

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2021  
via Zoom at 7.30pm.**

**Video Conferencing under Regulations L01-20 | THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020.**

**Present:** Chairman, Mrs. H. Panter, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. A. Litwinek, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.  
No members of the public were present.

**61. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr. L. Midwinter, Mr. G. Pope, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, RNAS, Rev. B. Faulkner & PC. Stefan Edwards.

Mrs. Panter welcomed Mr. A. Litwinek to his first formal meeting.

**62. The Minutes** of the previous meeting held on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 & report of an informal discussion held on December 10<sup>th</sup> having been circulated, were signed as correct.

**63. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

The apologies received from Mr. R. Graydon (CRO) were noted.

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

The Council noted the report received & circulated from Mr. C. Hull on behalf of all three District Councillors. This highlighted how Planning issues were being dealt with in the current situation and that Mr. John Hammond is to be the new Principal Planner, with two new Case officers also starting next week.

M. Hull also highlighted that there is to be a focus on Enforcement issues making this more prominent in cases of serious breaches of the law. The other major issue is that of Phosphates so that this can be ‘nutrient neutral’.

It was noted that three weekly recycling with ‘Blue bags’ will commence on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Capozzoli informed the meeting that SSDC have bought the Yeovil Football ground.

Mr. Capozzoli reported that there will be no Area Committee meetings for at least two months, due to staff being seconded to assist with the Pandemic.

Mr. Capozzoli also reported that he had arranged that the hedge along the old Fosse way to be trimmed back, and this work has been done.

The Council considered a request received from a resident asking if ‘Hedgehog’ warning signs could be put up in Ilchester. After discussion, it was agreed to support this request, and ask the resident for her views on where this should be sited. It was noted that SCC Highways would have to be consulted.

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

The Council noted that PCSO Tim Russell has been appointed to take over from PCSO Thelma Mead, who has retired. It was agreed to send some member contact details to PCSO Russell and to invite him to future meetings, when safe.

The Council noted that Mrs. Panter is still considering she remains as one Parish Council nominee for the two vacancies to be filled on the Town Trust.

Following repairs carried out by Mr. Pope, it was agreed that the Parish Council Notice board on the Market Place, should remain where it is.

Mr. H. Williams informed the meeting that the repairs to the Market Cross are in hand, but there are further works that have to be carried out. However after some discussion, the Clerk was instructed to ask via the Town Trust Clerk, for an update on its repair.

Miss Stapleton asked for information reference the sale of the Ransom strip by Trinity College in Priory road. This was noted.

Miss Stapleton informed the meeting that IDCA is holding a meeting via Zoom this evening. It was noted that one copy of the Newsletter has been printed.

No issues were reported from IRINEC.

In the absence of Rev. B. Faulkner, there were Church issues reported, except that to note that the Church is not open at present, due to lock down rules.

## 66. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that due to Covid 19, there had been no meetings.

## 67. Planning matters

Mrs. Panter reported that there is to be a meeting of the Council via Zoom on Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm with the owner Mr. Patrick Young with Mr. D. Taylor, his advisor, to hear their ideas for future development on Land north of Dragon Fly Chase beyond the new development taking place for 150 dwellings. They will be outlining their proposals for the area beyond the present development, which would consist of a lake and Countryside park, this being a ten year project. There would be some 200 housing development as well. These proposed details have been circulated to all members.

The Council noted that 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 had been granted.

Mr. Capozzoli reported that all the application concerning New Spittles Farm are being held up do to the need to have a Phosphate impact report.

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 20/01866/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 had been withdrawn.

The Council noted the technical 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) .

The Council considered and supported application 20/02429/COU for Change of Use of a parcel of paddock land to garden land associated with the residential dwelling 4, The Paddocks, West Street.

The Council noted that application 20/02660/HOU at The Laurels, Northover for the erection of a timber garden room – retrospective application, had been granted.

The Council considered and supported application 20/03154/HOU at 11, Limington Road for the erection of single storey extension to dwelling.

## 68. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/12/20 being in C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £30,739.30p.

**Receipts** - £0.40p, 0.37p & 0.33p Bank interest, £30 Appleby & Childs, £1,157 VAT & £70 Trinity College

### Payments made -

12/11/20	2493	£72	N. &  S. Glover hedge trimming
12/11/20	2494	£372.97	SSDC play inspections
12/11/20	2495	£25	S. Pack – Stone skate park
12/11/20	2496	£579.05	P. Horsington salary & expenses
12/11/20	2497	£50	RBL Poppy Appeal donation
12/11/20	2498	£240	PKF Littlejohn LLP audit fee
10/12/20	2499	£11,850	Creative Play Ltd new equipment
10/12/20	2500	£96	Train4All Cemetery repair works

10/12/20	2501	£25	S. Pack – Stone skate park
10/12/20	2502	£16.66	G. Pope repairs to Mead play area
10/12/20	2503	£20	ITT room hire
10/12/20	2504	£572.49	P. Horsington salary & expenses
10/12/20	2506	£50	Ilchester Arms refreshments
14/01/21	2507	£96.26	Wessex Water allotments
14/01/21	2508	£56.40	HMRC paye tax
14/01/21	2509	£25	S. Pack - Stone skate park
14/01/21	2510	£538.45	P. Horsington salary & expenses
14/01/21	2511	£50	Macmillan Cancer Support donation
14/01/21	2512	£100	St. John Ambulance donations
14/01/21	2513	£150	Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance
14/01/21	2514	£50	Citizens Advice Bureau donations
14/01/21	2515	£200	IDCA donations
14/01/21	2516	£300	St. Mary Major PCC donation

The Council approved the list of donations as listed above.

Me. Bushell presented the budget proposals for 2021/22 and proposed a Precept increase of £500 for the year 2021/22. After consideration, on the proposition of Miss Stapleton, seconded by Mr. Marsh, the Council approved the Precept of £26,000 for the year 2021/22.

The Council considered the three quotations received for the mowing contract and after consideration, on the proposition of Mr. H. Williams, seconded by Mr. C. Williams, the Council unanimously agreed to appoint SLR from Bruton to carry out the schedule of mowing for the Parish for a minimum of a three year contract. The quotation accepted being £4,130 plus VAT & £275 for the Ransom strip & the area in front of the Town Hall.

#### 69. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams stated that the area looks tidy, and there will some works carried out when the weather improves.

#### 70. Highway matters

Mr. G. Bushell reported that the new VAS 300SD Speed Sign is due to be delivered on Monday January 18<sup>th</sup> to replace the original one. It was noted that to date the cheque paid to Roadside Technologies has not been cashed.

Mr. Marsh highlighted traffic issues reference the development of the 150 new housing beyond Dragon Fly Chase. The Clerk stated that he will copy members with the planning consent including traffic movement permissions, as agreed in that decision. This issue may be raised on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the meeting via Zoom to be held with Patrick Young to hear the details of their further proposals.

Mr. H. Williams reported that the painting of the line markings on the Market Place car park is in hand, but he will wait until the weather improves before doing it.

The Council considered a request for an additional light to be put in Castle Farm Lane. It was pointed that there is an existing light fitting on a wall, which could be used if repaired. It was agreed that the Clerk responds to the resident accordingly.

The Council noted that Mr. G. Hill of the Mead had asked for a kerb stone to be repaired at the Mead and this request had been forwarded to SCC Highways.

Miss Stapleton reported that the hedges along the road into the Mead have been trimmed.

#### 71. Flooding issues

There were no issues reported.

**72. Allotments**

Mr. H. Williams reported that Highways England have trimmed back & tidied the area adjacent to allotments on the A.303. As a result a complaint from a resident has been received, regarding increased noise to his property in Abbots road. This was discussed, with the Clerk being instructed to reply that the Council will monitor the situation.

**73. Mead Play area**

The Council noted that the new equipment is in place and favourable comment has been received. It was noted that there will no SSDC grant paid towards the equipment.

It was noted that the fortnightly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted.

It was noted that Mr. Pope has replaced the wire fencing at the entrance to the play area and a new sign is to be put up to replace the existing one.

**74. Skate Park**

Mr. Bushell reported that he had met with the SSDC officer, who carries out the inspections, and also had removed a large dumped scaffold pole to a safer position.

Mr. H. Williams that there have been youths drinking etc. in the Sports field area leaving empty bottles. This was noted.

The Council noted that the weekly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted.

**75. Rights of Way**

There were no issues reported.

**76. Tree Matters**

There were no issues reported.

**77. Correspondence**

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

**78. Items for Report, or for the agenda of the next meeting**

Mr. H. Williams enquired if the Surgery was officially closed. Mr. Marsh stated the the Surgery is not closed, but as a member of the PPG will make enquiries reference their reduced hours, due to Covid 19.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

This will be held via Zoom to ensure that the meeting can be held safely.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed:

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