

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday January 13th 2022
in the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

The meeting was held with Covid arrangements.

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. J. Hughes, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. A. Schofield, Mr. H. Williams, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.

Four members of the public attended.

177. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. A. Litwinek, 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.

178. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on December 16th 2021, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

179. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

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

In the absence of Mr. R. Graydon, RNAS, there were no RNAS matters discussed.

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

The Council noted the Local Council Network discussions taking place.

In the absence of all three District Councillors, there were no SSDC matters discussed.

Mr. G. Hill informed the meeting that on the Environment Agency’s website, it states modelling had been carried out by the Environment Agency on the rivers Cam & Yeo, this includes reference to future climate changes. Mr. Hill agreed to forward the relevant link to the Clerk for circulation.

Mr. Hill highlighted the need to have the road side hedges trimmed back regularly along the road from the A. 37 to the Mead during the year, as he and Ms. J. Burrell have recently cleared the footpath from the Mead to the Sports field. Mrs. Panter thanked them for doing this.

181. Police & Community issues with reports from Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC, Surgery news & Church matters

Miss Stapleton reported that the two Police PCSOs had been in Ilchester with the Police Community vehicle before Christmas, and this had been well received.

Mr. Marsh reported on Surgery matters, stating that the extra vaccination programme in Martock had not been well taken up by the public. Mr. Marsh stated that a letter making the case for a new Surgery in Ilchester is being discussed, as the new ongoing developments will have an impact on their Service.

Mr. H. Williams stated there was nothing to report on behalf of the Ilchester Town Trust.

Miss Stapleton on behalf of IDCA stated that there had been discussion on the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee being held in June. After discussion, Mr. Hughes offered to take part in any discussions on behalf of the Council to assist with the Jubilee.

The publication of the Village Magazine is still being discussed, as was any future Christmas tree.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

Rev. Faulkner reported the Church is proposing to show the story of the life H.M. the Queen in seven groups in St. Mary’s Major over the Jubilee weekend. Also it is proposed to have a Coronation event involving the Schools, in Church at the end of May.

182. Area owned by Ilchester & District Angling Club

The Council noted a planning application has been submitted for permission to clear the area, as the area is Protected by an Order IVEL HOUSE dated 1973, which is under consideration. It was agreed to contact SSDC to ask how this application is progressing.

183. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that she had been contacted by one young person.

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184. Hainbury development & Housing survey

There were no issues raised reference the Hainbury development.

Mr. Marsh reported that he had received information received from Mr. Bloomfield a template questionnaire, which was part of Martock's Community plan. This meant some of this was not relevant for Ilchester. It was agreed that a separate meeting is held to discuss these details.

185. Planning matters

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 for applications 21/03136/HOU & 21/02145/LBC at 1, Northover House, Northover for the erection of a single storey rear extension and the replacement of 4no. Windows with single – glazed timber casements.

The Council noted the application 21/03424/TPO to carry out Tree works to various trees as shown IVEL HOUSE 1973 TPO, this being the area at present owned by the Ilchester Angling Club.

186. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/12/21 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £28,794.13p

Receipts - £0.25p Bank interest

Payments made -

13/01/22	2570	£50	Macmillan Cancer Support
13/01/22	2571	£100	St. John Ambulance
13/01/22	2572	£150	Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance
13/01/22	2573	£50	Citizens Advice Bureau
13/01/22	2574	£200	IDCA
13/01/22	2575	£300	St. Mary Major PCC
13/01/22	2576	£74.80	HMRC paye tax
13/01/22	2577	£55	ITT room hire
13/01/22	2578	£2,478	SLR Outdoor Maintenance
13/01/22	2579	£20	Thomas Mephram – skate park
13/01/22	2580	£558.84	P. Horsington salary & expenses

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

The Council considered the Budget proposals, which had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting, by Mr. G. Bushell. Mr. Marsh commented that the potential cost of the May 5th 2022 elections had not been included, but after discussion, it was agreed that this figure can be covered.

The Council discussed the proposed Precept, also circulated by Mr. Bushell, which included a sum set aside to carry out some Village maintenance, which is no longer carried out by SCC or SSDC.

On the proposition of Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Schofield, the Council unanimously approved a Precept of £29,000 for the year 2022/23.

187. Cemetery

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

In the absence of Mr. Bushell and Mr. Litwinek, Mrs. Panter reported that Mr. Litwinek will remove some of the rubbish there.

188. Highway matters

Mr. Marsh stated the he had informed the Clerk that the litter bin at Great Orchard had been removed, and the Council had since received an Email from SSDC Street Scene stating that it had been removed for safety reasons. The Council considered a quotation received from SSDC Street Scene to replace & fix the bin for £570 plus VAT. After some discussion, on the proposition of Mr. Marsh, seconded by Miss Stapleton, it was agreed to accept this quotation.

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The Council noted Emails exchanged between Mr. J. Coulter and Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor reference the number of HGVs using Ilchester.

189. Flooding issues

The Council noted that the E. A. had acknowledged the request reference state of the existing flood defences for the whole of Ilchester. The Council noted the comments by Mr. G. Hill made earlier.

190. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that two new locks are needed for the entrance gates & this request was agreed. Mr. Williams also stated that he had trimmed the trees inside and at the entrance.

The Council were informed that there are seven names on the waiting list.

191. Mead Play area

Mr. Schofield reported that the fortnightly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted. The Fireman's pole is to be inspected again, but not until later, by Creation Play Ltd.

192. Skate Park

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

Mr. Schofield reported that the litter is being picked up on a regular basis.

193. Rights of Way

In the absence of Mr. Litwinek, there were no issues reported.

194. Tree Matters

There were no tree issues raised.

195. Correspondence

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter.

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

Mr. H. Williams informed the meeting that he has obtained a Noticeboard, which after discussion, it was agreed in principle, that it should be used to put photos of the new members of the Parish Council, following the elections to be held on May 5th 2022.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday February 10th 2022 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present and declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed:

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