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**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday April 8th 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. A. Litwinek, Mr. L. Midwinter, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Two members of the public attended – Mr. & Mrs. M. Edwards.
Mr. C. Williams was thanked for facilitating the meeting via Zoom.

116. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. G. Pope, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County 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.

117. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on March 11th 2021, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

118. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Mrs Panter reported that she had received an Email from Mr. R. Graydon (CRO), which stated that RNAS personnel have been advised to act sensibly when the Local hostelrys re-open.

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

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor reported that there is to be a full SSDC Council meeting to discuss whether to hold a referendum on the two proposals being put forward for forming a Unitary Council for Somerset.

Mr. Capozzoli stated that £25 million is to be spent on refurbishing the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil, with a grant / loan of £12 million being given from SSDC.

Mr. M. Edwards spoke on application 21/00821/HOU at 42, Esmonde Drive for Mrs. M. Rickards for the erection of a two storey extension, stating that the proposals will impact on their privacy, by overlooking into their property and increase parking problems in that area. Mr. Edwards stated that there is a business being run from the property. These points were noted.

As Mr. Midwinter had to leave the meeting early, he reported that he had been to both Play areas and will be painting the fence & main gate at the Mead site and was informed that the key for the Notice board at the Mead was with Mr. B. Masters. Otherwise both the Mead & Skate park play areas were fine.

Mr. Midwinter was thanked for his update & left the meeting.

120. 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.

It was agreed that the Clerk sends a copy of the boundaries map of St. Andrew’s Church, Northover, to all members, as received from Rev. B. Faulkner. This shows the defined boundaries.

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

Mr. Marsh reported that the Surgery is to merge their two Websites into one. Mr. Marsh reported that there are tests ongoing to see whether the Covid & Flu vaccinations could be administered together in the autumn.

An issue was raised, of patients having to wait outside the Surgery in cold weather, this was noted.

Mr. H. Williams informed the meeting that he had painted the road markings on the Market Place car park. He was thanked for doing this.

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Mr. H. Williams informed the meeting on behalf of the Ilchester Town Trust, that the repairs to the Market Cross are planned to begin in the Summer. Mr. H. Williams informed the meeting that there is a new security lock on the entrance into the Town Hall. As there is a vacancy for Trustee to the Town Trust, it was suggested that Mr. Edwards consider this.

Miss Stapleton informed the meeting that the Easter Bunny hunt had been well supported, with over 50 entries taking part..

No issues were reported from IRINEC.

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

Mr. C. Williams & Mrs. Panter 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.

121. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that members have been taking about mental health issues due to Covid 19.

122. Planning matters

Mrs. Panter stated that she had received no response from Mr. Patrick Young to her letter, which expressed the concerns of the Council over the potential impact of their further housing development within Ilchester.

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 considered application 21/00821/HOU at 42, Esmonde Drive for Mrs. M. Rickards for the erection of a two storey extension, and after discussion, agreed to oppose the application on the following grounds, being impact on adjacent neighbouring properties, loss of privacy by overlooking a resident's property and potential additional parking issues. It was noted that there is an existing business being operated from the site.

It was noted that the Phosphate issue, which is delaying planning decisions, is unlikely to be resolved quickly.

123. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/03/21 being in C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £21,387.98p.

Receipts - £0.22p Bank interest

Payments made -

08/04/21	2525	£25	S. Pack – Stone clearing Skate park
08/04/21	2526	£56.20	HMRC paye tax
08/04/21	2527	£641.70	P. Horsington salary & expenses

The Council approved the above cheques listed, for payment.

It was noted that members had been sent a copy of the annual finances to March 31st.

It was agreed that the three estimates received for the repairs to the Cemetery wall, would be considered at the end of the meeting.

124. 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. The map has been sent from Rev. B. Faulkner to the Clerk.

125. Cemetery

The Council noted the response from the Assessor acting for the insurers, Came & Co, which stated that due to the age of the wall and the wind speed not over 54 MPH, they were unable to support any claim for its repair. The Council agreed that in light of this information, it would be prudent to consider a much lower re-build rather than rebuild again to full height.

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

The Clerk stated that he had contacted T. W. Cribb & Co reference the Bier, and was informed that it is on display at the T.W. Cribb's museum at Gravesend, and had been used recently for a funeral. A photograph has been requested.

126. Highway matters

The Council noted two requests to assist two disabled residents with parking. Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor is assisting with these requests.

Mr. Marsh stated that he felt it would be appropriate to ask SCC Highways advice on further traffic calming in Ilchester, and after discussion, it was agreed to contact County Highways for their advice.

In the absence of Mr. G. Bushell, it was reported that the VAS 300SD Speed Sign has since been up in Yeovilton Parish at Podimore. Miss Stapleton reported that she has put the traffic numbers onto the Ilchester 'Facebook' for information.

It was agreed that the road surfacing works on the A.37 plus the roundabout area had been well done, although there had been issues for residents using the Bus services. This was noted.

127. Flooding issues

The Clerk reported that he had received acknowledgement from Marcus Fysh, Member of Parliament and a response from the SRA, which had also been sent to Mr. G. Hill. This stated that there had been no action taken on modelling and basically there was nothing to report on the Mead Flood situation.

128. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that the Allotments are now being worked on, and the rents are starting to come in. Once the Covid situation has improved, there will be a meeting with the tenants.

129. Mead Play area

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

The Council agreed that Play Inspections Ltd should again carry out the Annual Inspection reports for both play areas. It was noted that the new sign has been put up.

130. Skate Park

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

Miss Stapleton reported that the Police had been involved in the area due to some Youths' behaviour.

131. Rights of Way

There were no issues reported.

132. Tree Matters

There were no issues reported.

133. Correspondence

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter.

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

None were raised.

135. Quotations received for the Cemetery wall repairs

Mrs. Panter opened the three quotations received, and after some discussion, it was agreed that further details should be obtained to ensure that all were quoting for the same works, as there was quite a difference between the highest & lowest tenders. It was agreed that Mr. C. Williams & Mr. Bushell will deal with this.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday May 13th at 7.30pm, with the Annual Parish meeting being held at 7.00pm. The format to be determined according to Covid advice.

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

