

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

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

159. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. A. MacGregor, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mrs. F. Goodliffe, IDCA & PCSO John Winfield.

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

161. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Mrs. C. Stockwell again raised the issue of vehicles using the F.P. Pillbridge Lane, as she has again received abuse, whilst walking her dog and is convinced that these vehicles have no Rights to use the F.P.

Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor reported on the Legal advice that he had received, to the legal status of Pillbridge Lane, which indicated that those who drive on the B.P. In law, need to prove that they have a Legal right to do so. Copies were available.

Mrs. Stockwell stated that there are no refuges to get out of the way of vehicles. Mr. R. Blake supported her concerns. Mrs. Stockwell suggested that a sign 'Pedestrians have Right of Way' should be erected, with Mrs. Panter suggesting that Councillors visit Pillbridge Lane to see the issues.

Mrs. Stockwell highlighted possible pollution of the river Yeo. This was noted.

Mr. B. Masters stated that signs put up at the Mead have had no effect on slowing traffic, with Mr. McAllister stating that he had contacted the Scouts. The issue of the ownership of the turning area at the Mead by the Scout hut was again raised, with Mr. Blake agreeing to ask the Ilchester Town Trust at their next meeting for any information regarding the ownership of the area in question.

The Council noted that Mr. Bloomfield was dealing with the potential re-location of the gate at the area of the turning area beyond Mead Farm.

The Clerk reported the response from the IDB / Environment Agency reference the dip in the flood bank by the Pen stock at the Mead, as raised by Mr. G. Hill. This indicated that this was to be expected. The response was given to Mr. Hill, who agreed to respond to the Email received. Mr. Hill stated that in his opinion, the E.A was overestimating the amount of water flowing through the Town Bridge.

Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor reported that the County Council will be asking for an increase of 2.99% increase in Council tax. The Police & Fire service have a separate figure. Also Adult services have a separate allocation from Central government.

Mr. Capozzoli gave details of proposals to create a Garden Town on either side of the A.303 from Podimore to Babcary consisting of some industrial units & some 15,000 dwellings. Mr. Capozzoli highlighted that insufficient houses are being built at present within SSDC area, and this would go some way to supplying this number. It was noted that any comments on these proposals had to be with SSDC by noon on January 11th. It was reported that Mr. Edmondson had drafted a response, copied to all members, and the Clerk had forwarded these comments to the SSDC Planning Policy Officers. Mrs. Panter asked that application 17/01215/FUL is taken to a future meeting of SSDC Area East Committee, Mr. Capozzoli stated that he will not be asking for it to go to Committee. This was noted.

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

The Council noted the apology received from PCSO J. Winfield. Rev. Faulkner stated that the Police are now more mobile responding to incidents, as these occur, wherever these happen, & no longer being confined to the local beat area.

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

Mr. R. Blake reported on behalf of the Ilchester Town Trust stating that there had been no meeting in December, and a new wall had been built at the entrance to the Sports field.

In the absence of Mrs. Goodliffe, Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA that the Flower show and the Street Fair with a WW1 theme, are being discussed, and there is to be a quiz held on January 13th.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

Rev. Faulkner stated that there has been a second meeting discussing other possible events & to co-ordinate the Service to be held on November 11th 2018, marking the Centenary of the end of the 'Great War' (First World War). It had been agreed to ask for the Parish Council's support for some form of new Memorial – possible 'living' form, sponsoring perhaps. It was agreed to put this as an agenda item.

Rev. Faulkner highlighted that there will be a 'Royal Wedding' in St. Mary's Church on May 18th.

Miss Stapleton she had purchased a timer for the tree lights.

Rev. Faulkner reported a fallen tree at St. Andrew's, Northover and had met with Mr. S. King, who had given permission that the cuttings can be put over the wall to clear the path to St. Andrew's. It was confirmed that the wall adjacent to the field is in the ownership of Mrs. Irene King. Rev. Faulkner stated that he is to meet with SSDC to discuss the area at St. Andrew's.

Rev. Faulkner informed the meeting that the Northover Triangle was listed in 1847 documents as the 'Parish Pound'.

Mrs. Panter reported on the meeting that she, Mr. Edmondson and Miss Stapleton had held with Symphony at the Surgery, on December 18th. The main points arising from the meeting were – Adverts in both the Viaduct & the Five Parishes magazine & Limington news, Surgery style event, Joint newsletter, Phones to be returned to Ilchester, Opening hours to be from 8.50am for Morning Surgery & 13.50 for Afternoon Surgery and a Joint website is being set up. The list of GPs & NPs was available. There will be a further meeting on February 19th.

164. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that the Youth Parish Councils had not met, but are starting designs for the Bus shelters.

165. Planning matters

The Council considered amended plans for 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. After some debate, the Council agreed the following comment - that whilst accepting that the landscape proposals were an improvement, there remains the issue of access, over which the Parish Council has great safety concerns, in using the slip road access into New Spittles Farm from the A.303. The Council still need to have a rock solid assurance that there will be no access to the proposed site via the High Street / West Street & Pillbridge Lane. As the permission for another adjacent Digester has lapsed, there needs to be consideration that the use of the same access, as, if the other application is revived, this would greatly increase the danger / road safety. The Council therefore still oppose the application on two grounds, access and flood plain impact. Also there still needs to be a defined list of what type of waste will be used. The Council also request that at minimum, Area East Committee visit the site, and subject to the Chair of the Area East Committee the application is debated at an Area East Committee meeting. Mrs. Panter again strongly recommended that this application should be taken at a future meeting of SSDC Area East Committee meeting, but Mr. Capozzoli stated that he will not be asking for it to go to Committee.

The Council noted that application 17/04396/FUL for Mr. Steve Marsh, 22, Limington Road for demolition of single storey/garage link and erection of a pitched roof extension had been granted.

166. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/12/17 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £41,735.19p

Receipts - Bank interest £1.68p & £440 Mr. A. Stephens

Payments made -

11/01/18	2294	£36.60	HMRC paye tax
11/01/18	2295	£115.20	SSDC annual play inspection report
11/01/18	2296	£20	Sophie Pack- Stone - skate park area
11/01/18	2297	£533.48	PTH salary & expenses
11/01/18	2298	£150	Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance donation
11/01/18	2299	£50	Citizens Advice donation
11/01/18	2300	£50	St. John Ambulance donation
11/01/18	2301	£50	St. Margaret's Hospice donation

11/01/18	2302	£200	IDCA donation
11/01/18	2303	£300	St. Mary Major PCC donation
11/01/18	2304	£100	Youth Parish Councils donation

The above cheques were approved and signed.

The Council formally approved the above donations, as listed.

Mr. Edmondson presented the financial proposals for the next year's budget 2018/19. After consideration, the Council approved the budget figures, as presented. It was noted that copies had been circulated to all members.

On the proposition of Mr. Edmondson, seconded by Miss Stapleton, the Council approved that the Precept 2018/19 is to be set for £24,500, plus £100 Council Tax Support Grant. This being an increase of £500 from last year's precept of £24,000.

Mr. McAllister informed the meeting that the plaque should have wording to include 1818 – 200 years Ilchester Mead. It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain designs from Parsigns, Somerton for approval, also to compose a letter of Agreement from the present owner of the property, that the plaque has his permission and also for any future owners. This to be signed by both parties.

167. Website

In the absence of Mr. C. Williams, it was agreed that the information given by Rev. B. Faulkner re. the Centenary events being considered is added to a link on the Website.

168. Cemetery

In the absence of Mr. C. Williams, Mrs. Panter read his Email, which suggested that the three damaged hurdles are replaced & thought is given to a different form of fencing. Discussion took place, and it was agreed that a quotation is obtained from the Contractors to take all the cuttings away. This to be an agenda item.

169. 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 further discussion.

On the proposition of Mr. Marsh, seconded by Miss Stapleton, it was agreed to accept the quotation of £350 plus VAT to replace the missing finial from the finger post sign at the junction of Church Street & Limington road. The Clerk to action.

170. Flooding issues

The Clerk reported the response from the IDB / Environment Agency reference the dip in the flood bank by the Pen stock at the Mead, as raised by Mr. G. Hill. This indicated that this was to be expected. It was noted that Mr. Hill will be responding to the Email received.

It was noted that there was nothing to report reference the Modelling query.

171. Allotments

In the absence of Mr. H. Williams, there was nothing to report, and it was noted that the transfer of the Allotment area to the Council from Trinity College was progressing.

172. 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.

173. Skate Park

The Council agreed that the equipment will have to be painted during 2018, and the SSDC inspection reports indicated that there were no issues to address.

174. Rights of Way

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact County Rights of Way as to the legality of users permitted on Pillbridge Lane, following Mr. Bloomfield's advice earlier

175. Tree Matters

Mr. Edmondson stated that he has yet to speak to a resident of West Street, reference an overhanging tree. There were no other matters reported.

176. Correspondence

The Council noted Clerks Direct.

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

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

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 9.47pm.

Signed:

Date: