

## STREET PARISH COUNCIL

An extraordinary meeting of the Council held in Room 6, Crispin Community Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: L. Ruff – Clerk/RFO  
County and District Councillor L. Leyshon

APOLOGIES: Councillors: S. Carswell, N. Howiantz, N. Kellett, B. Reina,  
N. Smith – another engagement – reasons accepted.

### 211. MINUTES

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

### 212. MATTERS ARISING

With reference to Minute No. 191 the Chair reported that a query raised by Councillor Napper regarding the Pride banners had been settled. Also the new owners of the Crispin Centre had not attended the January meeting due to a miscommunication with the office.

With reference to Minute No. 205 it was agreed that Councillor Shearer would report back in a month on the appointment of a parish lengthsman by Walton Parish Council, a report be made on the use of a lengthsman as part of the Exmoor LCN pilot scheme and use of the community payback scheme be considered also.

Councillor Swift wished to attend the audit training with Councillors Kellet and Knickerbocker to take advantage of the free space as 2 councillors were attending. Agreement was given for the Victoria Club to hold the Coronation event on 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> May instead of 6<sup>th</sup> May but the Club be informed that the Sunday would be preferable as the 8<sup>th</sup> was a volunteers day. The Council had agreed to give a grant for the event.

### 213. 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 Napper declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to Glastonbury Town Council and stated that he would keep an open mind when considering issues.

Councillor Shearer declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to Somerset County Council and stated that she would keep an open mind when considering issues.

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

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

Councillor Howard declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to Victoria Club, Crispin Hall and Community Centre as she was a trustee of each and to Strode Theatre as she was a Friend of the Theatre.

The Clerk raised the issue of the forthcoming planning application to redevelop the Crispin Shopping Centre which adjoined the Parish Rooms on 3 sides. It was agreed to seek advice on whether or not the Council should comment at all on the future application or if it would be appropriate for the Clerk to grant members dispensation to speak and vote on the matter. A report to be made to the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

#### 214. REFURBISHMENT WORKS IN LIBRARY GARDEN

The Clerk submitted a confidential report which had been circulated to members. It was not necessary to exclude the press and public as none were present. She read out an email received from Councillor Smith giving her comments on the report.

Councillor Napper was prepared to move the furniture in the main library so that meetings of the Council could be held there rather than in the Community Centre. It was agreed to look at the health and safety implications of this and other issues.

Councillor Napper requested that the way in which members voted be recorded in the minutes and the voting was as follows -

Councillor P. Goater proposed that the quote of £2,280 + VAT from Jones Builders for the rendering works on the roofs of the pavilions be agreed and this was seconded by Councillor Shearer. Councillor Sparkes then proposed an amendment seconded by Councillor Leafe to firstly check the sum by getting a second quote and check the liability for the scaffolding if another contractor was involved.

The voting on the amendment was as follows -

Members Voting For Amendment

Cllr. Leafe  
Cllr. Napper  
Cllr. Sparkes

Members Voting Against Amendment

Cllr. Birch  
Cllr. D. Goater  
Cllr. P. Goater  
Cllr. Howard  
Cllr. Knickerbocker  
Cllr. Shearer  
Cllr. Swift  
Cllr. Wolfers

The amendment was lost by 8 votes to 3 votes.

Voting on the original motion was as follows -

Members Voting For Motion

Cllr. Birch  
Cllr. D. Goater  
Cllr. P. Goater  
Cllr. Howard  
Cllr. Knickerbocker  
Cllr. Leafe  
Cllr. Shearer  
Cllr. Sparkes  
Cllr. Swift  
Cllr. Wolfers

Members Voting Against Motion

Cllr. Napper

The motion was carried by 10 votes to 1 vote.

The meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_