

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday August 13th 2020
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chairman, Mrs. H. Panter, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. L. Midwinter, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. G. Pope, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Two members of the public were present.

21. Apologies

Apologies were received from, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, RNAS, PC. Stefan Edwards, PCSO Thelma Mead & Rev. B. Faulkner.

The meeting was held with strict social distancing due to the Covid 19 epidemic. Thanks were expressed to the Town Trust for these arrangements.

22. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on July 9th having been circulated, were signed as correct.

23. Vacancy

As there were no nominations put forward, it was agreed to leave this as an agenda item.

24. Declarations of Interest

Mr. C. Williams & Mr. S. Marsh declared Interests for application 20/02018/HOU at 23, Limington Road for the erection of a single storey to the rear of dwelling.

25. Open Session – with RNAS, County & District Councillors’ reports

Mrs. Panter reported that recently there had been issues of disorderly & noisy behaviour in the High street & Market Place. Some of this involving Naval & Military personnel. Mrs. Panter stated that this antisocial behaviour shows a lack of respect for Ilchester residents. Miss Stapleton stated that there had been fighting on the green in front of the Town Hall. There was also havoc at the Chinese takeaway and at the Italian restaurant. Mrs. McGee stated that she has had issues and had contacted RNAS.

Mrs. McGee stated that there has been no advance communication from RNAS as to when transport would be arriving to take the personnel back to Base, and this information would assist greatly in how to manage the situations. It was noted that not all noisy behaviour late at night, was created by the Navy & Military. Mrs. Panter stated that she has asked that the Police are more visible in late evenings.

It was agreed that a letter is composed to be sent to the new Commodore, Cdre Niall Griffin, copied to Mr. Graydon, RNAS, CRO, the Landlords of the Bull & Dolphin Hotels. (Mrs. Panter to draft it).

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor highlighted issues with the Planning department, stated that the Lead Officer, Mr. Fox had left & planners were relying on Google Earth to view planning sites.

Mr. Marsh asked Mr. Capozzoli to investigate as to why application 19/01359/FUL at Eagle Close had not been determined as it was over a year since the application had been submitted.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council had sent their views to SSDC opposing the creation of a Unitary Authority. Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor, stated that SSDC were now proposing alternative suggestions to these proposals.

In the absence of Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, it was noted that he had supported the Unitary proposals, and no report having been received.

26. Police & Community issues – St. Andrew’s Northover, Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC & Church matters

The Council noted the report received from PCSO Thelma Mead, which gave the Crime stats for the area. This was appreciated. The issues discussed in the Open Session were noted.

It was noted that as the Newsletter is not being printed as yet, due to Covid 19 issues reference distribution, the letter re. parking issues has not been published.

The Council noted that there are two Parish Council nominee vacancies to be filled on the Town Trust. There were no nominations put forward.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust, stating that there are now new Surveyors involved with the Monument situation, a stainless steel rod will have to put in the centre core and this has changed the time scale of work.

Mr. H. Williams also reported increased security is being put on the Sports field.

Miss Stapleton informed the meeting that IDCA are planning to hold a Zoom meeting.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC, except that there had been no face to face meetings.

In the absence of Rev. Faulkner, it was reported that the formal request for the Closure of St. Andrew's, Northover Churchyard has been advertised in the local press.

27. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that two members have asked if there could be a meeting, and this is being considered.

28. Planning matters

The Council noted that to date no reply apart from an acknowledgement from the Leader of the Council, reference the letter sent to the SSDC Planning, expressing concerns that it now has to be the applicant that has to canvas opinion from the adjacent properties on any application, has been received.

The Council noted the following -

Application 19/01359/FUL for Beaufort Court Management Co. Ltd Eagle Close, for the creation of 5 No car parking spaces, cycle store & bin provision – no decision

Application 19/02668/FUL for Mr. Mark Knight at New Spittles Farm for an agricultural building to be used as a calving yard & associated works – no decision

Application 19/02670/FUL at New Spittles Farm for an agricultural building to be used as a collecting and dispersal yard facility & associated works – no decision

Application 19/02669/FUL at New Spittles Farm for an agricultural building to be used as a milking parlour complex & associated works – no decision

The Council noted that application 20/01227/FUL at Sock Dennis Farm for the construction of an outdoor riding arena for personal use had been granted.

The Council noted that application 20/01445/FUL at Hainbury Farm for construction of 3 homes on former yard area together with amenity area and parking / carport had been granted.

The Council discussed and supported application 20/01866/OUT at New Spittles Farm, for construction of a new access to the anaerobic digestion facility by upgrading some existing farm tracks and constructing a new road off the current access to New Spittles Farm from the Ilchester mead interchange.

The Council discussed and supported application 20/01842/HOU at 26, Kingsham for the erection of a two storey side extension to dwelling house, expressing concern at parking provision.

The Council discussed and supported application 20/02024/FUL at New Spittles Farm for the erection of an agricultural building.

Having declared Personal & prejudicial Interests, Mr. C. Williams, applicant & Mr. Marsh, adjacent owner, both left the meeting. The Council discussed and supported application 20/02018/HOU at 23, Limington Road for the erection of a single storey to the rear of dwelling.

Mr. C. Williams & Mr. Marsh returned to the meeting.

29. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/07/20 being in C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £51,161.69p.

Receipts - £0.44p Bank interest

Payments made -

13/08/20	2480	£192	SSDC Dog litter bin
13/08/20	2481	£132	Play Inspection Co. Ltd annual play report
13/08/20	2482	£25	Miss S. Pack-Stone skate park
13/08/20	2483	£574.18	P. Horsington salary & expenses

The above payments were authorised and the cheques signed.

The Council noted that Countryside membership of Mole Valley Farmers Ltd is progressing, with Mr. H. Williams & Mr. C. Williams being authorised to use the account.

The Council considered the schedule of mowing for 2020/21, having been circulated, which had been reviewed by Mr. Marsh, and it was agreed, after some discussion, that three quotations are to be obtained, with the proviso, that two areas are costed separately, with the option to be included or not, these being the Market Place in front of the Town Hall & the Ransom strip in Priory road.

30. Website

The Council were informed that the Website now conforms with Accessibility Regulations 2018 and the requirement from the Cabinet Office to securely lock the site has been done.

31. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams stated that he and Mr. Bushell will provide a schedule of works for the Cemetery building, with the costs for materials, and a working party from 'Train for All' will provide the labour, under supervision, at no cost to the Council. This action was agreed unanimously.

32. Highway matters

Mr. Bushell reported that the VAS 300SD Speed Sign is being delivered on August 24th and members agreed that they will try to attend & take part in the training how to use the device. A laptop is required.

It was agreed to ask County Highways for a quotation to install a pole in a suitable position, for the VAS, in Church Street / Yeovil road.

Mrs. Panter thanked Mr. Pope for installing the Dog waste bin on the Old Fosse way outside of Esmonde Drive.

The Council noted the request, with detailed map, from County Highways to check the salt / grit bins within Ilchester, with Mrs. Panter & Mr. H. Williams agreeing to inspect each and what salt is needed.

Mr. Marsh asked that County Highways are requested to trim the hedge on the B.3151 adjacent to the Great Orchard estate towards the Schools. This was agreed

The Council noted that the damaged fencing by the Northover roundabout has been reported both to County Highways & the Environment Agency.

33. Flooding issues

There were no issues reported.

34. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that Countryside membership of Mole Valley Farmers Ltd is progressing.

Rabbits are a problem at the allotments, and it was agreed that Mr. H. Williams with Mrs. Panter are to judge the Allotments this year. It was noted for the record, that the allotments in which they both have an interest will not be judged.

35. Mead Play area

Mr. Bushell reported that he, Mr. Pope and Mr. Midwinter had met to discuss the way forward with the refurbishment of the equipment. Mr. Midwinter with Mr. Pope will advise the Council as to which equipment will be best for the site. It was agreed that Creation Play Ltd should be still involved, despite Mr. Parr, SSDC having reservations, and a meeting with them will be held at the end of September.

The Council noted that the detailed Annual Inspection report had been received and circulated.

It was noted that the fortnightly SSDC inspections are now taking place.

36. Skate Park

The Council noted that Gravity Ltd have been again contacted reference the agreed remedial works.

The Council noted that the detailed Annual Inspection report had been received and circulated, also a copy had been sent to the Town Trust, as the fitness equipment had been included.

The Council noted that the weekly SSDC inspections have restarted.

It was noted that Miss S. Pack – Stone is now back clearing the Skate park area.

37. Rights of Way

There were no issues reported.

38. Tree Matters

There were no issues reported.

39. Correspondence

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter had been circulated.

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

Mr. Marsh reported that there is a vacancy on the PPG and this will be advertised in the Newsletter, when it resumes. A new Doctor has been recruited and a mobile scanner is now available.

Mr. Marsh stated that the Surgery will be contacting vulnerable patients reference flu jabs & Covid 19 continues to affect Surgery's work.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday September 10th 2020 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 9.02 pm.

Signed:

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