

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held in Gravenchon Room, 6 Leigh Road, Street on 4th October 2023 at 2pm

PRESENT: Councillor N Swift (Vice-Chair of Council, chaired meeting in absence of Chair of Council)
Councillors: S. Carswell, D. Goater, P. Goater, J. Howard, N. Smith, A Sparkes and L. Wolfers

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Clerk: Z. Leach

APOLOGIES: Councillors: P Birch, N. Howiantz, N.Kellett, B.Knickerbocker, A. Leafe, T. Napper, B. Reina and H.Shearer

99 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Somerset Councillor Carswell declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to the Somerset Council and in any matters relating to Merriman Park as he is Chair of the Merriman Park Community Group.

Councillor Wolfers declared a pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Street and Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce as she is a board member and under Appendix B in any matters relating to Greenbank Swimming Pool as she attends meetings in a non-voting capacity.

Councillor Smith declared an interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to Greenbank Swimming Pool as she attends meetings in a non-voting capacity and advised that she is no longer on the Board of Glastonbury FM.

Discussion followed on the current practice of Councillors declaring all their interests at the start of every meeting, rather than interests specifically relating to agenda items and whether there was a more effective means of dealing with this whilst adhering to standing orders and code of conduct. Councillor Carswell advised of the Somerset Council process.

RESOLVED

that future Council Agendas will include a list of declarations of interest at the end of the Agenda - the Chair will make reference to this list and ask Members to declare any additional or updated interests, to those noted on the Agenda, at the start of the meeting under the standing agenda item of 'Declarations of Interest and Dispensations'

Councillor Howard arrived at 2.05pm

100. STAFFING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

A motion proposed by the Staffing Committee was circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED

- A that the Motion be approved
- B that a Councillors WhatsApp group is created as a sharing ideas/discussion platform for those Councillors that wish to use it to limit the number of emails going through the councillor group email - any resulting proposals to come to Full Council for consideration and decision. Officers are not expected to monitor the WhatsApp group.

Meeting Closed at 2.10pm

Chair _____