

**Minutes of the Ilchester Parish Council meeting held on Thursday December 13th 2018
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. A. MacGregor, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. G. Pope, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. R. Rhys & Sally Davis, Rev. B. Faulkner (later) and Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Seven members of the public attended.

137. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. J. Edmondson, Mr. S. McAllister, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Thelma Mead.

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

139. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

140. Open Session – with RNAS, County & District Councillors' reports.

Mr. G. Hill reported that the Environment Agency had delivered the sandbags to repair temporarily the floodbank, at the Mead and these are being stored in the Flood hut.

Mr. Hill also reported that he has heard from the SRA that the Flood bank issues are now being delayed.

Mr. B. Masters stated that the salt bin at the Mead is empty. It was noted that salt bins will be only filled if SCC are contacted. It was agreed that all the bins in the Parish are checked by members, and those requiring filling will be notified to SCC. It was noted that salt bags are now only available from SCC Highways at a charge to the Parish Council.

Mr. Petherbridge highlighted the issue of empty properties at Taranto Hill & Eagle Close, which are not being kept in a reasonable state of repair. It was agreed to forward this issue to the CRO at RNAS.

Mr. Petherbridge also expressed concerns at drivers failing to respect the Zebra crossings in Ilchester, putting pedestrians at risk. Comments expressed included, better signage and after discussion, it was agreed to highlight this issue in the Village newsletter.

Mr. Marsh reported from the recent meeting held with the Surgery, stating that there is now another Doctor in place, a new leaflet has been produced and the Practice is working to improve their service.

In the absence of Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor & Mr. Bloomfield there were no issues reported.

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

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

Apologies were noted from PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Thelma Mead. It was noted that the Police had attended for the Remembrance Service and had been thanked.

Mrs. Pope reported that there had been three recent attempted burglaries in Ilchester.

Mrs. Panter reported that she & the Clerk had attended a meeting held at the Tall Trees Community Centre.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of ITT, stating that there has been a meeting to discuss the possibility of the move of the Scout hut from the Mead area, work has been done on the Committee room, and the side gate entrance to the Sports field has been damaged. The Monument issue is progressing slowly.

Miss Stapleton reported that IDCA were holding a quiz on December 15th.

The Council noted that IRINEC had held a Lecture given by Mr. G. Mottram speaking on persons from the Ilchester area, who had served in the WW1, on November 16th, which had been well received.

Mrs. Panter reported that the Remembrance Sunday service, followed by refreshments in the Town Hall, had been exceptionally well attended, and those involved had been formally thanked.

Mrs. Panter read the letter received from Mr. A. Stephens, which thanked the Council for their donation to the RBL Poppy appeal and recording that £2,230 had been raised in total.

142. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that the panels for the Bus shelter at Great Orchard and these had been put in place by Mr. MacGregor.

Miss Stapleton stated that the Youth Parish Councils had again sponsored 'Business in Lights' and had supported the Diners Christmas lunch.

143. Planning matters

The Council noted that application 18/03077/HOU for Mr. & Mrs. Krsmanovic at Croft House, Priory Road for the erection of single & two storey rear extension had been granted.

The Council noted there was no decision to report on application 18/03230/FUL (adjacent Parish), for Mr. Marcus Lloyd on land at Limington road for the erection of an agricultural building for the storage of farm machinery.

The Council noted that application 18/02888/FUL for Mr.X Hoxha at Capozzoli's, 18, Church Street for exterior alterations to widen doorway/shopfront & replace first floor windows to front elevation had been supported by members, with comment highlighting potential noise issues for adjacent properties, and the need to keep the footpath free from obstructions. No decision to date.

There was nothing to report from SSDC reference the operations being carried out at the Old Cowshed, Nowra, Priory Road.

The Council discussed the details received for application 18/03658/REM for Land north of Troubridge Park, Ilchester following approval 15/000247/OUT for the erection of 150 dwellings etc. Mrs. Panter highlighted the issue of access through Troubridge Park after construction, the width of the existing roads causing safety concerns, the use through the Estate during construction, as only one access will be available. It was agreed to look at the previous comments made by the Council on application 15/000247/OUT, to be circulated to members, before formally instructing the Clerk to respond to the application.

144. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 30/11/18 C/A/c £168 & B/R A/c £42,802.86p

Receipts - £7.08p Bank interest, £94 A.J. Wakely ashes interment, £68 Trinity College & £1,163.02 VAT reclaim

Payments made -

13/12/18	2363	£20	Sophie Pack- Stone - skate park area
13/12/18	2364	£90	Trinity College – allotment rent
13/12/18	2365	£58.49	J. Stapleton refreshments Remembrance Sunday
13/12/18	2366	£194.79	Wessex Water allotments
13/12/18	2367	£550	J. Berkley – painting skate park equipment
13/12/18	2368	£539.85	PTH salary & expenses
13/12/18	2369	£60	A. Piper cleaning bus shelters
13/12/18	2370	£43.50	ITT room hire

The above cheques were approved and signed.

The Council approved the list of donations to be paid from the January meeting.

These being - £150 Air Ambulance, £50 CAB, £50 St. John Ambulance, £50 St. Margaret's Hospice, £200 IDCA, £300 St. Mary Major PCC, £100 Youth Parish Councils.

The Council agreed to consider the Budget & Precept at the January meeting. A budget meeting is being proposed to be held on December 28th with Mr. Edmondson. Members to inform him of any proposed expenditure.

145. Website

Mr. C. Williams stated that there was nothing to report.

146. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams stated that there was nothing to report.

The Clerk reported that had been the interment of the Ashes of two members of one family into a Grave.

147. Highway matters

The Council discussed the state of the footpath at the end of Almshouse Lane and having recommended that, before proceeding with the extra lighting, the kerbs in that area are painted with reflective paint and the yellow lines repainted, noted that County Highways had responded stating that they will not be painting the kerbs.

Mr. Marsh commented on the random removal of signage following the completion of the Limington Road works for the bridge repairs. This was noted.

The Council discussed the safety concerns at the Zebra crossings raised earlier, and it was agreed to highlight the need for careful driving in these areas in their Village newsletter, and ask for further advice from County Highways.

148. Flooding issues

The Council noted Mr. G. Hill's comment made earlier reference the storage of the sand bags at the Mead.

149. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that there is one vacant allotment.

The Council noted that there has been no response from Bidwells, Cambridge, reference the purchase of the allotments.

150. Mead Play area.

The SSDC inspection reports indicated that there is a still minor issue with the flat swing area matting.

151. Skate Park

Mrs. Panter reported that she has received three quotations for for painting the Skate park equipment, which had been circulated to all members, and recommended acceptance of the quote of £550 from J. Berkley. This quotation was unanimously accepted.

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.

152. Rights of Way

Mr. Pope reported that there had been no action on the repair of the gatepost on FP. Y 12/9 in Priory Road.

153. Tree Matters

There were no issues raised.

154. Correspondence

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

155. Items for Report, or for the agenda of the next meeting

Mrs. Panter thanked all members who had helped put up the Christmas trees at the Town Hall on Novembe 30th and it was agreed to take them down on January 6th .

Miss Stapleton highlighted rubbish issues outside the Car wash area, Northover, and by the 'Chinese Take away' in the Market Place. Miss Stapleton also drew attention to cigarette butts left in the High Street outside the Dolphin Inn. These issues were noted.

Miss Stapleton informed the meeting that there will be a Coffee morning on December 21st and also Carols will be sung on 'The Green' weather permitting.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday January 10th 2019 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman wished all present Compliments of the Season, thanked all present for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed:

Date:

