

**1. Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday August 12th 2021
in the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

The meeting was held with regard to the current Covid regulations.

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. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. B. Bushell, Ilchester Angling Club & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Six Members of the public attended, Mr. & Mrs. Westlake, Mr. B. Masters, Mr. G. Hill, Mrs. A. Valentine & Mrs. M. Jamieson.

62. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, RNAS, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Tim Russell & Rev. B. Faulkner.

63. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on July 8th 2021, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

64. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Mr. G. Hill stated that he had heard nothing further from Highways England, the SRA or E.A.

Mr. G. Hill stated that County Highways had trimmed back the verge line at the exit from the Mead onto the A.37, greatly improving visibility at the Mead junction with the A.37. Thanks were expressed for this being done.

Mr. G. Hill informed the meeting that the fallen tree at Northover over the river Yeo had not been removed. It was noted that this had been reported both to County Highways & the E.A by many others.

Mrs. A. Valentine, of Ivel Gardens highlighted noise issues from the Car Wash facility at Northover. It being the Hoover drying noise that is causing concern & the hours of work. Mrs. Valentine reminded members that the granted permission permitted hours of use on Sundays from 9.30am to 5.30pm only. These hours were not being observed. After discussion, Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor offered to deal with this issue, and asked for all details & information to be sent to him.

Mrs. Panter stated that she also, will again visit the site.

Mrs. Valentine & Mrs. Jamieson highlighted the lack of any signage indicating the access into Ivel Gardens. It was agreed to discuss this under Highway matters.

In the absence of Mr. R. Graydon, RNAS, there were no RNAS issues raised.

Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, informed the meeting that the Secretary of State had determined that there will be a single Unitary Authority, replacing the existing District Councils, with elections being held in May 2022. The proposal is to have 80 elected members.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor stated that the Phosphate issue remains unresolved, delaying planning decisions, added to which SSDC has not fulfilled the six year Housing requirement, giving a presumption in favour development.

Mrs. Panter welcomed Mr. B. Bushell representing the Angling Club. Mr. B. Bushell explained that there is an area owned by the Angling Club, which includes a seat at the Ivel Gardens area, a parking space and river bank access. The Angling Club are prepared to donate this area to the Parish Council for a nominal fee, to ensure this area remains accessible. Mrs. Panter reported that she & members had visited the area and it is very overgrown & needs to be tidied up. After some discussion, on the proposition of Mr. G. Bushell, seconded by Mr. H. Williams, it was agreed subject to legal fees & the cost of clearing the site, the Council would in principle agreed to take on the ownership of the area. It was agreed to obtain a quotation to have the site cleared.

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

Miss Stapleton reported that there is now a new PCSO. It was noted that members receive reports of rural thefts in the area, via the Clerk.

2. Mr. Marsh reported on Surgery matters, stating that there has been a rise in local Covid numbers, resulting in Staff being required to self isolate. This has affected the number of staff available. The Ilchester surgery has been allocated 'Red' status to deal with these Covid referrals within the area.

Mr. H. Williams informed the meeting on behalf of the Ilchester Town Trust, that the repairs to the Market Cross have started, with Miss Stapleton informing the meeting that a Time capsule had been put into its base. Mr. Williams stated that the Chairman of the Town, Mr. G. Mottram, has offered to support the Parish Council.

Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA that 300 copies of the Newsletter had been printed, with the majority of copies being available online. Miss Stapleton informed the meeting that Christmas events will commence from December 4th. It was noted that Christmas Lights will be put on the existing trees at the Market Place.

No issues were reported from IRINEC.

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

67. Youth Parish Councils

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

68. Planning matters

Mrs. Panter reported that the meeting on site at the Hainbury Development area of the 150 housing will take place on September 8th at the site of the ongoing development, with Vistry representatives for the ongoing development. The Young family and agents will also attend. Mr. Marsh asked to record his apologies, and highlighted that there needs to be discussion on what area within the existing development is set aside for either a future Surgery or for provision of a Scout hut facility.

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

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 21/01522/HOU at 10, Church Street, Ilchester for the erection of a single storey extension had been granted.

The Council noted that there was no decision on 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.

The Council considered and supported application 21/02364/HOU at rear of 11, High Street for construction of vehicle entrance onto land at the rear.

The Council considered and supported application 21/02431/HOU at 10, High Street for demolition of existing conservatory, erection of a single storey extension and part first floor extension above to rear of dwelling, subject no adverse impact on adjacent properties.

69. 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 -

12/08/21	2546	£144	Play Inspection Co Ltd annual inps
12/08/21	2547	£25	S. Pack – Stone clearing Skate park
12/08/21	2548	£568.68	P. Horsington salary & expenses

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

It was noted that to date, the Audit was progressing

70. Cemetery

The Council noted that T. W. Cribb & Co have again been contacted re. the photograph of the Bier.

3. Mr. Bushell reported that £200 has been received from Lee Wright Construction for the excess stone. Mr. Bushell stated that an Independent assessment of all the boundary walls is to be carried out and the path works are to be carried out shortly.

71. Highway matters

Mr. Marsh reminded the Council that it needs to highlight traffic issues within the Parish, which he will co-ordinate and agree at the next meeting, to be then sent to SCC Highways for evaluation, as to best way to resolve them.

Mr. Bushell informed the meeting that the VAS device has been in Yeovil Road and is at Taranto Hill at present.

The Council were pleased to note that the loose kerb stones in Almshouse Lane, Bishops Walk and Friars Close with have been repaired.

The Council were pleased that the verges along Pillbridge Lane had been trimmed by Mr. Mark Knight, New Spittle Farm, and noted that he has stated that he will put up a sign stating 'No Unauthorised Vehicles'. The Council endorsed this action.

The Council considered the issue raised by Mrs. Valentine & Mrs. Jamieson highlighting the lack of any advance signage indicating the access into Ivel Gardens. After discussion, it was agreed to contact SCC Highways for their advice, including Back Lane from the High Street junction.

72. Flooding issues

The Council noted that nothing further has been received from Highways England.

73. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that the lock had jammed.

74. Mead Play area

Mr. Scofield reported that the Rocky' needs painting. It was noted that the fortnightly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted.

75. 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 Mr. Scofield will contact Gravity Ltd.

Mrs. Panter reported that she had been contacted by Mrs. S. Small, as there had been a request for some addition to the Skate park area.

Miss Stapleton reported that a young person had shown an interest in taking on the clearing of the Skate park area from Miss Sophie Pack – Stone, who is intending to go onto University.

76. Rights of Way

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

77. Tree Matters

It was agreed to ask for an update on the fallen tree at Northover and also ask that a Yew tree overhanging the river Yeo, behind 14, Ivel Gardens is inspected, as it could a be safety issue.

78. Correspondence

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter.

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

Mrs. Panter reported that following the visit to the Angling Club area, the members had looked at the Pound area in Back Lane, and found it very overgrown with brambles to the river. It had been agreed that a working party should be able to clear the site.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday September 9th 2021 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 9.22pm.

Signed:

Date:

