

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

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. J. Edmondson, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. A. MacGregor, Mr. G. Pope, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mrs. F. Goodliffe, IDCA, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO & Commander B. O'Sullivan, RNAS, Mr. Steve Haigh, Radio Ninesprings, Rev. B. Faulkner (later) and Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Ten members of the public attended.

197. Apologies

Apologies were received from, Mr. S. McAllister, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO John Winfield.
Mrs. Panter welcomed Mr. MacGregor back after his recent illness.
Mrs. Panter welcomed Mr. R. Graydon, CRO and Commander B.O'Sullivan RNAS.

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

199. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Council noted that the new General Data Protection Act, which is to come in force from May 25th is still evolving, with further advice being received.

200. Open Session, RNAS, County & District Councillors' reports.

Mrs. Panter welcomed Mr. Steve Haigh, who introduced himself stating that he is intending to set up a new local Radio station, to be known as Ninesprings Radio. Mr. Haigh stated that at present there is no real local radio service and the proposal is to fill that gap. Mr. Haigh stated that to date £19K has been raised, has a room at Yeovil College and will cost £300 per week to run the station.

Miss Stapleton asked if there were any opportunities to involve the Youth of the area. Mr. Haigh stated that it was definitely his intention to engage with the younger element, with the expectation that the service will be on air starting in July / August. Mr. Haigh asked if the Council would consider some financial support. It was agreed to consider any donation later in the year.

Mr. Haigh was thanked for attending the meeting.

Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, introduced himself, stating that he has local connections, and is the local contact with RNAS Yeovilton, and it is his intention to remain in post for some time.

Mr. Graydon highlighted that RNAS wishes to be engaged with the local communities.

Commander B. O'Sullivan, RNAS informed the meeting that he is the second in command at RNAS, which has 4,500 personnel involved on the Base. Mrs. Whittaker asked if the Military Police have a role within Ilchester, and was informed that there are routine patrols of the married quarters, although their role outside this area is somewhat limited, there is a good relationship with the Police. Mr. Marsh asked if the Army personnel were also under Commander O' Sullivan's jurisdiction. He was informed that the Army on site at RNAS Yeovilton were. Mrs. Panter thanked them both for attending the meeting.

Mr. G. Hill reported that the tractor at the Sports field is in a ditch, which could cause a pollution issue. The meeting was assured that the Ilchester Town Trust was fully aware of the situation.

The Council discussed the proposals to move Ilchester Parish 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 the Council should not support this proposal, as there is no common link with Northstone Ward villages, and without Ilchester, how can the Ward be named Ivelchester, the current proposals take no consideration of the Church Benefice and it will cause chaos. It was agreed to inform the Local Boundary Commission & SSDC Policy Officers that the Parish Council was opposed to these proposals and wished for no change.

Mr. Bloomfield, County County Councillor reported that the County Council will be asking for an increase of 5.99% increase in Council tax, with The Police asking for an increase of 6.0% & the Fire service yet to be determined. It was noted that Parish Councils will in future be charged for the use of SIDs by SCC.

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 reported that SSDC are considering the provision of SIDs following the SCC decision to withdraw from the SID scheme. Mr. Pope asked how did Compton Dundon have a SID, apparently on a permanent basis. It was reported that Compton Dundon is within another District Council area and it was a different device – being a VAD.

Mrs. Whittaker reported that she had spoken to other residents in the area, reference the request for extra lighting at the end of Almshouse Lane and no one had raised any objections. 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 under financial matters.

The Council discussed the proposal from SSDC to have a Charging point at the Limington road car park for Electric vehicles. There was a division of opinion on this site, as it was felt that there will a loss of two parking spaces, although it was accepted that the principle towards electric vehicles was reasonable. It was pointed out that the re-siting of the Charging point could be arranged within the the car park, so as not to lose any existing parking spaces. (Mr. Edmondson is to draft a response for the Clerk to forward).

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

The Council noted the apology received from the Police.

Mr. H. Williams queried the lack of visible Policing in the village as there had been £10K worth of goods had stolen within the area. Mr. Bloomfield stated that there are less Police officers and policing in Bristol takes a lot of man power.

Mr. H. Williams asked if there was any date for the Council to visit the Roman Cemetery, as he had been asked by the Chairman of the Town Trust. It was agreed consider potential dates & put this on the agenda of the next meeting.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Ilchester Town Trust stating that the Trust was aware of the tractor in the ditch at the Sports field.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

Mrs. Goodliffe, Chair of IDCA informed the meeting that there had been a meeting recently and that she has given notice that she will be standing down as Chair, as will the Secretary. These posts are to be advertised prior to their Annual meeting.

In the absence of Rev. B. Faulkner at this point, Miss Stapleton reported that there is to be a Coffee morning on March 28th to raise funds towards the Centenary events.

202. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that the Youth Parish Councils are going well.

203. 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 on March 14th at the meeting of SSDC Area East Committee meeting and it was confirmed that the Council will be represented at that meeting.

Mrs. Panter stated that she & Mr. Edmondson are to meet with members of the Area East Committee on Monday March 12th at New Spittles Farm.

The Council considered and supported application 18/00289/FUL for Mr. & Mrs. A. Jones 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.

204. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 28/02/18 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £35,957.71p

Receipts - Bank interest £1.57p & £47 Appleby & Childs

Payments made -

08/03/18	2311	£66	N & S. Glover hedge trimming Cemetery
08/03/18	2312	£90	Trinity College rent allotment
08/03/18	2313	£20	Sophie Pack- Stone - skate park area
08/03/18	2314	£533.79	PTH salary & expenses
08/03/18	2315	£1,842	Geo Masters & Sons Ltd paving edges

The above cheques were approved and signed.

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, until the finances reference the purchase of the allotment area have been agreed and in place.

The Council were informed that the letter of Agreement stating that the plaque has permission and also for any future owners is with the present owners Mr. & Mrs. T. Goddard, of 56, The Mead, and the plaque is now being made.

The Council agreed on the recommendation of Mr. Edmondson, to accept a quotation of £179.18p plus VAT from Greenbarnes Ltd for a 6 A4 size notice board size 750 x 750 high for the Great Orchard area.

The Council received quotations via Mr. Edmondson for mowing / maintenance at St. Andrew's Northover, and after discussion, it was agreed that further quotations were required.

205. Website

Mr. C. Williams reported that there were no issues to report.

206. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams reported that the replacement kerbing works in the top area of the Cemetery, had been carried by Geo. Masters & Sons Ltd, was a great improvement and looked good, and Mr. C. Williams also confirmed that he will advise on a better form of fencing to hide the cuttings.

207. Highway matters

It was noted that the white line to be painted by County Highways on the corner of West Street / Pillbridge Lane to improve road safety is still outstanding.

It was agreed that photographic evidence will be given to Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor reference the condition of the footpath at the end of Almshouse Lane. Mr. Bloomfield agreed to then contact SCC Highways.

The Council were shown the finial for the Limington road signpost and it was given to Mr. Marsh for fitting to the signpost.

The Council noted the information received from SCC reference future provision of SIDs, which stated that this will not be continued by SCC, advising that there will now be a charge for use, or the option being to purchase one at a cost of c. £2,000. It was agreed that since Ilchester has had a new Zebra crossing installed & speed cushions put in the Schools' area, there should be no need to pay to have one at present.

The Council noted that the grille removed by Mr. S. Banks in West Street, in the interests of safety, is still at his home in West Street. County Highways have been informed.

Mr. Edmondson reported a damaged area of verge at the end of West Street, being due in his opinion, to Waste collection vehicles turning too sharply. It was agreed to contact Somerset Waste Partnership & SCC Highways.

208. Flooding issues

There were no issues reported.

209. Allotments

The Council considered the options received from Bidwells on behalf of Trinity College, which from the gifting offer, subject to any legal restrictions under Charity law, now were offering two options a) either to buy outright for the sum of £25K with each party paying their own legal fees or b) to grant a fifty year lease for £15K again each party paying their own legal fees.

The Council expressed their disappointment at this change and after some discussion, it was agreed unanimously on the proposition of Mr. Edmondson, seconded by Mr. H. Williams, in principle, to buy the allotments area, rather than lease. This being subject to the valuation being queried and the Council to explore potential grants from SSDC or other long term borrowing – Public Works Loan Board.

Mr. H. Williams, reported that the allotments are still very wet, as is the entrance. Mr. Williams stated that he has five names on the waiting list.

Mr. Williams reported that he has received three quotations received for the final third of fencing – £4,150 Smart Fencing Solution, £3,950 Fencing & More & £3,064.60p plus VAT T. Hayne Construction Ltd. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation from T. Hayne Construction Ltd.

210. Mead Play area.

The Clerk reported that Play UK Grounds Ltd are to sort out fitting the wings to the play equipment on Friday next. The SSDC inspection reports indicated that there were no issues to address.

211. Skate Park

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

212. Rights of Way

There were no issues raised.

213. Tree Matters

There were no matters reported.

214. Correspondence

The Council noted Clerks Direct.

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

Rev. Faulkner asked whether the wreathes laid at the War memorial, should be removed by a certain date, as it had been put to him that they should be removed. After discussion, the Council agreed that the wreathes can remain in place, provided that they are in a reasonable condition.

The meeting was informed that there will be an invitation from the ITT preview of their 2018 Exhibition dedicated to the Armistice and life & events during WW1, being held at the Museum on April 6th.

The Council noted a Village in View' event being held in the Town Hall on March 24th from 11.00am and it was agreed that the old Parish Council minutes books will be on display.

Mr. H. Williams reported that there is a television dumped at the entrance to the Old Spittles Farm, towards the Mead. Mr. Capozzoli agreed to report this issue.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday April 12th 2018 at 7.30pm, with the Annual Parish meeting being held on Thursday April 19th at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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