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**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday July 8th 2021
in the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

The meeting was held with strict Covid regulations, social distancing & masks being worn.

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. A. Litwinek, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. A. Schofield, Mr. J. Hughes, Mr. P. Simpson, Chair of IDCA & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Members of the public attending Mrs. C. Stockwell, Mr. & Mrs. P. Westlake, Mr. G. Hill, Mr. J. & Mrs. Edmondson & Mr. & Mrs. P. Whitaker.

42. Apologies

Apologies were received from 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 Tim Russell & Rev. B. Faulkner.

43. Vacancy

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, and it was recorded that no poll had been demanded and SSDC had confirmed that the vacancy can now be filled by co-option.

As two persons had expressed their interest, Mrs. Panter invited them both to say a few words.

After a secret ballot vote, Mr. Jay Hughes was co-opted to the Council.

Mr. Hughes signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was given a copy of the Register of Interests form to be completed and returned to SSDC within 28 days.

44. Election of Officers

On the proposition by Mrs. Panter, seconded by Miss Stapleton, it was agreed that Mr. Hughes would be responsible for the reports sent to the Newsletter.

45. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on June 10th 2021, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

Mrs. Stockwell stated that the minutes were not accurate & pointed out that she had not stated that she had nearly been run over whilst walking down the public Bridleway. What she had stated was that there were comments on the Ilchester Events page on Facebook, which said that an inhabitant of Ilchester, who is also an allotment holder, had put a post on Facebook complaining about the fact that she had nearly been run over by cars speeding up the Byway, who had to brake hard to avoid her. Mrs. Stockwell had insisted that the minutes be amended, as it was not true that she had stated that she had been involved in a near miss.

Mrs. Stockwell's comments were recorded, as received by her Email.

It was noted that it is only the Council in session, who can amend minutes.

46. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Mrs. Stockwell highlighted that there was no speed limit on the Old Fosseway at Taranto Hill, which permits vehicles to speed under national limits up to 60MPH. This she felt was unacceptable, causing safety risks to walkers & children. This was noted.

In the absence of Mr. R. Graydon, RNAS, there was nothing to add on the issue of the number of empty MOD houses at Taranto Hill.

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

In the absence of all three District Councillors attending the full Council meeting of SSDC, there were no District Council matters raised.

The meeting were informed that Mr. G. Hill's proposals, endorsed by the Council, that would protect the Mead and satisfy the residents had been sent to Highways England and an Email response had been received.

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This stated that the Environment Agency had held a meeting with the SRA & Environment Agency on June 29th and it would probably not be on the July 23rd meeting agenda of the SRA, despite what the Clerk had thought, as according to the SRA website, the agenda had not yet been finalised.

The answer to the request to trim back the hedge & verge line at the exit from the Mead onto the A.37 had been received from County Highways, which stated that extra trimming had been done. This had been circulated to members & copied to the resident at the Mead. As the resident was not happy with the response from County Highways, after discussion, it was agreed that the resident should respond to County Highways, copied in to the Parish Council.

Mr. G. Bushell reported that he had met with Mr. Brian Bushell, of the Angling Club, who had provided details of the area owned by the Angling Club, which includes a seat at the Ivel Gardens area, a parking space and river bank access. After discussion, it was agreed to invite Mr. B. Bushell to the next meeting and put this as a separate agenda item.

Mr. J. Edmondson informed the meeting that he is to submit a planning application to remove a wall at the rear of his property in Priory Road, with the aim of creating an access to the rear of his property, which would help to relieve parking issues in the High Street. Mr. Edmondson stated that the SSDC Conservation Officer had advised that he was opposed to the removal of the wall, as the wall is with the Conservation area.

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

Mrs. Panter reported that, with Miss Stapleton and Maxine Read, Clerk to the Ilchester Town Trust they had met with PC. Stefan Edwards and PCSO Will Mortimer. Amongst issues discussed were local issues and it had been agreed that Email contact addresses will be provided by the Police. It was highlighted that many issues have not been reported to the Police and it was strongly recommended that issues are reported via phoning 101 by members of the public.

Mr. Marsh stated that there was nothing to report on Surgery matters.

Mr. H. Williams informed the meeting on behalf of the Ilchester Town Trust, that the repairs to the Market Cross are due to commence on July 12th.

Mrs. Panter welcomed Mr. P. Simpson, Chair of IDCA, to the meeting.

Mr. Simpson informed the meeting that the printer issues have been resolved and is now in working order.

The Council agreed that the link for IDCA can be given to IDCA, to permit access to update their news onto the Parish Council’s website.

Mr. Simpson stated that at a recent meeting, it had been decided to cancel the Community event to have been held on August 28th and now hold an event in Spring 2022.

Some debate took place on a resident’s idea to plant a Christmas tree on the Market Place, which would be illuminated. It was noted that the Town Trust would have to be consulted, as owners of the Market Place, with Mr. Simpson informing the meeting that he will be contacting the resident to discuss further details. Mr. Litwinek stated that this would make people stop & look and enhance Ilchester.

No issues were reported from IRINEC.

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

49. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that there was nothing to report this month.

50. Planning matters

Mrs. Panter reported that the meeting on site at the Hainbury Development area of the 150 housing on Thursday June 17th had been cancelled. A second date for July 22nd has now been agreed, with the Young family and possibly to include Vistry representatives for the ongoing development.

The Clerk reported that he has contacted SSDC reference any potential Section 106 payments (now CIL) that may be received by the Council.

The Council noted the following -

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

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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 21/00821/HOU at 42, Esmonde Drive for Mrs. M. Rickards for the erection of a two storey extension had been granted.

The Council noted that application 20/03560/HOU at 11, Church Street for alterations to Garage by raising the roof for occasional use as an electronic golf driving range had been granted.

The Council noted that applications 21/00859/HOU & 21/00860/LBC at 27, High Street for demolition of two existing single storey extension at the rear of the property and the erection of a single storey extension with dormer window had been granted.

The Council noted that there was no decision on application 21/01522/HOU at 10, Church Street, Ilchester for the erection of a single storey extension.

The Council discussed & unanimously supported application 21/01927/LBC at The Manor, Almshouse Lane to remove cement based wall render & replace with lime based render on the west facade and upper south east elevation at rear of house. To repair cracks to stone mullion windows in both west & north facades. Repairs to Ham stone elements on western facade also to provisionally include replacement of two gable apex stones and adjacent copings to match. To extend the 'throw' of rainwater hoppers on west front to ensure water clears the facade.

Mrs. Panter reported that a resident from Ivel Gardens had raised concerns over noise from the Car wash at Northover and had spoken to the owner. Mrs. Panter stated that she too had spoken to the owner.

51. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 30/06/21 being in C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £39,909.66p.

Receipts - £0.38p Bank interest

Payments made -

08/07/21	2538	£74.60	HMRC paye tax
08/07/21	2539	£377	L. Wright cemetery gate repair
08/07/21	2540	£198	The Cumbria Clock Co St. Mary's
08/07/21	2541	£25	S. Pack – Stone clearing Skate park
08/07/21	2542	£86.59	Water2Business allotments
08/07/21	2543	£604.81	P. Horsington salary & expenses
08/07/21	2544	£322.13	McCarthy Marland skip hire
08/07/21	2545	£55	ITT rents for room hire

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

On the proposition by Mr. Schofield, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Council accepted the revised quotation received from Mr. L. Wright Construction in two quotes of £700 & £900 for weed killing all existing paths and topping up all the path surfaces with a like for like gravel. Mr. Bushell explained that to put in a hard surface would be extremely expensive.

52. Cemetery

The Council noted that T. W. Cribb & Co have yet to supply a photograph of the Bier.

Mr. Bushell reported that the gate entering the Cemetery has been repaired by Mr. Lee Wright.

Mr. Bushell stated that an Independent assessment of all the boundary walls is to be carried out.

The Council discussed the lettering issue on the Memorial to the late Mrs. Stapleton, and it was agreed that Miss Stapleton would discuss this further with the family.

53. Highway matters

Mr. Marsh reminded the Council that it needs to highlight traffic issues within the Parish, which will then be sent to SCC Highways for evaluation as to best resolve them.

The Council considered the reply received from Highways England reference the possible removal from the two signs on the A.303 indicating 'Public toilets' in Ilchester. This has stated that this wording cannot be removed, as it is a statutory requirement. The option is to remove the signs. After discussion, it was agreed to leave the signs as they are.

Mr. Bushell informed the meeting that the VAS device has been on the B.3151 for Yeovilton Parish Council and will be put in Yeovil Road.

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The Council agreed that the yellow hatching at the junction with the High Street a & Zebra crossings need to be repainted. Three areas in Almshouse Lane, Bishops Walk and Friars Close were identified as being dangerous, with loose kerb stones & rough surfaces issues. It was agreed to highlighted all these with County Highways.

It was agreed that contact is made with the Knight family, New Spittle Farm, to ask if the verges along Pillbridge Lane could be trimmed.

54. Flooding issues

The Council noted the earlier discussions on the Mead papers.

55. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that a skip has been at the Allotments and had been filled.

56. Mead Play area

Mr. Scofield reported that he had visited the play area and had been impressed. It was noted that the fortnightly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted.

57. Skate Park

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

Mr. Schofield highlighted some blistering in the paint work, and it was agreed that photographs are take & sent to Gravity Ltd, as the painting had only been done in August last year.

It was noted that the Council did not consider the request from Team Rubicon to use the Skate Park area as part of their Nationwide Talent Pathway programme, the charge being £800.

58. Rights of Way

Mr. Litwinek stated that there were no issues to report.

59. Tree Matters

There were no issues reported.

60. Correspondence

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter.

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

Mr. Marsh highlighted problems with the Waste Collection. These were noted.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday August 12th at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed:

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