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**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday March 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, Mr. L. Midwinter, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams,, & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
One member of the public attended – Ms. Tina Rowe..

97. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. G. Pope, 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 Tim Russell & Rev. B. Faulkner.

98. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 11th 2021, having been circulated, were signed as correct.

Mrs. Panter thanked everyone who had been involved with arranging the clearance of the collapsed wall at the Cemetery over 19 Graves, which had occurred over the weekend of February 14th. In particular, Mr. C. Williams, who had liaised with Geo. Masters & Sons Ltd in removing the fallen stones from all the Graves and stacking the stones for future use.

99. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

100. 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, Mrs. Panter reported that Mr. Bloomfield was looking into ways of sorting out the parking issues at Eagle Close. Mr. Marsh suggested that the grassed areas could be made into areas for parking.

The Council noted the report received from Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, which had been circulated. Mr. C. Hull reported that there needs to be more communications with Parishes, and using ‘Facebook’ and other media, as this reaches more people. As there is an Ilchester ‘Facebook’, it was agreed that media could be considered.

Mr. Hull highlighted Training courses for Apprentice skills and also SSDC are canvassing to see if there is sufficient interest in potential Electric car sharing.

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

The Council noted the Crime report received from PCSO Megan Day, which had been circulated. A query was made reference the graph within the report.

It was agreed that the letter written by the Chair, Mrs. Panter highlighting parking issues in Ilchester, should be put in the next Newsletter.

The Council noted the response from County Highways reference hedgehog signs, which stated that as this was the second request from Parishes, the County Council will have to establish a protocol for dealing with these requests. The resident has been informed of this reply.

Mr. Marsh reported that the Surgery has only sufficient Covid vaccination for Wednesday morning, but will have further supplies. Over 55 years of age will soon be contacted and second vaccinations for those already vaccinated will be contacted later this month.

Mr. H. Williams informed the meeting that the Council had received an update on the situation with the repairs to the Market Cross from the Clerk to the Trustees of the Town Trust, which states that the works are planned to begin in the Summer and should be completed by the Autumn. This has been circulated.

Miss Stapleton informed the meeting that IDCA has held a Zoom meeting, and were organising an Easter Bunny hunt.

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No issues were reported from IRINEC.

In the absence of Rev. B. Faulkner, no Church issues were reported.

Mr. C. Williams agreed to take part in a virtual Waste Partnership meeting, and Mr. Marsh agreed to take part in a Briefing on the SCC 'One Somerset' proposals.

102. Youth Parish Councils

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

103. Planning matters

The Council noted the letter, which had been circulated to members, sent from Mrs. Panter to Mr. Patrick Young expressing the concerns of the Council over the potential impact of their further housing development within Ilchester. This had also been sent to SSDC Policy officers.

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 20/03726/HOU at 34, Esmonde Drive for the demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side & rear extension had been granted.

Mr. Marsh informed the Council that he was not going to pursue the issue of the Traffic Construction Management Plan for the ongoing build of the 150 dwellings beyond Dragonfly Chase.

104. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 28/02/21 being in C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £28,761.22p.

Receipts - £0.22p Bank interest

Payments made -

11/03/21	2520	£750.28	SSDC play inspections
11/03/21	2521	£3,184.25p	Greenacres final mowing contract
11/03/21	2522	£25	S. Pack – Stone clearing Skate park
11/03/21	2523	£556	P. Horsington salary & expenses
11/03/21	2524	£3,098.40p	Geo. Masters & Sons clearing debris

The Council approved the above cheques listed, for payment.

The Clerk left the room whilst the Council reviewed his salary. The Clerk was informed later that the Council had agreed a 4% increase.

The Council considered a request to support a project to connect Langport to the Railway system. After discussion, it was agreed not to contribute, but direct this request to IDCA.

105. St. Andrew's Northover

It was noted that it is now the responsibility of the Parish Council to maintain the grassed area & maintain the boundary walls.

106. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams reported on the situation reference the collapsed wall stating that having cleared the area, there was fortunately only very minimal damage to one of the 19 Graves, which had been covered with fallen stonework. Mr. Andrew Masters & his team had cleared and stacked the stones, and it was agreed to pay his invoice, which had been sent to Mr. C. Williams. The insurers, Came & Co. had been informed immediately by the Clerk, and a report on the wall has been sent, as part of the claim. The Council are waiting for their response from the assessor, who has been appointed. The Council agreed that there needs to be three quotations for the repair works to re- build the wall, as well as a decision as to how high it might be. Mr. C. Williams agreed to provide the necessary specifications for tender.

Mr. C. Williams highlighted that the condition of all the walls need to be assessed.

The Clerk stated that he had not yet contacted T. W. Cribb & Co to ask if the Bier was on display.

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107. Highway matters

The Council noted SCC Highways reply to the request regarding 'Hedgehog' warning signs'.

Mr. G. Bushell reported that the VAS 300SD Speed Sign has been up in Church Street from February 21st to March 5th and there were 15,899 vehicles recorded with 80% travelling at 30 MPH or lower. It was agreed that the VAS has an impact on drivers. Mr. C. Williams asked if these figures were for traffic in one direction only. Mr. Bushell stated that he thought it was.

Discussion took place on how to share these traffic figures and Miss Stapleton agreed to put what data she is given onto the Ilchester 'Facebook'.

Mr. Bushell reported that he had met with Mr. R. Luck from Yeovilton Parish Council and Mr. Luck had agreed to recommend to Yeovilton Parish Council that they would pay £75 for the first two sessions and £50 thereafter. The Clerk reported that Yeovilton Parish Council had agreed at their meeting, to these terms. The Council also agreed to these charges. The VAS is now installed in Podimore village.

After discussion, the Council agreed that a new laptop solely for the VAS downloads should be bought. It could be a second hand one for best value.

Mr. Marsh stated that he felt it would be appropriate to ask SCC Highways advice on traffic calming, as the Council now has actual data regarding numbers using Ilchester. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda for discussion.

The Council were informed that SCC Highways are to assess the condition of all the roads within the Mead Estate reference the road surface repair request.

The Council noted that there will be roadworks from March 15th to April 1st on the A.37, which will at some point involve closing the roundabout from Yeovil Road. The details had been circulated. Queries were raised as to what advance warning signs will be in place.

108. Flooding issues

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Marcus Fysh, Member of Parliament for an update on the Mead Flood protection scheme.

109. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that the Allotments are starting again and he has removed some trees and repaired the First box. It was agreed to keep the rents as last year - £20 for a full plot & £15 for a half plot.

110. 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. As issue reference some gravel was noted.

111. Skate Park

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

A request for use was discussed. It was agreed that more information was needed.

112. Rights of Way

There were no issues reported.

113. Tree Matters

There were no issues reported.

114. Correspondence

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter.

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

None were raised.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday April 8th at 7.30pm.

After discussion, it was agreed to be 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 8.50pm.

Signed:

Date:

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