

**Minutes of the Ilchester Parish Council meeting held on Thursday January 10th 2019
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Pope, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner (later), Mr. M. Smith, IDCA, and Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Four members of the public attended.

156. Apologies

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

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

158. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Mr. G. Hill reported that he has heard from the SRA that the Flood bank issues are now being delayed. It was confirmed that the Parish Council had also been informed.

Mr. Hill reported on behalf of Ms. J. Burrell that there have been incidents of vehicles being driven at high speed in the early hours, in the vicinity of the Mead. This to be reported to the Police.

In the absence of Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, there were no County Council issues reported.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor reported that Limington Parish, which has no Parish Council only a Parish meeting, are discussing the potential of becoming a Parish Council, as the existing status is not satisfactory.

Mr. Capozzoli confirmed that there will be three District Councillors covering a wider area including the present Ilchester ward, from the elections to be held on May 2nd 2019.

In answer to a query, Mr Capozzoli reported that 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 had been considered at SSDC Area East Committee and subject to conditions to existing containers on site, being removed, had been granted.

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

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

Apologies were noted from PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Thelma Mead. The Council noted the newsletter received from the Police Crime Commissioner.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of ITT, stating that the Monument issue is progressing slowly, and the containers at the Sports field had been emptied.

Mr. Smith, Chairman of IDCA reported that IDCA with the Town Trust have bought a new multi colour printer and the newsletter will be in colour sized A5. Updates on the contact information were given to Mr. Smith.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

A letter received from St. Mary Major PCC, was read stating that an application is being made to the Department of Justice, to formally close the Churchyard at St. Andrew's Northover. The Council agreed that this item should be on the next agenda, as there is a need for the Parish Council to make a formal response, plus there will be a potential implication, that the future maintenance will fall to the Parish Council.

161. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that the Youth Parish Councils sponsored 'Business in Lights' had been won by 'Just Maria', and a representative from the Tall Trees Community Centre will be attending their next meeting.

162. Planning matters

The Council noted the decision reported by Mr. Capozzoli, 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 – granted.

The Council noted that there was no decision to date on 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.

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

The Council noted that various issues had been highlighted following discussion by members of the Council, on 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. These being – a) Access to & from the site through the existing Estate on to the B.3151 with two Schools opposite will cause major safety issues, b) During construction, there is concern, if the access is as proposed, there will be an issue with the potential of vehicles being parked by residents within the existing Estate, causing mayhem. The Council would strongly recommend the use of an alternative temporary access to the development from the B.3151 - opposite the Norseland Cheese Factory & c) The Council still have concerns at the overall impact on the two Schools and the NHS provision within Ilchester.

163. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/12/18 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £42,802.86p

Receipts - £7.32p Bank interest,

Payments made -

30/12/18	2371	£200	J. Berkley – part painting skate park equipment
10/01/19	2372	£150	Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance - donation
10/01/19	2373	£50	Citizens Advice Bureau - donation
10/01/19	2374	£50	St. John Ambulance - donation
10/01/19	2375	£50	St. Margaret's Hospice - donation
10/01/19	2376	£200	IDCA - donation
10/01/19	2377	£300	St. Mary Major PCC - donation
10/01/19	2378	£100	Youth Parish Councils - donation
10/01/19	2379	£424.60	SSDC play inspections
10/01/19	2380	£33.80	HMRC paye tax
10/01/19	2381	£20	Sophie Pack- Stone - skate park area
10/01/19	2382	£519.44	PTH salary & expenses

The above cheques were approved and signed.

It was noted that the Cheque number 2367 for £550 to J. Berkley had been cancelled, due to adverse weather conditions and the paint not setting properly.

The Council members, having received from Mr. Edmondson copies of Budget proposals, discussed these and on the proposition of Mr. H. Williams, seconded by Miss Stapleton, unanimously approved the budget and agreed to set the precept for 2019/20 at £25,000. This being raised from £24,500, to include the potential election charge of £400, if an election for the Parish Council is held.

164. Website

Following comment made by Mr. Smith, IDCA, reference having a Community calendar on the Council's website, it was agreed that Mr. C. Williams will discuss this further, but it was felt that having a link from Council's website should be a way forward.

165. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams stated that there is some alder that needs attention.

166. Highway matters

The Council discussed the state of the footpath at the end of Almshouse Lane and agreed that the kerbs in that area are painted with reflective paint. The Lighting request to be left in abeyance.

167. Flooding issues

The Council noted Mr. G. Hill's comment made earlier reference SRA comments.

168. Allotments

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

The Clerk informed the Council that Bidwells, Cambridge, wished to discuss the situation in a telephone call on Friday afternoon, reference the purchase of the allotments.

The Council discussed whether any offer to buy the allotment area should proceed, and it was agreed that any offer should be in the region of £12 K as recommended by the District Valuer.

169. Mead Play area.

Mrs. Panter reported that the SSDC inspection reports indicated that there are no high risk issues.

170. Skate Park

Mrs. Panter reported that she has bought the paint and that it had been agreed that having started painting the surfaces were too cold for painting the Skate park equipment, and the painting will be finished later in the year. Mr. J. Berkley has been paid £200.

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. The Clerk is to contact Gravity Ltd for advice.

171. Rights of Way

Mr. Pope reported that a resident has sent a letter to Somerset County Council Rights of Way reference the broken gatepost on FP. Y 12/9 in Priory Road and an alder issue.

172. Tree Matters

It was noted that contact had been made with the a resident, concerning overhanging tree branches in Priory road, who stated that there was issue to address. It was agreed to ask for advice from both SCC & SSDC.

173. Correspondence

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

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

Mrs. Panter thanked all members who had helped to take down the Christmas trees at the Town Hall on January 6th.

Mrs. Panter reported on issues appearing on Facebook concerning the Surgery, stating that having contacted the Surgery, there was nothing in fact true, regarding these rumours. This was noted.

Rev. Faulkner answered queries reference potential responsibilities involved with the proposed Closure of the St. Andrew's Chuchyard area, as this will revert to the Paish Council for future maintenance.

Rev. Faulkner informed the meeting that 'Ilchester 100' had ended with a surplus of over £600, and this had been donated to the Royal British Legion. The Christmas tree service had resulted in £265 being sent to the Childrens Society.

Miss Stapleton informed the meeting that the Coffee morning held on December 21st had raised £145 and this had been sent to Diabetes UK.

The Council considered a letter received from two young members of the Parish, asking for a contribution towards a 'World Challenge'. After discussion, it was agreed to reply that members of the Council individually would give support, but it was not for the Council to donate to specific persons however worthy the cause.

Mr. Marsh gave his apologies for the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday February 14th 2019 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Signed:

Date:

