

**Minutes of the Ilchester Parish Council meeting held on Thursday September 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. A. MacGregor, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor and Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Seven members of the public attended.

80. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. G. Pope, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO John Winfield & Rev. B. Faulkner.

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

82. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Mr. R. Blake asked why had the the missing grate cover in West Street not been replaced, and a gate post on a Right of Way in Priory Road not been repaired. It was noted that the gate post on FP. Y12/9 had been reported by the Clerk, and the missing drain grater will be reported again to the relevant authority. Mr. Bloomfield stated that he will also make enquiries.

Mr. G. Hill reported that a team of residents had cleaned the culvert at the Mead in the area under the A.303 and had uncovered a new flap, which needed to be inspected by the IDB authority.

Mrs. Panter read from a Scouts newsletter, which advised parents to drive safely to the Scout hut at the Mead. This was noted.

Mrs. Panter thanked Brigadier Knudsen for all his support to the Ilchester Parish, as they will be leaving the area. Mrs. Knudsen was also thanked in her absence, for acting as the Internal auditor to the Council.

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

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor reported that Brigadier Knudsen is dealing with the 'Human Trafficking Organisation, the issue raised at the last meeting, reference possible 'Modern Slavery' at Northover.

Mr. Capozzoli asked the Council for permission for him to wear his Chain of Office, as Chairman of the South Somerset District Council, when he attends a function within the Parish. After consideration, the request was granted.

Mr. Bloomfield, County County Councillor reported that the County Council has held an emergency Cabinet meeting, which had approved severe cuts to their public services. Few roads will be gritted during this winter and there will be many other less services provided by SCC.

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

Apologies were noted from PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO John Winfield. It was agreed to contact the Police and ask for a Police presence on November 11th for the Remembrance Service.

It was agreed to ask Geo. Masters & Sons Ltd to paint the lettering on the War Memorial. It was unanimously agreed that teas will be served in the Town Hall following the Service. As it is the Centenary of the end of the 'Great War', it was agreed that this year, the wreath should be laid by the Chairman or vice- Chairman.

The Council noted an Email received, which had been circulated, from a resident at Tall Trees, which raised concerns at parking and other issues in the area. The Clerk was instructed under the Data Protection Act to ask the resident for permission to forward her Email to MOD at RNAS Yeovilton.

Mr. R. Blake reported on behalf of ITT, stating that the Monument issue is progressing, with work being expected to start by the end of September.

It was noted that the issue of someone with gun, seen leaving the Sports field, had been given permission and the provision of CCTV in that area is being investigated.

The Council noted that IDCA are holding a Quiz on September 15th and there is to be a fund raising event held to assist a young person with Spinal issues.

There was nothing reported from IRINEC.

In the absence of Rev. Faulkner, there were nothing reported on Church matters or on the Centenary events to commemorate the end of WW1.

Mr. Marsh reported from a recent meeting held at the Doctors' Surgery with members of Symphony. Three members of the Council had attended. It was reported that there are now four persons answering the telephones, and it was hoped to recruit one new Doctor. It was noted that much of the building is now being used as a Centre for administration. It was emphasised by the Councillors that there is still a need for better communication. Advice was asked on which are the best times in the day for patients to make telephone contact.

85. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton stated that there is to be a meeting later in the week.

86. Planning matters

The Council noted that application 18/01751/FUL for Mr. Mark Knight at Spittles Farm for an extension to an existing agricultural building to cover an open cow yard to reduce pollution risks had been granted.

The Council noted that application 18/02086/FUL for Mr. & Mrs. M. Krsmanovic at Croft House, Priory Road for the erection of single and two storey rear extension and rear balcony to dwelling had been withdrawn.

The Council noted that there was no decision on application 18/02133/LBC for Mrs. K. Banks at the Coach House, West Street for internal alterations to create an opening in kitchen wall.

The Council noted that SSDC were still investigating the issue of a caravan sited at the Car wash facility site in Northover, apparently being used as overnight accommodation.

87. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/08/18 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £52,126.22p

Receipts - Bank interest £2.23p & £50 Allotment rent

Payments made -

13/09/18	2345	£90	Trinity College allotment rent
13/09/18	2346	£3,677.52	T. Hayne Construction Ltd fencing allotments
13.09/18	2347	£2,523.65	Greenacres ½ mowing contract
13/09/18	2348	£20	Sophie Pack- Stone - skate park area
13/09/18	2349	£536.41	PTH salary & expenses

The above cheques were approved and signed.

On the proposition of Mrs. Panter, seconded by Miss Stapleton, the Council agreed to formally ask Mrs. P. Morley to accept being the Internal auditor to the Council.

The Council considered two quotations received, one via Mr. MacGregor from Julian Guy & the other from Greenacres for works to keep the Churchyard at Northover in a reasonable state. These were for a one off cut & tidy and for regular cuts throughout next year's season. After consideration, the Council accepted the quotation of £265 from Mr. J. Guy, Draycott for the one off cut this season.

After some discussion, it was agreed to leave the issue of next year's maintenance until the St. Mary Major PCC had met, and consider whether they might make a contribution towards the annual cost.

88. Website

Mr. C. Williams reported that he was looking into the issue of the links to the site, that were well out of date/. It was reported there had been 1,227 visits to the site in August.

89. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams reported that the Clerk had met with Greenacres to obtain a quotation for the works. Also it was agreed that Mr. Williams would meet with Mr. McAllister and discuss the possibility of getting some of his personnel to clear the two sites.

90. Highway matters

The Council agreed to leave the proposal for further lighting at the end of Almshouse Lane until all residents living in that area are contacted before proceeding with the extra lighting.

The Council noted the request to have the road surface by 4, The Mead repaired and the response received from SCC Highways.

91. Flooding issues

The Council noted an Email from the SRA reference future modelling, and a copy of an Email reference the dip in the Flood bank at the Mead, stating that sand bags will be used as temporary stopgap..

The Council noted that a gap reported in the area adjacent to the Town bridge, had been reported to Environment Agency by the Clerk.

92. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that the fencing works had been completed to a very high standard. However, it was highlighted, that there is one section which could be higher due to the ground contours. It was agreed that Mr. Williams would contact T. Hayne, the Contractor.

Mr. Williams asked permission to put up a notice 'Camera in operation' and this was agreed.

The Council discussed the situation of the impasse on the independent advice received on the issue of the price of the purchase between the District Valuer's comments & that of Bidwell's. It was formally agreed that the Council ask the District Valuer to make a 'Red book' valuation, which the College would have to take seriously.

93. Mead Play area.

The SSDC inspection reports indicated that there is a minor issue with the flat swing area matting, Mr. Marsh agreed to deal with this issue.

94. Skate Park

Mrs. Panter stated that she had not yet obtained quotations for painting the Skate park equipment.

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.

95. Rights of Way

In the absence of Mr. Pope, it was noted that the SCC Rights of Way had been informed of the issue of the gatepost on FP. Y 12/9 in Priory Road, as reported earlier.

96. Tree Matters

It was noted that the owner of the overhanging trees in Priory had not yet been contacted.

97. Correspondence

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

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

Mr. Marsh informed the meeting of a person living in a caravan. This was noted.

The Council noted the passing of Mr. W. Oldnall, who had been proprietor of the Garage in the High Street for well over thirty years.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday October 11th 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

Signed:

Date:

