

**Minutes of the Ilchester Parish Council meeting held on Thursday February 8th 2018
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. J. Edmondson, Mr. S. Marsh,, Mr. G. Pope, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner and Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Eight members of the public attended.

178. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. A. MacGregor, Mr. S. McAllister, Mrs. F. Goodliffe, IDCA PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO John Winfield.

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

180. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Mr. S. Marsh explained the background to the new General Data Protection Act, which is to come in force from May 25th. Details of the steps required had been circulated to Councillors and it was agreed that this has to be addressed. On the advice of Mr. Capozzoli, it was agreed to ask SSDC for further information, as the Act will be applied to all Councils, Charities and businesses, before proceeding.

181. Open Session & County & District Councillors' reports.

Mr. Bloomfield, County County Councillor reported that the County Council will be asking for an increase of 2.99% increase in Council tax, with The Police asking for an increase of 6.6% & the Fire service yet to be determined. Mr. Bloomfield stated that the County Council has a shortfall in their finances to the end of their financial year.

The County Council are proposing to build 24 new Schools at a cost of £120 million.

Mr. Bloomfield stated that the issue of the ownership of the turning area at the Mead by the Scout hut is still ongoing, and that he had been down through Pillbridge Lane and had only met with one person walking with their dog

The Council noted that the SSDC Area East Annual meeting with Parish Councils has been postponed.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor reported that application 17/01215/FUL for Mr. M. Knight at New Spittles Farm for the construction of an aerobic digestion plant to include associated equipment and on-site infrastructure for the purpose of generating renewable energy from grass silage and straw and upgrading and improvement of the existing access farm track is to be considered at the March meeting of SSDC Area East Committee.

Mr. Capozzoli informed the meeting that there are proposals to move Ilchester from the Ivelchester Ward into the Northstone Ward, this being an area from Barton St. David to Kingsdon. This was noted for later discussion.

Mr. G. Hill stated that he has attended a meeting, held on behalf of Highways England showing the proposals for the dualling the A.303 from Podimore to Sparkford.

Mr. G. Hill stated that he did not intend to pursue with providing Highways England a list of Property owners. This was noted, as being a wise decision, in the light of the new proposed legislation.

Mr. G. Hill stated that he felt that the modelling was none too accurate, as it was not allowing for proper flows at the Town bridge. After discussion, it was agreed that any comment from Mr. Hill, is left until the detailed modelling is received.

Mr. G. Hill reported that he had received positive feed back from the IDB, reference the dip in the flood bank by the Pen stock at the Mead, that the issue will be addressed.

Mr. Whittaker asked for an update on his request for extra lighting at the end of Almshouse Lane. Mrs. Panter stated that two quotations had been received, and after discussion, Mrs. Whittaker agreed to consult with her neighbours to make sure that all in that area were aware of the proposal and had no objections, this to be reported back to the Council before proceeding with either scheme. There is also an issue with the state of the footpath in that area. Mr. Bloomfield agreed to contact County Highways.

Mr. S. Banks reported that he had removed a grille in West Street in the interests of safety and has it at his home in West Street. Mr. Bloomfield stated that he would investigate and report to County Highways.

Mrs. Whittaker highlighted a safety issue of cyclists using Almshouse Lane to exit into Church Street. This was discussed and noted.

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

The Council noted an Email received from British Telecoms Pay phones, indicating that the Parish Council via SSDC, wished to adopt the telephone kiosk at Great Orchard. The Clerk was instructed to inform BT. Payphones that the Parish Council had agreed in 2016 that the Council did not wish to adopt the kiosk.

The Council noted the apology received from PC. S. Edwards

It was noted that Mr. R. Graydon, RNAS CRO has been invited to the next meeting. It was noted that he is sent both the minutes and agenda, for information.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Ilchester Town Trust stating that there are issues with the insuring of the newly purchased tractor for the Sports field.

It was reported that the Clerk is being asked for booking details for the Town Hall and after discussion, it was agreed that the Council should add a link to the Town Trust on to the Council's website.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

In the absence of Mrs. Goodliffe, Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA that the quiz held on January 13th had been well supported and thanks were expressed to the Quiz master, Mr. J. Edmondson.

Miss Stapleton informed the meeting that there is to be a get together for the Newsletter distributors.

The Council agreed that the Town Hall should be used for the refreshments following the Remembrance service on November 11th this year.

Rev. Faulkner highlighted the Ash Wednesday service, which is to support the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Foundation, this body is working with Children and recording stories from those who have served and lived through the War.

183. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that the Youth Parish Councils are continuing with the designs for the Bus shelters, and Corrie Robertson from Tall Trees Community Centre had given a talk to them.

184. Planning matters

The Council noted that the application 17/01215/FUL for Mr. M. Knight at New Spittles Farm for the construction of an aerobic digestion plant to include associated equipment and on-site infrastructure for the purpose of generating renewable energy from grass silage and straw and upgrading and improvement of the existing access farm track will now be considered at the March meeting of SSDC Area East Committee meeting.

The Council noted application 18/00289/FUL for the erection of a new building to provide 2 No. holiday lets with associated parking/access on Land OS 5149 adjacent South Mead Farm - adjacent Parish

185. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/01/18 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £40,452.78p

Receipts - Bank interest £1.87p & £95 Cook & Sons Funeral Directors

Payments made -

08/02/18	2305	£294	Hags -Smp Ltd Mead equipment spares
08/02/18	2306	£420	Cerdic Foundries finial
08/02/18	2307	£20	Sophie Pack- Stone - skate park area
08/02/18	2308	£2,494	Greenacres half maintenance
08/02/18	2309	£524.08	PTH salary & expenses
08/02/18	2310	£552	Parsigns Ltd plaque for Mead

The above cheques were approved and signed.

The Council were shown the potential details for the plaque for The Mead. After discussion, with Mr. Edmondson requesting a change to the design, and a need for a guarantee of the material to be specified, ideally metal or long lasting non rusting material, it was agreed to subject to price, to accept the quotation of £552 inclusive of VAT. It was agreed that a letter of Agreement from the present owner Mr. T. Goddard, 56, The Mead that the plaque has his permission and also for any future owners. This to be signed by both parties.

186. Website

Mr. C. Williams, after discussion, agreed to add a link on the Website to connect to the Ilchester Town Trust, reference booking enquiries for use of the Town Hall.

187. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams, after discussion, stated that he will advise on a better form of fencing to hide the cuttings. It was agreed not to repair the damaged hurdles at present, but to also consider reducing the area at the same time.

The Clerk reported that the quotation obtained from the Contractors to take all the cuttings away, would be in the region of £2,000 due to tipping charges, which would have been included. It was agreed that this was not a viable option.

188. Highway matters

The Council noted that Mr. Pope had put up the direction sign indicating 'Right Only arrow' in Back Lane leaving the Ilchester Arms. Mr. Pope was thanked for doing this. It was noted that a request is to be made for a white line to be painted by County Highways on the corner of West Street / Pillbridge Lane to improve road safety.

Mr. Marsh stated that the issues at Pillbridge Lane reflect a lack of courtesy on the part of some drivers. After discussion, it was agreed that there should be an item put in the Newsletter asking for more consideration.

It was agreed to leave the two quotations received from the County Highways Lighting Officers reference the request for further lighting at the end of Almshouse Lane, these being £1,769.20p at the corner of the High Street & £2,913.35p with a pole connected from the supply by Manor Gardens, for the next meeting following the report received from Mrs. Whittaker.

It was noted that the missing finial from the finger post sign at the junction of Church Street & Limington road is being made and the Clerk will deliver it to Mr. S. Marsh.

The Council noted Facebook comments reference the zebra crossings and speed humps by the Schools. It was agreed to ask for a Police presence in these areas.

Mr. Pope reported that the direction arrow had been painted at the rear of the Ilchester Arms.

189. Flooding issues

It was noted that there was nothing to report, except to note the earlier comments.

190. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams, reported that the allotments are very damp, he has oiled the locks, quotes are being obtained for the final length of fencing and there are six names on the waiting list.

It was noted that the transfer of the Allotment area to the Council from Trinity College was progressing.

191. Mead Play area.

The Clerk reported that the wings for the play equipment had arrived from Hags Ltd. It was agreed to contact Play UK Grounds Ltd to fix the equipment, and the SSDC inspection reports indicated that there were no issues to address.

192. Skate Park

The Council agreed that the equipment will have to be painted during 2018.

The SSDC inspection reports indicated that there were bolts missing from the Table Tennis table. An Email from Mr. Edmondson had been forwarded to SSDC explaining that these missing bolts were part of delivery process.

193. Rights of Way

The Council noted the article in the Newsletter giving the advice from County Rights of Way as to the legality of users permitted on Pillbridge Lane, which confirmed that it is a Bridle Path, had been well received.

194. Tree Matters

There were no matters reported.

195. Correspondence

The Council noted SSVCA letter.

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

The Council discussed the proposals to move Ilchester from the Ivelchester Ward into the Northstone Ward, this being an area covering from Barton St. David, Keinton Mandeville, the Charltons & Kingsdon, it was agreed that this should be dealt with at the next meeting.

The meeting was informed that there will be a further meeting with Symphony on February 19th.

The Council noted a 'Village in View' event being held in the Town Hall on March 24th from 11.00am.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday March 8th 2018 at 7.30pm,

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed:

Date:

