

**1. Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2021  
in the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

**The meeting was held with Covid arrangements being available.**

**Present:** Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. A. Litwinek, Mr. A. Schofield, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Five members of the public attended, Mr. & Mrs. Westlake, Mr. B. Masters, Mr. G. Hill & Mr. R. Blake.

**80. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. J. Hughes, 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.

**81. The Minutes** of the previous meeting held on August 12<sup>th</sup> 2021, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

**82. Declarations of Interest**

Miss Stapleton declared a Prejudicial Interest reference a quotation for repairs to her late mother, Mrs. E. Stapleton's memorial tablet.

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

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

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

Mr. G. Hill informed the meeting that the ditch in front of the Mead, unlike the rest in the area, had not been trimmed back by the Internal Drainage Board. The Clerk will contact the IDB.

It was reported and noted, that Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor, had contacted Mrs. A. Valentine, of Ivel Gardens and the owner of the Car Wash facility at Northover reference the issues raised, being the Hoover drying noise & the hours of work.

Mr. R. Blake stated that due to the noise coming from the Main Hall above, the Council ought to consider changing the date of their meeting. This was noted.

The meeting considered the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which will be next year, with it being agreed that ideas are discussed with other organisations.

Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor reported that he had attended the meeting held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, with members of the Council with Mr. R. Rhys, agent, Mr. D. Taylor and Mr. P. Young, which had discussed their latest thinking on their proposals for further development of up to 300 dwellings with a Country Park proposal. A report is expected shortly from Mr. R. Rhys. Mr. Bloomfield stated that the future proposals should be opposed and he would be prepared to hold a meeting with the Council to formulate & advise on the way forward. It was agreed that the three District Councillors are also invited to this meeting. This to be ratified under the Planning agenda item.

Mr. Bloomfield, informed the meeting that the new proposed single Unitary Authority, replacing the existing District Councils, with elections being held in May 2022 is to have 80 elected members.

In the absence of the three District Councillors, no SSDC issues were reported.

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

Mrs. Panter reported that she has had contact with PC. Stefan Edwards.

Mr. Marsh reported on Surgery matters, stating that 'Flu' jabs will be available at the weekend. Mr. Marsh agreed to enquire about how the booking appointments system is operated.

Miss Stapleton raised an enquiry from the Chemist in Ilchester reference GP Community travel.

Mr. H. Williams informed the meeting on behalf of the Ilchester Town Trust, that the repairs to the Market Cross are well underway. There was a query asking if there is to be a 'Topping out' event.

Mr. Williams reported that there are four Car boot sales left to run. These have been successful.

Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA that there is to be a Christmas tree on 'the Green' as part of the Christmas events.

IDCA have paid for two members to be trained in 'Chapter 8' work, which allows for them to officially work on the Highway.

2. Miss Stapleton reported that Mrs. C. Williams & Mrs. D. Cuff have judged the ‘Village in Bloom’ competition, and the Newsletter is to be put on the IDCA website.

It was reported that IRINEC will be holding their annual farm visit to Stocklinch, next week.

Rev. B. Faulkner reported that St. Mary’s Church is still locked due to there being only one key, another one is being sourced.

Rev. Faulkner reminded the Council that the Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup> and it was agreed that this is an agenda item at the next meeting.

Rev. Faulkner thanked the Council for all they do on behalf of the Parish.

## 85. Youth Parish Councils

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

## 86. Planning matters

Mrs. Panter reported that the meeting on site at the Hainbury Development area of the 150 housing had taken place on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the site of the ongoing development, with Vistry representatives. It had been a useful exchange, highlighting - 30 dwellings are under construction, vehicles accessing the site via the centre of Ilchester, the issue of a possible 30 MPH speed limit on the Old Fosse Way, not within the developers’ remit, to provide updated plans of the development, cameras for monitoring traffic not accepted, and the Section 106 payments. The date of completion is scheduled for February / March 2023.

A separate meeting with members of the Council with Mr. R. Rhys, agent, Mr. D. Taylor and Mr. P. Young, had taken place in the Town Hall afterwards. Notes of the meeting are to be received from Mr. R. Rhys, which discussed their latest thinking on their proposals for further development of up to 300 dwellings with a Country Park proposal. Two Roman settlements have been identified within the area.

The Council approved the suggestion made by Mr. Bloomfield to hold a meeting with members & the three District Councillors, to consider the future of further development within Ilchester.

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 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 noted that there was no decision on application 21/02364/HOU at rear of 11, High Street for construction of vehicle entrance onto land at the rear.

The Council noted that there was no decision on 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 to no adverse impact on adjacent properties.

## 87. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/08/21 being in C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £37,744.13p.

**Receipts** - £0.33p Bank interest

**Payments made -**

09/09/21	2549	£240	PKF Littlejohn LLP audit fee
09/09/21	2550	£25	S. Pack – Stone clearing Skate park
09/09/21	2551	£566.50	P. Horsington salary & expenses
09/09/21	2552	£10	MVF Ltd Countryside membership

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

It was reported that the Audit has been signed off and the Notice of Conclusion advertised.

The Council discussed whether to purchase a new Laptop computer, as the one being used for retrieving the VAS information, has been borrowed from Mr. C. Williams.

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It was agreed to pay £20 per month to the person who will take on clearing the Skate park area.

After discussion, it was agreed that, as the Youth Parish Councils have a Laptop, Miss Stapleton will consult with Mr. Bushell, as to whether this one would be suitable for retrieving the VAS data. If so, then it could be used. However, it was agreed that a new Laptop would be a wise investment to consider, when the Clerk retires, so that the Council would then have their own.

Having declared an Interest, Miss Stapleton left the meeting for the next item.

The Council agreed to accept a quotation received from Appleby & Childs from Mrs. Caroline Kemp reference repairs to the lettering on the memorial tablet to the late Mrs. Eileen Stapleton. Miss Stapleton returned to the meeting.

The meeting was informed that Mrs. Panter & some members had met on the site, owned by the Angling Club adjacent to Ivel Gardens, with Mr. S. Horne, who had given a quote of £580 to clear the site. The Council discussed the issue of the parking spaces, and the need to take advice from the E.A. re. the risk assessment required, before any final decision is made by the Council as to proceed with taking it over.

The Council considered the quotation of £400, received from Mr. S. Horne to clear the Pound area to the river and on the proposition by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Litwinek, the quotation was approved.

### **88. Cemetery**

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

In the absence of Mr. Bushell, Mr. Litwinek reported that the path works had been completed by Lee Wright Construction. It was agreed that the works were well carried out.

Mr. Litwinek presented a list of works to be considered for improvements within the Cemetery. These included – Tree lopping, trimming back the hedges around the internal perimeter of the Cemetery, painting/ maintenance of the internal of the Chapel of Rest, including metal bench two other benches & replacing a two seater elm bench. Removal / clearing of the area at the top right corner of the Cemetery. It was agreed to obtain quotations for the Council to consider before further works are carried out. The issue of dead floral tributes & wreaths removal was also raised.

### **89. Highway matters**

The Council noted that the list highlighting traffic issues within the Parish, prepared by Mr. Marsh & further comments from Mr. Hughes had been given to the SCC Transportation Officer, and the Clerk had met & taken him around the Parish. A written report is to be sent to the Council from SCC Highways for an opinion as to best way to resolve them.

There was nothing to report from SCC on the lack of any advance signage indicating the access into Ivel Gardens or Back Lane from the High Street junction.

### **90. Flooding issues**

The Council noted that there was nothing received from National Highways (formerly Highways England).

### **91. Allotments**

Mr. H. Williams reported that judging of the allotments, will take place on September 16<sup>th</sup>

### **92. Mead Play area**

Mr. Scofield reported that the pole on the Climbing equipment is to be sorted by Creation Play Ltd. It was noted that the fortnightly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted.

### **93. Skate Park**

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

Mr. Schofield reported that Gravity Ltd had recommended that due to the age of the Skate park equipment, the Council should consider replacing the existing equipment with concrete ones.

Mr. Scofield informed the meeting that there is graffiti on the equipment and he has contacted SSDC to ask for it to be removed. The Police have been made aware.

Mr. Scofield reported that he & Mrs. Panter will be meeting Joe Hague to discuss the future of the Skate park equipment.

The Council noted that Miss Sophie Pack – Stone is no longer clearing the Skate park area. Thanks were expressed for all she had done.

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**94. Rights of Way**

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

**95. Tree Matters**

Mrs. Panter reported that the tree works are to be carried out in September, being the fallen tree at Northover and a Yew tree overhanging the river Yeo, behind 14, Ivel Gardens.

Mr. H. Williams was thanked for all his work in sorting out a tree by the Old School in West Street and clearing the area at the end of West Street.

**96. Correspondence**

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter.

**97. Items for Report, or for the agenda of the next meeting**

Mr. Marsh stated that as the County & District Councils no longer carry out as much maintenance such as keeping the streets free of weeds, as they once did, he felt that the Parish Council should consider employing a 'Lengthsman' to carry these jobs. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda for further discussion, as there will be a cost implication, which would have to be budgeted for.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 10.25pm.

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