

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday September 10th 2020
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

Present: Chairman, Mrs. H. Panter, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. G. Pope, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Seven members of the public were present.

21. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. L. Midwinter, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, RNAS, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Thelma Mead.

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

22. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on August 13th having been circulated, were signed as correct.

23. Vacancy on Council

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

24. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Mr. G. Hill highlighted potholes at the Mead between property numbers 1 -12. It was agreed to contact County Highways.

Mr. Hill stated that he had nothing to report on any Modelling works from Highways England and the item was not on the agenda of the SRA Board, which was meeting shortly. This was noted.

Mrs. Panter reported that the letter had been sent to Commodore, Cdre Niall Griffin, copied to Mr. Graydon, RNAS, CRO regarding the issues raised at the last meeting, but to date had received no reply.

Mrs. McGee asked for a copy of the letter, which had been sent by Mrs. Panter, and Mrs. Panter agreed to provide copies of both the letter sent & reply when received.

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

In the absence of all three District Councillors, taking part in a Full SSDC Council meeting via Zoom conferencing, it was reported that Mr. Capozzoli had been seen meeting recently, with representatives of the Developers of the land north of Troubridge Park. It was agreed to contact Mr. Capozzoli on this.

It was noted that SSDC were proposing the creation two new Authorities rather than the one Unitary Authority, being put forward by Somerset County Council..

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

The Council noted the recent report received from PCSO Thelma Mead, which gave the Crime stats for the area, as well as the Rural crime list received via the Clerk.

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 have been issues with the new Booking forms.

Mr. Hopkins reported that he had recently found the Sports Pavilion door open at 6.00am with lights left on, when he had taken his dog out for exercise. It was agreed not to be ideal, and Mr. H. Williams stated that he will contact the Town Trust.

Mr. G. Pope asked what progress is being made with the rebuild of the Monument. Mr. H. Williams stated that as a stainless steel rod will have to put in the centre core and secured safely, this has changed the time scale of work.

Mrs. McGee stated that she felt that following the removal of a tree, the Market Place looks bare and

the planting of another tree should be considered. It was noted that this is a matter for the Town Trust.

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

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

Rev. B. Faulkner reported that the formal request for the Closure of St. Andrew's, Northover Churchyard has been advertised in the local press and no objections had been received. The Closure now formally, goes to HM Privy Council for confirmation.

27. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that there were no matters to report.

28. Planning matters

The Council noted the response sent to Mr. Capozzoli from the Planning department reference why application 19/01359/FUL at Eagle Close had not been determined, as it was well over a year since the application had been submitted. This had been circulated to all members, and it stated that there had been queries over Highway ownership.

Mrs. Panter asked that all the applications concerning New Spittles Farm are put under just the planning application numbers to simplify the agenda. This was agreed.

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 there was no decision on 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 noted that there was no decision on application 20/01842/HOU at 26, Kingsham for the erection of a two storey side extension to dwelling house.

The Council noted that there was no decision on application 20/02024/FUL at New Spittles Farm for the erection of an agricultural building.

The Council noted that there was no decision on application 20/02018/HOU at 23, Limington Road for the erection of a single storey to the rear of dwelling.

The Council considered application 20/02484/NMA on Land north of Dragon Fly Chase for amendment to planning granted permission 15/00024/OUT for amendments to Sub Station position, handings (plots 142, 145) and plot 150 (stone cladding to extend to side / east elevation) & agreed to make 'no comment' on this application.

The Clerk reported that Mr. R. Rhys, agent for the Development on Land north of Dragon Fly Chase, has asked for the Chairman's details with a view of arranging a meeting with her.

29. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/08/20 being in C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £50,385.90p.

Receipts - £0.39p Bank interest

Payments made -

10/09/20	2484	£3,060	Roadside Technologies Ltd – VAS device
10/09/20	2485	£25	Miss S. Pack-Stone skate park
10/09/20	2486	£550.55	P. Horsington salary & expenses
10/09/20	2487	£2,760	Gravity Engineering Ltd – Skate park refurb
10/09/20	2488	£50	ITT room hire

The above payments were authorised and the cheques signed.

The Council noted that Countryside membership of Mole Valley Farmers Ltd has been processed.

The Council approved the mowing schedule & list of potential contractors. These to be contacted.

It was reported that the Pound area in Back Lane is very untidy, it was agreed to contact Greenacres.

30. Website

There were no issues raised.

31. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams stated that the schedule of works for the Cemetery is ongoing.

32. Highway matters

Mr. C. Williams reported that the VAS 300SD Speed Sign has been used and the data from it had been circulated to all members. Comments received from members of the public, to date, have been very favourable. The numbers & speed recorded has been very revealing. It was noted that the pole for Yeovil Road / Church Street had been ordered from County Highways.

The Council were informed that SSDC had acknowledged the request for a Grant towards the cost of the VAS device.

It was agreed to put a request received from Yeovilton Parish Council to hire the VAS device, on the next agenda for discussion.

Mrs. Panter reported that she and Mr. H. Williams had checked all the salt / grit bins within Ilchester. These were all full, and the map of sites sent from County Highways had been updated & sent back to County Highways.

The Council noted that the damaged fencing by the Northover roundabout which had been reported both to County Highways & the Environment Agency. A reply had been received from County Highways, stating that this is now on a list for repair.

33. Flooding issues

There were no issues reported, except to note Mr. G. Hill's comments made earlier..

34. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that he and Mrs. Panter had judged the 'Best Allotments' and the winners were 1st Mr. W. Bond, 2nd Mr. P. Morgan & 3rd Mr. & Mrs. A. Broughton. Due to Covid 19 the presentation was a low key affair. A response from Highways England reference the removal of three trees was noted.

35. Mead Play area

Mr. Pope reported that he, and Mr. Midwinter have yet to meet to discuss & arrange a meeting with Creation Play Ltd.

It was noted that the fortnightly SSDC inspections have been received.

36. Skate Park

The Council noted that Gravity Ltd have been and refurbished the Skate park equipment, painting the ramps, repairing the rust holes and tamping down the surfaces into the tarmac.

The Council noted that the weekly SSDC inspections have been received.

37. Rights of Way

There were no issues reported.

38. Tree Matters

There were no issues reported.

39. Correspondence

The Council noted Clerks Direct and Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter, circulated by Email.

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

Miss Stapleton thanked those responsible for trimming back the hedge adjacent to the B.3151 by the Great Orchard Estate, and was informed that Mr. Marsh had carried out the work. The Council thanked him. The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday October 8th 2020 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

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