESENTATION  
To receive a presentation from Street Twinning Association.
6. YMCA YOUTH CLUB PRESENTATION  
Street Parish Council provides an annual grant to the YMCA for the Street Youth Club. The Street Youth Club leader will provide a presentation on the work of the youth club and answer any questions raised.  
Councillors are asked to note that the resolution raised at item 248 of the Extraordinary Council meeting will come back to Council at the Council meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May.
7. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER
8. PLANNING COMMITTEE  
To note the minutes of the meeting on 22 March 2023 (attached) **Pages 8 - 9**
9. CULTURE WORKING GROUP  
To receive notes of the meeting on 3 April 2023 (attached) **Pages 10 - 13**  
Councillors are asked to consider increasing the Christmas lights budget for 2023/24 from £12,000 to £20,000.
10. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP  
To receive notes of the meeting on 4 April 2023 (attached) **Pages 14 - 16**
11. YOUTH OUTREACH AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP  
To receive notes of the meetings on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (attached) **Pages 17 - 19**  
Councillors are asked to approve the recommendation of the working group that an annual grant be made to Mind in Somerset over 3 years for the Street Youth Matters peer support group.
12. ASSET CHECK  
Report from Clerk/RFO (attached) **Page 20**
13. REPORT FROM CHAIR
14. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS (attached) **Page 21**
15. 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.
16. CCLA PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND (PSDF) ACCOUNT  
The CCLA PSDF factsheet and statement for March 2023 has been sent to Councillors

with the agenda. Councillors are asked to approve retaining funds in the PSDF account.

17. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (schedule of March payments attached for approval and initialing by Chair) and confidential detailed income and expenditure by account report at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 including budget variance – emailed to members only with bank reconciliations and earmarked reserves schedule. **Page 22 + Confidential attachment for members only**  
CCLA account – maintain funds.  
that Council approval of retaining funds in the CCLA PSDF account will be a standard agenda item at each Full Council meeting.
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. 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. 20 as it involves confidential staffing information.
20. GRATUITY PAYMENT FOR RETIRING CLERK/RFO  
To consider any issues arising as necessary – confidential verbal/written report to be given to members only and it is probable that the press and public will be excluded for the item.

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To: Chair and Members of Street Parish Council

## Public Question Time

A resident informed the Council about the physical and verbal racial abuse suffered by his children at school. PC Pople has been informed and is dealing with this from a police aspect. Somerset Councillor H. Shearer advised the resident who he could contact at Somerset Council.

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held in Room 6, Crispin Community Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors L. Wolfers (Chair of Council), S. Carswell, D. Goater, P. Goater, J.Howard, N. Howiantz, N.Kellett, B. Knickerbocker, A. Leafe, H. Shearer, N.Smith and A.Sparkes

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Clerk: Z. Leach  
YMCA  
Mark Willcox, Director of Youth and Community  
Jess Lewin, Team Leader Street Youth Club  
Natalie Walton, Detached Team Leader  
Freddie Jackson, Detached Youth Worker Yeovil

APOLOGIES County and District Councillor: L.Leyshon  
Councillors: P.Birch, T. Napper, B. Reina and N. Swift

245. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st March 2023 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair; subject to adding at minute number 221 that the trustees of Greenbank Pool had also agreed to use social media.

246. MATTERS ARISING

None.

247 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

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

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.

#### 248. YOUTH OUTREACH AND MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP

The Clerk had circulated a report with the agenda including notes of a meeting held with the YMCA on 28 March where the YMCA responded to a number of questions from the working group exploring further their bid proposal.

Councillor P. Goater, Chair of the Youth Outreach and Mental Health Working Group, read out a statement. The working group had met with Clerks to understand youth work being undertaken in Yeovil, Shepton Mallet and Frome. The group wanted work to be done to better understand the needs and desires of young people in Street to ensure that they can participate in society in a positive way. The tender requested bids for the supply of youth outreach to be conducted in Street. This would seek to understand the needs of young people and then work with them to undertake projects that engage and develop their skills. In addition, an understanding of activities provided by other organisations in the area would be developed. The response from the YMCA met all the criteria set out in the tender documentation.

The Director of Youth and Community, YMCA, gave a presentation to the Council in support of the YMCA tender bid for youth outreach in Street, supported by the team leader for Street Youth Club and the detached team leader and detached youth worker for Yeovil. This was followed by questions from Councillors.

As part of the proposal the YMCA had conducted an initial survey of 138 people, 50% of which were young people. The vast majority of those surveyed stated that there was not enough for them to do in Street. Part of the role of the YMCA would be to promote what is going on as some of this is down to lack of awareness. There are 2200, 10–19-year-olds in Street now and the YMCA would target to work with around 400 of these each year. If successful, the YMCA team would endeavour to find out what the needs of young people are and deal with what they present. The YMCA has been in the area for 10 years so would be able to hit the ground running with links with stakeholders.

The YMCA explained that in response to the requirements set out in the Council's tender document their proposal includes spending the first three months undertaking a full scoping and mapping exercise; the survey they had undertaken was simply to get an initial insight. A Councillor raised a concern of committing to a significant project without having this in-depth data available first.

The Team Leader for Street Youth Club explained how they build relationships with local schools. They meet with the school safeguarding teams once a term to share feedback. This is mainly secondary schools, but they will meet with primary schools when needed.

The YMCA gave assurance that they have strict safeguarding procedures in place to deal with any specific incidents of concern and will make the necessary referrals.

The detached youth workers talked about how they became involved in youth work.

The YMCA team left the meeting at 7.30pm.

Considerable discussions followed between Councillors over the best way to proceed. The Council recognised it wished to do something for the young people of Street and to invest in their future. Discussion followed on ensuring that the money is spent on where there is an identified need and not just a perceived need and whether, on reflection, the Council should commission a full scoping exercise first, prior to committing significant sums of public money to a three-year project.

The meeting adjourned for a rest break at 8.08pm

The meeting reopened at 8.13pm

RESOLVED

- A. that the report be noted.
- B. to ask the YMCA for a cost to create more in-depth scoping/mapping to ascertain the real problems in Street and not to continue with the bid as it stands for now.

#### 249. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Carswell notified the Council that he has visited three retailers in Street to remind them of the licensing obligations to not sell vapes to under 18s or over 18s who are going out and supplying to under 18s.

Councillor Carswell notified the Council of a new premises licence application from Rams kebab shop. It is an existing business that is just looking to regularise its opening hours following a visit from him and then the Licensing Team at Mendip.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Planning Committee held in Room 6 of the Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street, on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at 6:00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor: P Goater (Chair)  
Councillor: N. Howiantz,  
IN ATTENDANCE: Assistant Clerk D. Price

32. APOLOGIES

Councillors: P. Birch, B Knickerbocker, T. Napper and L. Wolfers – all reasons accepted.

33. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

No declarations were received.

35. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Assistant Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated. ***This will need to be approved at the next meeting as a quorum was not present.***

2023/0306/TCA | G1 - 2 x Pines: Fell G2 - Leylandii: Group. Fell. T1 - Leylandii: Fell | 53 Overleigh Street Somerset BA16 0TJ – Approve.

2023/0367/TCA | Mixed species woodland groups, 3a,2b,2c and 5a. Thinning and select felling within woodland compartments. Please see statement for description of forestry works to be undertaken in conjunction with a Tree Felling License. | Leigh Holt Stallgrove Lane Street Somerset BA16 OSS – Approve.

2023/0317/HSE | Erection of single-storey rear extension. | 30 Glanvill Road Street Somerset BA16 0TN – Approve.

2023/0365/HSE | First floor bedroom extension to existing holiday let | Kirklee Somerton Road Marshalls Elm Street Somerset BA16 0TZ - Approve - no evidence of



overlooking and the trees on the land will help enclose the changes so they should not be impacting on neighbours.

2023/0354/HSE | Proposed single-storey rear extension & erection of double garage. | 10 Vestry Road Street Somerset BA16 0HY - Approve subject to the planning officer exploring and offering feedback to the neighbour who has expressed their concerns regarding boundaries (and consequences for potential damage to their property); overshadowing of their decking and the developments being made in a style which is in keeping.

2023/0029/TPO | M1288: T1 (Sycamore) - Fell. | 30 Ash Road Street Somerset BA16 0RX – Approve.

2023/0435/HSE | Proposed link between existing garage and house, conversion of garage into entertaining area. | 81 Grange Avenue Street Somerset BA16 9PF – Approve.

2023/0398/FUL | Alterations to garages, pitched roofs and new car port area to rear of properties. | 67 & 69 Grange Avenue Street Somerset BA16 9PF – Approve as no visible impact on neighbours and as one of the developments has already been granted, it seems sensible to enable the other garage to be suitably matched.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Notes of the meeting of the Culture Working Group on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

**Present:** Councillors: L Wolfers ([LW] Chair), N Howiantz (NH), B Knickerbocker (BK), N Swift (NS)

**Attendees:** D. Atkins ([DA] from Twinning Association) and D. Redman ([DR] from Victoria Club)

**Officers:** Danielle Price – Acting Deputy Clerk

**Apologies:** Councillors: D. Goater, A. Leafe and B. Reina

Item	Action(s)
<p><b>1. Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were accepted.</p>	
<p><b>2. Notes of minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b></p> <p>The notes of the meeting of 6th March 2023 were agreed.</p>	
<p><b>3. Coronation of King Charles III</b></p> <p>DR from the Victoria Club attended the meeting to give an update on the programme of events planned for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May (12pm – 11:30pm). DR agreed to check the extended licensing rules for the bank holiday.</p> <p>Local food vendors have been booked and the club will host their own BBQ. Children’s entertainment has been confirmed as a bouncy castle and face painting and families will be encouraged to picnic on the grounds.</p> <p>DR confirmed 1.2k members will be sent a mailshot to advertise the event and boosting adverts and the event on Facebook was recommended. It was suggested a QR code would be useful to redirect traffic back to the VC website etc.</p> <p>LW urged DR to contact the 914 Squadron and Sea Cadets for help with stewarding on the day.</p> <p>More musical entertainment will be explored, as they would like to source more bands as the event is a full day. It was put forward that local performers from Glastonbury FM and The Loft’s Open Mic Night would be worthwhile approaching.</p>	<p><b>DR agreed to check the extended licensing rules for the bank holiday and complete any applications, if/as required.</b></p> <p><b>DP to share a list of useful local Facebook groups to target for advertising.</b></p> <p><b>DP to send email addresses for the relevant contacts to DR.</b></p> <p><b>DP to provide contacts.</b></p>

<p><b>4. Investiture</b></p> <p>The previous year's template will be used for the most part for the event, including the complimentary drink of Hecks cider or apple juice at the end to encourage networking and community conversations.</p> <p>DP/LW to liaise with Strode College contacts to see if they can provide canapes for the occasion (potentially all vegan/vegetarian options to align with Sustainable Street objectives and National Vegetarian Week).</p> <p>Some local contacts were recommended to approach to be the MC for the event.</p> <p>The local secondary schools and college have been approached to participate and offer some performers for the night.</p> <p>The Citizen &amp; Community Awards were discussed and nominations already received were noted. DP confirmed an advert would be featured in the May edition of Local Reach inviting locals to attend the event and also to put in their nominations for the awards. A full campaign via social media will also be scheduled and shared to relevant social and community groups to promote the event and maximise attendance.</p> <p>Making use of the board in Sainsburys (and other local venues) was mentioned as another way to publicise the occasion.</p> <p>It was agreed to use the same artwork for the invitation and programme of events (though font needs to be bigger than last year's). Councillors on the group to offer feedback on the invite list to ensure it captures everyone.</p> <p>It was agreed the stage flower arrangements would also be sourced locally, as per year prior.</p> <p>The Freedom of Street was considered and it was put forward that specific criterion should be used to help determine candidates and winners in the future.</p>	<p><b>DP/LW to liaise with Strode College contacts.</b></p> <p><b>DP to contact and discuss availability/cost.</b></p> <p><b>DP to keep chasing.</b></p> <p><b>DP to launch social media campaign to gather nominations to shortlist for Citizen and Community awards.</b></p> <p><b>DP to circulate invitation list and update according to feedback given.</b></p> <p><b>NH to discuss this with contacts at the garden centre and gauge logistics and cost.</b></p> <p><b>DP to investigate if any criterion exists, and if not, draft a group to agree on wording in future meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>5. Street's Christmas Lights</b></p> <p>The group watched the presentation from Blachere Illuminations and discussed their quotations for Street's festive lights scheme</p>	

<p>to include festive motifs on the lamp posts along High Street and Farm Road (as per previous years), as well as additional costings for dressing the tree in the Library Gardens and potentially additional accessories to truly enhance the festive atmosphere of Street for residents.</p> <p>It was proposed that SPC look to review the budget for lighting for 2023 from the current £12 k budgeted to £20 k. DP explained to the group that a +/- 15% on the proposed budget would likely trigger a query during the internal audit. It was agreed to explore any possible sponsorship options as well as taking the proposition to increase the budget to full council.</p> <p>DP confirmed that the other groups had yet to send in their proposals.</p>	<p>DP to request the proposed budget increase to go on Full Council Agenda for voting at the meeting on 18.04.23.</p> <p>DP to continue chasing.</p>
<p><b>6. Twinning visit Reception at Strode Theatre</b></p> <p>LW had arranged for Strode College to assist with the catering and service for the reception event for the Twinning Association on 20.04.23. SPC will contribute towards the costs in accordance with what spending has been attributed to similar activities in the past.</p> <p>It was noted that no official budget had been estimated/aligned with this particular event as there has been minimal council activity with Twinning over recent years due to Covid-19 etc.</p>	<p>DP to research how much has been spent on Twinning events in previous years.</p> <p>DP agreed to request that event budgets are reviewed at P&amp;F in future to help streamline the internal financial processes and ensure all events are budgeted for moving forward.</p>
<p><b>7. Next month's social media and website content</b></p> <p>It was agreed to schedule posts for King Charles III's Coronation; National Vegetarian Week and International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.</p>	<p>DP/Temporary Officer to schedule posts and content across social media platforms.</p>
<p><b>8. Library Gardens interpretation board</b></p> <p>NS proposed getting an interpretation board for the library gardens to display historical information relating to Street and the story behind the murals being created.</p>	<p>DP to research options and prices.</p>
<p><b>9. Street's Wikipedia Page</b></p> <p>DP explained this would be a work in progress and confirmed that the Alfred Gillett Trust had been contacted regarding the historical aspects and pictures they would like to include.</p>	<p>DP and AGT to keep liaising and working on updating the page.</p>

A local contact who curates the historical pages over Facebook was also recommended as a key point of contact.	DP to reach out and request SPC's permission for use of photos etc.
<b>10. Emerging Matters/AOB</b>	N/A
<b>11. Agree date and time of next meeting</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May at 4pm, Parish Rooms
<b>Calendar invitation sent? (Y/N)</b>	Y
<b>The meeting ended at:</b>  5:42pm	

Notes of the meeting of the Highways Working Group on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 11am

**Present:** Councillors: P. Birch (PB), S. Carswell (SC), P. Goater (PG), B Knickerbocker (BK), Liz Leyshon (LL) and N. Swift (NS) (by invitation)

**Officers:** Danielle Price (DP) - Acting Deputy Clerk

**Apologies:** J. Howard and T. Napper

Item	Action(s)
<p><b>1. Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were accepted.</p>	
<p><b>2. Note of meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b></p> <p>The notes were accepted, and actions reviewed.</p>	
<p><b>3. Permit parking in Grange Road</b></p> <p>BK had been in touch with a local resident who is unhappy about the permit parking on Grange Road and provided links to websites which would offer advice and guidance on permit parking.</p> <p>There is concern about the fact that there are too many permits approved for Grange Road (particularly those residents with multiple cars), despite an agreement to limit the number of permits being put in place originally. There is also additional concern that the development of flats nearby will create even more demand and push permit holders out to find parking on other roads such as Brutasche Terrace.</p> <p>The resident has been invited to meet with members of the council to discuss moving forward.</p>	<p><b>DP/BK to keep in touch regarding the availability of dates for meeting with local resident and/or invite to full council meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>4. Priorities for Area Highways Officer (AHO)</b></p> <p><b>Look into cost of replacing posts for SIDs in Grange Avenue and at West End.</b></p> <p>Grange Avenue had been agreed via AHO, so West End will be proposed with next set of priorities.</p> <p><b>Farm Road and the relief road need their traffic lights health-checked and repaired/installed and pavements widened.</b></p> <p>The group were concerned about the negative impact of ineffective traffic lights and pavement space.</p>	<p><b>DP to send over to AHO in a spreadsheet format with priorities listed and respond to guidance and instructions on receipt, ready to offer update at next meeting.</b></p>

<p><b>Enquire about the ways traffic lights are programmed to display red lights in order to help control speeding issues locally.</b></p> <p>Officers will investigate how the traffic lights are maintained and enquire about the process for escalating the concerns and recommendations.</p>	<p><b>Officers to seek advice from Highways team.</b></p>
<p><b>5. Speed Indicator Devices</b></p> <p>DP confirmed the batteries for the SIDs had been ordered and delivered for SLH to install asap. It was agreed to keep the location of the SIDs at the following locations: Brookside, Portway and Somerton Road and install the new, fully charged batteries at these locations to encourage speed awareness and gather relevant data. The Highways Group will agree on the rotation of SIDs locations at each meeting. It was mentioned it would be sensible to buy extra brackets for when they need replacing.</p> <p>It was suggested that SPC may wish to invest in a Traffic Engineer to produce a report on Street and consult on the best ways to manage traffic calming, minimise speeding and make recommendations for things that can be done to enhance and improve the environmental strategy for the area.</p> <p>It was put forward that SPC may wish to purchase more SIDs in the future to help manage the ongoing issues with speeding.</p>	<p><b>DP to add to future agendas.</b></p> <p><b>DP to look at costs of ordering spare brackets for SIDs.</b></p> <p><b>LL agreed to share contact information with DP for D. Carter.</b></p> <p><b>Once research has been done into booking a Traffic Engineer, DP will prepare a report to take to full council for consideration.</b></p>
<p><b>7. Miscellaneous Matters</b></p> <p>The underpass at Woodsbatch remains an issue as it has been heavily graffitied. A local resident has been in touch to explain they had personally tried to remove the graffiti as it was offensive to their young children in particular.</p> <p>Proposals for what to do with the situation include: painting over with anti-graffiti paint; requesting the local schools produce designs which can be rotated every 3 years, as well as putting up preventative battens.</p> <p>As a result of numerous enquiries and complaints about potholes etc. it was mentioned that members of the public and council members could be encouraged to report their own issues with Highways and other relevant teams via the New Somerset Council website and contact number. It was further noted that potholes</p>	<p><b>DP to add to future agenda and contact Taunton TC for advice on how they dealt with problematic graffiti.</b></p> <p><b>DP/Temporary Officer to create an information sheet to link with pages to report specific issues and relevant contact details.</b></p>

deter cycling which should be encouraged.  LL endorsed the use of Traff Web to help with research and highlighting traffic orders.	DP to become familiar with and make use of the platform.
8. Date of Next meeting	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July at 11am in the Parish Rooms.
Calendar invitation sent? (Y/N)	Y
Meeting ended at 12:24	



## NOTES OF MENTAL HEALTH AND YOUTH OUTREACH GROUP

Meeting of the Group held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 3 p.m. in a meeting room at Strode College, Street. Councillors only met from 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. to consider the grant application from Mind in Somerset and others joined the meeting from 3.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors: D. Goater, P. Goater and Wolfers  
L. Ruff – Parish Clerk  
C. Acton-Pearce – Mind in Somerset  
L. Fielder – Head of Student Services, Strode College  
A. Gutteridge – Assistant Head Millfield School

APOLOGIES: Councillors: Birch, Carswell, Howiantz, Leafe, Napper and Shearer  
County and District Councillor Leyshon  
M. Hill – Head Tor School  
T. Schottlander – Director of Student Services and DSL Strode College  
L. Charles and P. Lockhart – DSL Crispin School  
S. Weller – Second Step Open Mental Health Crisis Safe Space  
A. Whatling – Student Welfare DSL Millfield School  
L. Evans – Manager Street Foyer (Mendip YMCA)  
J. Copestake – YMCA Foyer  
M. Stone – Senior Accommodation Worker YMCA Street  
P. Hall – Early Intervention Officer Violence Reduction Unit Police  
A. Turner - Rethink  
P.C. M. Pople – Street Beat Team

### 1. GRANT APPLICATION – MIND IN SOMERSET

Councillors only considered the application from Mind which had been circulated.

### RECOMMENDATION

that an annual grant of £5,565 be made to Mind in Somerset over 3 years for the Street Youth Matters peer support group involving 1 – 1 mentoring and regular group sessions – subject to 2 councillors acting as Champions for the project – Councillor Howiantz if he was willing to take this up + 1 other – to build a relationship with the provider and young people and report back regularly to either this Group or the Community Well Being Group – and also subject to a review at the end of years 1 and 2.

Representatives of outside organisations then joined the meeting.

### 2. NOTES

AGREED

that the notes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 be agreed.

### 3. GRANT APPLICATION – MIND

Councillor P. Goater, Chair of the Group explained that the recommendation from the Group to the Council on 21st March would be to award the grant over 3 years with 2 councillors as Champions and year end reviews. C. Acton-Pearce was invited to attend the meeting to answer any questions which might arise.

### 4. YOUTH OUTREACH WORK

Councillor P. Goater explained that councillors on the Group would be holding Zoom meetings with Frome, Shepton Mallet and Yeovil Councils to find out about their youth projects. They would also be meeting with the YMCA to ask questions and find out more about how their proposed youth outreach project would be delivered.

### 5. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The waiting list at Mind for 1 to 1 support was 4 months. Strode College had closed its waiting list as all spaces were booked for 10 weeks. There was a 4 to 6 week wait for low level support and this would soon be closed. As well as counsellors the College was looking to have trainee counsellors and creating groups internally. The 4 counsellors at Millfield had hit capacity and they were looking at having team mentors to give peer to peer support for the low level issues.

L. Fielder explained that those doing their GCSEs during Covid did not get careers advice. They were now 16 to 18 years and many had no idea what they wanted to do after completing their college course. They often had no ambition and an unrealistic idea that they should be able to have their chosen job without the need to work up from a lower level. A socialization infrastructure was needed to give the ability to form connections and engender hope and possibility. The Council's youth outreach project would be attempting to achieve this.

A. Gutteridge explained that Landsec had just commissioned a lady from Key4Life to carry out detached youth work with former criminals, identifying the problems of the rootless young. There was a burger van in Baltonsborough run by people on probation.

### AGREED

A. that when the Mind project was running the College would look at linking with it to provide support for students – the project would be for 11 to 24 year olds

B. that the Council should arrange a remote meeting with Key4Life to discuss combining the 2 projects and increasing their scope.

### 6. OTHER MATTERS

Councillor Wolfers wondered how to get the best from the Group, encouraging more representatives of organisations to attend and whether the Community Well Being Group should take over its responsibilities.

AGREED

to continue with the Group for now and to ask organisations what the barriers were to them attending meetings.

#### 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGREED

that the next meeting be held at 3.30 p.m. on 26<sup>th</sup> April at Strode College, if possible in the Board Room where an immersive hybrid meeting could be held.

The meeting ended at 4.10 p.m.

**STREET PARISH COUNCIL  
6 MONTH CHECK OF ASSETS – MARCH 2023 – L. RUFF**

All assets were in good and safe condition. The following actions are recommended:

**NEW WAR MEMORIAL AND PLAQUE**

Both need to be cleaned now and on a regular basis.

**3 CERAMIC MURALS BY GRINTERS, HIGH STREET**

The 3 wooden frames need to be painted as very shabby.

**NOTICEBOARD AND MAP BOARD, CRISPIN HALL**

The noticeboard is old and difficult to use. Both could be moved to the entrance to the Crispin Centre subject to a licence from the Somerset Council although the noticeboard would need to be refurbished or replaced with a new one – possibly of a different size and style. The entire frontage of the Crispin Hall could then be viewed – at present the 2 boards obscure the right side at ground level.

**STREET HERITAGE BOARD, CRANHILL ROAD CAR PARK**

The existing board at the pedestrian entrance to the car park is old and faded and needs to be replaced.

**MURAL IN WOODS BATCH SUBWAY**

All existing panels are very dirty and covered in graffiti which cannot be removed. It would be relatively easy to unscrew these and replace with new panels. There is funding from the Glastonbury Town Deal which could be used for this.

**EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**

Need to include backpacks on Asset Register.

**SKATE PARK**

Health and safety and sponsors signs need to go back up urgently as torn down by vandals – SLH Services will do as a priority.

**MERRIMAN PARK**

Remembrance wreaths around war memorial can be removed late December or after Christmas.

L. Ruff

Clerk 30.3.23

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

### **1. Local Government Reorganisation**

The New Somerset Council has transitioned successfully. Services are up and running. The key focus of the new Council is on partnership and being a good partner.

Cllr Val Keitch, transformation/lead resources, has been helping to set up Local Community Networks (LCN)s. She will engage closely with all Parish and Town Councils over the next few weeks. The LCN focus is on getting a team in place to support the LCNs. There may be an element of recruitment. They will identify interim link officers and the first formal LCN meetings will likely take place in June. There is an LCN page on the Somerset website which will build up with content over time.  
[Local Community Networks \(somerset.gov.uk\)](http://somerset.gov.uk)

The generic new number for somerset council is 0300 123 2244. The New Somerset Council is requesting feedback at the next meeting as to how best keep Parish Councils up to date i.e. via newsletters, emails etc.

### **2. Natwest Bank pop up branch**

Street Library have been approached by Natwest Chief Operating Office who are looking to hire a pop up space in the Street Community Library. The Street Natwest branch is closing in July and they will introduce pop up sites so that they can continue to support communities with their day-to-day banking needs post closure. Street Library are concerned that they do not have any private spaces for customers to discuss personal financial information and have approached the Council for a room upstairs in the parish office instead. This would be for every Monday OR Tuesday between 10:00-15:00 over a period of 12 weeks to commence the week after our branch closes. The Council is asked to approve this offer and whether a charge should be made for hiring the room.

### **3. Bus audit route 77**

The Clerk and Acting Clerk have circulated an email from the Somerset Bus Partnership requesting a Councillor volunteer to undertake a bus stop audit of route 77 and provide feedback.

Z. Leach  
Acting Clerk/RFO  
18.04.23

To: Council  
From: Clerk  
Subject: Accounts for Payment

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 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 March are detailed on the pages circulated and will appear as an annex to the minutes in the Minute Book.

Z. Leach  
Acting Clerk/RFO  
18.04.23