

## STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Council held in Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street, on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Clerk: Z. Leach  
Somerset County Councillor: L. Leyshon

APOLOGIES Councillors: D. Goater N. Howiantz,

### 64 MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 which had been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to noting the following amendments:

Page 4: In attendance. Should read as Somerset County Councillor Liz Leyshon and not 'District' Councillor.

Minute 51: Should include that Owen Barry was also visited as part of the High Sheriff's visit and the High Sheriff was extremely impressed with the business. The Council is hoping to support Owen Barry to go forward for the Kings Award for Export.

### 65. MATTERS ARISING

The Acting Clerk has circulated the letter from the Ninesquare Trust regarding funding towards the Library project.

The Acting Clerk advised that the Crispin Community Centre have been invited to attend the next Full Council meeting in support of their grant application.

An email and hard copy letter have been sent to Somerset Civil Parking Team, but no response has been received.

### 66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor Carswell and Councillor 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 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.

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, the Victoria Club and Friends of Strode Theatre as she is a trustee of these.

Councillor Wolfers declared a pecuniary 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 a Trustee.

Councillor Smith declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to Glastonbury FM as she is a board member and any matters relating to Merriman Park and Greenbank Swimming Pool as she attends meetings in a non-voting capacity. Councillor Smith is also helping the Salvation Army.

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

Councillor Swift declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to Street Library or Strode Theatre in her capacity as Friend of Street Library and Friend of Street Theatre

67. COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PC Pople was not present but had sent communication to the office outlining the latest meet the team priorities:

1. Graffiti at Orchard Road “mears”
2. Ongoing support for young person’s project
3. Start/train the community speed watch in Street

The next meet the team meeting will be at 7pm on 18 October 2023, Street Foyer (YMCA) but this date could be subject to change.

Streetlink is a valuable resource to contact for anyone appearing as homeless.

**RESOLVED:**

that the Acting Clerk send calendar invites to all Councillors for Meet the Team meetings.

68. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 18 July 2023 were circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

that the minutes of the meeting be noted.

69. PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIES FACILITATOR SESSION

The priorities agreed at the strategy session were circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

that the Implementation meeting will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Venue and timings to be confirmed by the Acting Clerk.

70. LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK AVALON AND POLDENS

The draft minutes of the Local Community Network (LCN) meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were circulated with the agenda.

The Chair advised that he was elected vice-chair of the Avalon and Poldens LCN and that the next LCN date would be broadcast soon.

**RESOLVED:**

that the Chair will advise Somerset Council of the inaccuracy on the draft minutes in that Councillor Kerley is of Somerton Town Council and not Street Parish Council.

71. COMMUNITY LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

The Acting Clerk circulated notes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July with the agenda.

That statistics for Street Library are impressive and show that the Library is performing very well. The library is busy this summer with lots of activities on offer.

PCN usage has increased significantly which justifies the Council's previous decision to retain all PCs in the library.

**RESOLVED:**

that the notes be agreed.

72. POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee held on 25 July 2023 and the extraordinary meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee held on 1 August 2023 were circulated with the agenda.

Councillor Leafé advised that approximately 30 families a week are repeat families to the food bank. There is a structure in place for those families regularly attending. The Salvation Army are working in partnership with the Baptist Church and Christians Against Poverty to refer the families that are becoming repeat to have their finances checked for any other allowances/finances they may be able to access.

Councillor Smith declared an interest and abstained from voting on the Salvation Army Grant application.

**RESOLVED:**

- A that the minutes of both meetings be noted.
- B that the Council no longer considers the current application from Key4Life
- C that the Salvation Army is awarded a further grant of £2200 for Aldi food vouchers to meet the full grant amount requested.

73. CULTURE WORKING GROUP

The notes of the meeting of the Culture Working Group on 3 August 2023 were circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

- A that the notes be agreed.
- B that the sourcing of local food/resources will be incorporated into the Civic Events and Official Engagements Policy which is to be drafted.

74. YMCA UPDATE

Councillor Leafe on behalf of the YMCA Champions provided a verbal update.

The Champions have visited the youth centre and discussed the vision for Street with the Youth Work Team Leader to explore and prioritise the direction they would like to see it go. They have established that the priorities are SEN, safeguarding and working with schools and networking. When the schools are closed young people need somewhere to go. This has been reinforced during the YMCA holiday activities this summer where a number of young people have made disclosures. There has already been some progress made in working with schools/networking and the Youth Work Team Leader is now also working with the child team at Crispin School.

**RESOLVED**

that the YMCA are requested to submit to the Policy & Finance Committee an SLA proposal for a minimum of 3 years +2, which contains the items outlined in the vision statement. Representatives of YMCA will be asked to attend the Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 5 September 2023 to present in support of their application for recommendation by the Committee to the Full Council. Councillor Leafe to liaise with the YMCA in this regard.

75. LIVE STREAMING TASK AND FINISH GROUP

The notes of the live streaming task and finish group on 8 August 2023 were circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

- A that the notes be agreed.
- B that Councillor Shearer will ask a representative from Somerset Council to provide the task and finish group with information on the use of OWLS.

76. REPORT FROM CHAIR

The Sustainable Street event was held on 22 July. There was a torrential downpour but a good turn out and something to build on in future years.

The Chair attended Neighbourhood Plan training from SALC. The Parish Council started a Neighbourhood Plan 5 years ago. The Chair confirmed that if the Council so wishes it can continue with the plan from where it left off. There are pros and cons to putting a Neighbourhood Plan in place and this is something the Council can discuss further in the future.

On 7 August, a twinning event was held at the Loft. It was a fantastic event and Isny kindly gifted a 'Street' street sign to the Council. The Chair encouraged Councillor attendance at future twinning events.

The Merriman Park Fun Day will be held on 2 September. Councillors are requested to sign up for the bucket collection rota and Street Parish Council stall rota.

Brookside School's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event will take place on 8 September, 2-3pm.

The Discover Your Community 'Active Street' event will take place on 30 September at the Crispin Hall.

77. CORRESPONDENCE/MINOR MATTERS

The Acting Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

Councillor Carswell advised that planning permission has been granted for the erection of two pillars at the entrance to Merriman Park with a graduated wall; subject to an Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan. Councillor Carswell further advised that the Merriman Park Community Group has been awarded a £5,000 lottery grant for the sensory garden – which must be used within one year.

The Council needs to provide a lead on what is required on the interpretation boards prior to accurate costings and a mock up being received.

**RESOLVED:**

- A that the report be agreed.
- B that upon Councillor Birch's request she is appointed to the Staffing Committee for 2023/24
- C that the Culture Working Group will report back to Council on Interpretation Boards.
- D that Councillor Reina deliver equality and diversity training to the Council at a date to be agreed.

Councillor Wolfers left the meeting at 8.20pm.

78 REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES  
AND SOMERSET COUNCILLORS

Somerset Councillor Leyshon advised that the flats for sale in the building on the corner of High Street and Grange Road have been advertised correctly – one with one parking place in the off-road parking space, and one with no parking. Councillor Leyshon is still waiting for an answer from Somerset Council parking services on whether the off-road parking can work with a residents parking scheme immediately across the access. Councillor Leyshon will follow up on this.

Now the five Councils are together the financial picture is coming into focus and Somerset Council is beginning to understand where the biggest challenges are. It will be some time before the advantages of transition of the new Council come through and there is going to be two incredibly difficult years ahead.

Cllr Birch left the meeting at 8.42pm

The meeting closed at 8.42pm

The meeting reopened at 8.50pm

Somerset Councillor Carswell reminded Councillors to sign up for the Merriman Park Fun Day Rotas. He recently attended the Beetle Drive twinning event. He is busy in his role as Chair of Licensing at Somerset as well as numerous sub committees.

Somerset Councillor Shearer is busy learning about Childrens services. The budget for Childrens services is £124 million which is principally down to an increase in complexity, cost and lack of providers. Current focus is on home school transport and SEND provision which is complex. Post covid, we are witnessing a new normal in terms of education, health and wellbeing.

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Napper will enquire if Glastonbury Town Council award a regular grant to Strode Theatre

79 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The latest bank reconciliations for all accounts at 31 July 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 July, 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 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be noted and the schedule of receipts and payments for July be attached as Annex A to the minutes in the Minute Book in order to publish payments of £500 or more.

80. CCLA PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND (PSDF) ACCOUNT

The CCLA statement for July 2023 had been circulated with the agenda.

Meeting closed at 9pm  
Meeting reopened at 9.04pm.

**RESOLVED:**

- A that funds are retained in the CCLA PSDF account.
- B that the RFO submits a report to a future Policy & Finance Committee detailing the monthly expenditure to run the basics of the Council.

81 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Checklist for preferred receipt of agenda circulated by the Acting Clerk.

Councillor Napper enquired about a Changing Places toilet in Street.

Councillor Smith informed the Council that Elmhurst are looking for a school governor if anyone knows anyone who is interested.

Councillor Howard advised of Storde Theatres 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary which is mid-October.

**RESOLVED:**

that Councillor Knickerbocker will ask the Centre Director of Clarks Village about the Mencap funding offered for a supersized toilet in Clarks Village and if Clarks Village could use space for something ecological - given the upcoming closure of the Eco shop in the Crispin Centre.

The meeting ended at 9.07pm

Chair \_\_\_\_\_