

**Minutes of the Ilchester Parish Council meeting held on Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup> 2018  
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. J. Edmondson, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. A. MacGregor, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, PCSO Thelma Mead, Mr. M. Smith, Chair of IDCA and Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.  
Six members of the public attended.

**61. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr. S. McAllister, Mr. G. Pope, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO John Winfield & Rev. B. Faulkner.

**62. The Minutes** of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were signed as correct.

**63. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**64. Open Session – with RNAS, County & District Councillors’ reports.**

Mr. B. Masters thanked Mr. Capozzoli for getting the footpath to the Mead cleared. This was noted.

Thanks were expressed on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Wells that the storm gullies at The Mead had been cleared.

Brigadier Knudsen highlighted that there had been a recent major incident on the slip road not far from the entrance to New Spittles Farm, enquiring if this would have any impact on the proposed access to the Digester site.

Brigadier Knudsen raised issues concerning the Car Wash business operating in Northover, stating that there were no specified hours of business and the hours worked at present were from 7.30am to 7.30pm and to date had received no response from SSDC to a letter that he had sent on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2018.

His opinion was that the workers were highly controlled and he had concerns over an issue of slave labour.

The Council has been informed from SSDC, that the issues raised at the last meeting, were being investigated.

Mr. Bloomfield and Mr. Capozzoli stated that they both, would investigate any potential slavery issues.

Mr. G. Hill reported that the access road to the Mead from the A.37 is often taken as the access to the A.303. As there are signs, it was agreed that this is probably due to Sat Nav errors.

The Council noted that the car at the end of West Street, in which there is a person sleeping has been reported to both SSDC & the Police with the registration number.

Mr. G. Hill reported that the survey of the Flood bank heights has been done, but he is querying these.

Mr. R. Blake highlighted two issues - the grate covering in West Street, which has not been replaced, with more now gone, and a gate post on a Right of Way which is in need of repair. It was noted that the gate post had already been reported by the Clerk, and the missing drain grater will be reported again to the relevant authority.

In the absence of Mr. Graydon, CRO, there were no RNAS issues raised.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor reported that the accident on the slip road from the A.303 had nothing to do with the proposed Digester at New Spittles Farm.

Mr. Capozzoli reported that there is to be a new Leader of South Somerset District Council from September 1<sup>st</sup> being Mrs. Val Keitch and SSDC have now appointed a new Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Bloomfield, County County Councillor reported that he and the Chair of the County Audit Committee have resigned their positions and have changed their political allegiance.

Mr. Bloomfield highlighted the need for support for County Libraries, if these are to survive.

It was noted that Mr. Bloomfield had provided the detailed costs of hiring a Security Company to do some extra patrolling in Martock, and the television coverage that he has received. It was felt that the cost for Ilchester would be rather too expensive.

**65. Police & Community issues - Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC & Church Matters**

PCSO T. Mead reported that there had been a speed check in the High Street and the numbers were noted – being 3 cars travelling at 33 MPH, 4 travelling at 34 MPH, 2 travelling at 35 MPH & 1 travelling at 47MPH. These being taken between 16.30 & 17.30 hours

The Council regretted that speed check numbers were no longer supplied on a wider basis.

Mr. M. Smith reported on behalf of ITT, reported that the Monument issue is progressing, and the issue of someone with gun, seen leaving the Sports field is being looked at.

Mr. M. Smith reporting on behalf of IDCA stated that the Flower show held on July 15<sup>th</sup> had been successful. Mr. Smith stated that there is now a new team on IDCA and there has been a slight delay in producing the Newsletters.

There was nothing reported from IRINEC.

In the absence of Rev. Faulkner, there were nothing reported on Church matters or the Centenary WW1.

Mr. MacGregor highlighted the need to keep the Churchyard at Northover in a reasonable state. It was pointed out that technically the area is the responsibility of the Rector and PCC of St. Mary Major. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. MacGregor would provide a schedule of works, for which he would get a quotation, with the Clerk obtaining another from Greenacres, for the same work.

## 66. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton stated that there was nothing to report, as members were on holiday.

## 67. Planning matters

The Council considered the draft traffic management agreement document, received from E4Environment Ltd in connexion with application 17/01215/FUL for Mr. M. Knight at New Spittles Farm for the construction of an aerobic digestion plant. This had been circulated to all members. The Council considered the detailed finalised report that had been circulated, and this was approved by members, with an additional reference to the recent accident on the slip road. It was noted that these had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The Clerk was instructed to send the comments & queries raised, to E4nvironment Ltd, copied to Mr. Capozzoli Ward member.

The Council considered and supported application 18/01751/FUL for Mr. Mark Knight at Spittles Farm for an extension to an existing agricultural building to cover an open cow yard to reduce potential for pollution risks.

The council considered the plans submitted for application 18/02086/FUL for Mr. & Mrs. M. Krsmanovic at Croft House, Priory Road for the erection of single and two storey rear extension and rear balcony to dwelling and after discussion supported the application.

The Council discussed and supported application 18/02133/LBC for Mrs. K. Banks at the Coach House, West Street for internal alterations to create an opening in kitchen wall.

The Council noted that SSDC were investigating the issue of a caravan sited at the Car wash facility site in Northover, being used as overnight accommodation.

The Council noted an agricultural application on the boundary of Ilchester & Limington adjacent to Limington Road, which has to be submitted as a full application.

## 68. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/07/18 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £52,717.07p

**Receipts** - Bank interest £2.33p & £15 Allotment rent

**Payments made -**

09/08/18	2341	£20	Sophie Pack- Stone - skate park area
09/08/18	2342	£531.58	PTH salary & expenses
09/08/18	2343	£32.50	SSDC GDPA training
09/08/18	2344	£36	ITT room hire

The above cheques were approved and signed.

## 69. Website

In the absence of Mr. C. Williams, Mrs. Panter reported some links to the site were well out of date and it had been agreed that Mr. Williams would look at sorting this out. It was reported there had been 1,361 hits in July.

## 70. Cemetery

In the absence of Mr. C. Williams, Mrs. Panter reported on behalf of Mr. Williams on his plans to re-arrange new sites for the rubbish area. After discussion, the Council agreed to these proposals, being to reduce the size of the existing area and to clear & use another area by the Chapel of Rest.

## 71. Highway matters

The Council agreed to leave the proposal for further lighting at the end of Almshouse Lane until all residents living in that area are contacted before proceeding with the extra lighting.

As reported earlier, it was noted that the Footpath to the Mead from the A.37 had been cleared and the drains at the Mead cleared.

Miss Stapleton having thanked those who had trimmed back the hedge adjacent to the Great Orchard and it was agreed that there is a request that the hedge is fully trimmed back before the Schools start again in early September.

The Council noted that the issues raised by Mr. & Mrs. Coulter highlighting speeding vehicles and the volume of traffic through Church Street, had been sent to the relevant authorities.

**72. Flooding issues**

The Council noted that a gap reported in the area adjacent to the Town bridge, had been reported by a resident to the Environment Agency. It was agreed that the Council should also contact the Environment Agency.

**73. Allotments**

In the absence Mr. H. Williams, there were no issues reported.

The Council noted there was nothing to report from Trinity College or Bidwells, on the independent advice received on the issue of the impasse between the District Valuer's comments & that of Bidwell's.

**74. Mead Play area.**

The SSDC inspection reports indicated that there there is a minor issue with the flat swing area matting, it was agreed that this is to be looked at by members.

**75. Skate Park**

Mrs. Panter stated that she had not yet obtained quotations for painting the Skate park equipment.

The SSDC inspection reports indicated that there is a small hole highlighted in one of the skate units equipment, but had not been identified as a risk. It was agreed that this will be looked by members. The Safety check still highlights missing bolts on the Table Tennis equipment. The Clerk was instructed to contact SSDC and explain that this was a packing issue.

**76. Rights of Way**

In the absence of Mr. Pope, it was noted that the SCC Rights of Way had been informed of the issue of the gatepost on FP. Y 12/9 in Priory Road, as reported earlier.

**77. Tree Matters**

Miss Stapleton highlighted a tree at Great Orchard being affected by 'die back'. It was agreed to notify SSDC Tree Officer.

**78. Correspondence**

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter & Clerks Direct.

**79. Items for Report, or for the agenda of the next meeting**

Mr. Edmondson highlighted issues reference the Patient Participation Group. It was noted that there is a meeting with Symphony scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Stapleton highlighted the poor state of repair of the play equipment at the Tall Trees Community site. This was noted, with Miss Stapleton stating that she will be contacting the RNAS Community Relations Officer on this issue to find out who has responsibility for the area.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed:

Date:

