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**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday February 11th 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. C. Hull, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.

Two members of the public were present – Mr. A. Myers & Ms. Tina Rowe..

79. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. L. Midwinter, Mr. G. Pope, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, RNAS, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Tim Russell.

80. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on January 14th 2021, having been circulated, were signed as correct.

81. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

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

Mr. Myers stated his concerns, having received the leaflet from Mr. P. Young, reference the proposals being put forward by Mr. Patrick Young regarding his plans for future development on Land north of Dragon Fly Chase. Mr. Myers, stated that having spoken since to Mr. Young, he queried what was the proposed use of the Country Park as an ongoing project, stating that creating a Nature Reserve would be a better title. Mr. Myers stated that he had gained the impression that the Parish Council had agreed to support the proposals. Mrs. Panter stated that despite any impression given in the Local press & leaflet, Ilchester Parish Council has not formed any opinion or indicated support.

Mr. Myers expressed concerns at the proposed link from the B.3151 towards RNAS from his boundary, to the B.3151 exiting opposite the Norseland Cheese Factory has been updated on their website. This would create a 'Rat run' and create issues for the residents & children in that area.

Mr. Myers highlighted the issue of water run off from the site on the east of the old Fosse way in the Hainbury Farm area, which would flow towards the river Yeo, but not directly, as the levels are not right.

Mr. Myers informed the meeting that he had at his own expense put gravel & stones on the verges of the B.3151 outside his property to prevent vehicles parking & obstructing his entrance.

Ms. Tina Rowe stated that the idea of a Country park sounds reasonable, but standing water at the end of the field and water run off were potential issues.

Mr. C. Williams felt that both Yeovilton Parish Council and Ilchester need to have common ground in any response to these proposals. The Council agreed to consider the points raised, under the Planning on the agenda.

In the absence of Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, who had hoped to join the meeting, the following issues were noted SCC are deploying 1000 staff to the Covid effort and there is a rumour that Central Government are going to delay the County Council elections. Mr. Bloomfield highlighted problems with the issue of SSDC planning decisions being delegated.

Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor reported that there will be no SSDC Area Planning Committee meetings for at least two months.

Mr. Hull asked members to inform him if they are aware of any of land suitable for Green Energy, whether for Solar panels or Wind turbine generation. Mr. Marsh asked if Solar panels will be part of new housing development, Mr. Hull replied that this policy, with electric charging points is being developed.

Mr. Hull asked for the Council's comments on improving Bus routes, and Miss Stapleton stated that she is happy to respond on behalf of the Council. This was approved.

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

The Council noted the Crime report received from PCSO Tim Russell, which had been circulated.

Rev. Faulkner informed the meeting that HM The Queen in Council, on February 11th had approved the Closure of of St. Andrew’s Churchyard. A copy has been received. It was noted that there had been no burials there since 1979 and the Order covered just the Churchyard area, including boundary walls.

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

Mr. H. Williams informed the meeting that the Chairman of ITT had given an update on the situation with the repairs to the Market Cross, saying that nothing will happen before May at the earliest. It was noted that the Clerk had asked the Clerk to the Trustees for an update, but no response has been received to date.

Miss Stapleton informed the meeting that the signs around the Market Cross are being taken down.

Miss Stapleton informed the meeting that IDCA is asking for news from the Parish Council to be put in the Newsletter, and after discussion, Mr. C. Williams agreed that he would as necessary provide a short report.

No issues were reported from IRINEC.

Rev. B. Faulkner reported that St. Mary’s Church is expected to re-open again on March 7th.

84. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that due to Covid 19, there had been no meetings, but the members were hoping to assist with the Local Foodbank. Rev. Faulkner offered to give advice on this..

85. Planning matters

Mrs. Panter reported that there had been a separate meeting with members of the Council via Zoom on Thursday January 21st 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 outlined their proposals for the area beyond the present development, which would consist of a lake and Countryside park. There would be also some 200 housing development, as well some light industrial units. These proposed details have been circulated to all members.

Discussion took place and consideration of the points made in the Open Session -

Access to the Country Park would create more traffic through Ilchester and this needs more attention, as there are already issues with the amount traffic by the Schools. There is the issue of future maintenance for the Country Park, which will have to be maintained.

There was concern that having an access from the B.3151 with also access from opposite the Norseland Cheese factory, this would provide a shortcut with its associated problems. Traffic through Ilchester is already a major problem and any extra housing development of 200 extra dwellings will only add to the issues. In these changing times there are not the facilities now in Ilchester, as there, and there is limited parking. Any further development will also change the nature away from the centre. Flooding and run off issues were highlighted, with it being noted that in the Hainbury Farm area by the B.3151, the levels are not sufficient to allow water to the river Yeo.

It was strongly felt that 200 extra dwellings over the 150 being constructed, were not suitable for Ilchester.

It was agreed that these points are conveyed to Mr. P. Young and to the SSDC Policy team.

The Council noted the Website www.hainbury.co.uk to provide information for the public and there had been a leaflet drop. The Council recorded that despite Local press reports there had been no tacit support for these proposals.

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 20/02429/COU for Change of Use of a parcel of paddock land to garden land associated with the residential dwelling 4, The Paddocks, West Street had been granted.

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The Council noted that application 20/03154/HOU at 11, Limington Road for the erection of single storey extension to dwelling had been granted.

The Council noted that there was no decision on application 20/03726/HOU at 34, Esmonde Drive for the demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side & rear extension.

86. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/01/21 being in C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £29,415.66p.

Receipts - £0.24p Bank interest, £47 Wakely Bros & £47 Appleby & Childs memorial

Payments made -

11/02/21	2517	£25	S. Pack – Stone clearing Skate park
11/02/21	2518	£551.66p	P. Horsington salary & expenses
11/02/21	2519	£28.78p	C. J. Williams Zoom hosting

The Council approved the above cheques listed, for payment.

87. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams stated that the area looks tidy, and there will some works carried out when the weather improves. The Clerk was instructed to contact T.W. Cribb & Co to ask if the Bier was on display.

88. Highway matters

The Council considered and supported a request received from a resident asking if ‘Hedgehog’ warning signs could be put up in Ilchester. The Council agreed three potential sites and these with the request will be sent to SCC Highways for evaluation. The Council would expect that any signs would be put up at SCC expense.

Mr. G. Bushell reported that the new VAS 300SD Speed Sign is now up and running. The data shows about 600 vehicles per hour through Northover. Discussion took place as to whether the VAS could be hired out to Yeovilton Parish Council. It was agreed that this would be possible, subject to the management of putting up & retrieving data, remains with the Council. Mr. C. Williams stated that there were difficulties with downloading the data. A new laptop would assist.

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 noted that the kerb stone has been repaired at the Mead by SCC Highways.

The Council noted that a further request reference the need for road surface repair has been received.

Mr. Marsh highlighted that the agreed Traffic Construction Management Plan is not what is being followed, and strongly suggested that SSDC Enforcement investigates. It was noted that the original proposals were for access during construction to be via Dragonfly Chase, although the Parish Council had agreed that access would be less controversial by using the old Fosse way during construction.

Mr. Capozzoli stated that to access through Dragon Fly Chase during construction would raise serious issues for the residents with the Construction vehicles. Mr. Marsh stated that it was a question of principle of compliance or not. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Marsh would draft a letter expressing his concerns, to be considered and agreed by members before being sent from the Council.

The Council noted that the kerb stone has been repaired at the Mead by SCC Highways. It was reported that a further request to repair the road surface between Nos. 3 & 12 The Mead has been received.

89. Flooding issues

The Council noted the response received, reference the Mead protection scheme, from the Somerset Rivers Authority, which stated that there has been no update on the Modelling since 2019. It was agreed to contact Marcus Fysh, Member of Parliament and ask for his help in this matter.

90. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that Mr. Harper has taken a post in USA, and Mr. Ben Gunn & Julie Atterton – Gunn have agreed to pay his rent and maintain his allotment for 2021 until he returns. This action was approved.

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91. Mead Play area

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

92. Skate Park

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

93. Rights of Way

The Council noted that the complaint received of a locked gate on a Footpath, had been responded to, as it was on a Right of Way in Long Sutton Parish. The person concerned had thanked the Clerk.

94. Tree Matters

There were no issues reported.

95. Correspondence

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

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

Mr. C. Williams stated that he has been looking at a more comprehensive website, such as the one being used by Long Sutton and asked members to check it out. Mr. Williams asked for this to be an agenda item for further discussion, when more details are available. This was agreed.

Mr. Bushell informed the meeting that there is no litter bin at the end of West Street. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda, having asked SSDC Street Scene if it would be emptied.

Mr. Litwinek highlighted the problem of litter being left around the Village. It was agreed to put this issue in the next Newsletter.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday March 11th 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 9.16 pm.

Signed:

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