

**1. Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> 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. G. Bushell (part), Mr. J. Hughes, Mr. A. Litwinek, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. A. Schofield, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. P. Denslow & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.

Eleven members of the public attended.

**197. Apologies**

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

**198. The Minutes** of the previous meeting held on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2022, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

**199. Declarations of Interest**

There were none declared.

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

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

Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, stated that he had doubts that the Parish Council elections will be held in May, this despite the fact that the Clerk stated that the timetable for these elections had been received from the SSDC Electoral Officer.

Mr. Bloomfield strongly recommended that there should be a Lorry Watch group formed to monitor the issue of HGVs using Ilchester. Mr. G. Pope stated that he was aware of an HGV going through the Village to access the Cheese Norseland Factory.

Mrs. Panter reported that she had attended via Zoom a meeting of the Local Council Network forum. Mr. Bloomfield stated that he felt that Parish Councils need to have an Ombudsman put in place to oversee that proper procedures are followed.

Mr. Bloomfield, in the absence of all three District Councillors, highlighted a recent article in the ‘Leveller’ that indicated there were issues within SSDC, of ‘mal practise’

Mr. G. Hill informed the meeting that there will be an event held at the Mead to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

Mr. P. Westlake asked if there was any update on the Scout hut being re-located. Mr. Williams stated that he will contact the Town Trust to ask if any progress has been made. It was noted that there are now four meetings per week.

Mrs. Panter welcomed Mr. P. Denslow to the meeting. Mr. Denslow stated that he owns the Fish & Chip shop in Martock and has seven Villages interested in having a mobile Unit coming in to sell fish & chips. He was asking if the Parish Council had any comments on him coming to Ilchester from 4.30pm to 7.00pm and advising him on any specific sites. Members pointed out there were three areas, being the Mead, the Centre of Ilchester and Taranto Hill. In principle, the Council agreed with the him coming into Ilchester, and agreed to discuss this later in the meeting and contact him, after the meeting.

Mr. G. Pope stated that he was pleased to see that the hedge on the B.3151, adjoining Fosseyway Court had been trimmed. Mr. Pope highlighted the issues of both Learner drivers & EScooters using Abbots and Priory Road, in his opinion causing safety issues. He felt some white lining in the area might help.

Ms. T. Rowe highlighted the anniversary of the building of Hadrian’s wall and also asked if there was any progress with ‘Hedgehog signs. It was felt that Hadrian’s wall could become a Schools project.

Mr. P. Matthews spoke on his application 21/03672/FUL at Nowra, Priory Road stating that here was no intention of running any business from the site and was fully aware that the feeling was that the whole area remains one entity, and as the application was to enable a member of the family to live there, there would be no extra traffic generated.

Mr. Skipper expressed his concern at the potential of the building within the application could become a separate dwelling and then sold off. Mr. Skipper commented that SSDC had only notified two adjacent properties. These points were noted.

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

The Council noted Crime figures received, which stated (Charltons January 22) that there had been one burglary and three cases of violence against the person.

Mr. Marsh reported on Surgery matters, stating one Doctor, within the Practice is now involved with Rhesus studies. The 'Ask my GP' has had 20K persons involved, with 67K telephone calls. There have been 3,000 referrals over the past year. Waiting lists remain an issue as well as 'Bed blocking'. The 'Buttercross' Practice also fund two nurses working in a Care satellite in the Glastonbury area.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust stating that there had been vandalism at the Sports Pavilion. In response to a complaint received about low branches on the Market Place, the response had been, that these have been 'crowned'.

Mr. Williams reported that the Ilchester Town Trust have formed sub Committee to consider the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Mr. Hughes stated that he is part of the planning of the Jubilee event, representing the Council, and it is being proposed to close the High Street on the Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> for a Street party.

Miss Stapleton on behalf of IDCA stated a small donation had been given to the Schools and a 'Bunny Hunt' is being proposed. Discussions on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee being held.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

In the absence of Rev. Faulkner, it was noted that it is proposed to have a 'Coronation event' in Church involving the Schools, at the end of May.

### **202. Area owned by Ilchester & District Angling Club**

Mrs. Panter reported that the planning application has been submitted for permission to clear the area, as the area is Protected by an Order IVEL HOUSE dated 1973, had been approved and the works to clear the area will not be carried out until after March 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Council noted that the cost of the Legal fees to transfer the area to the Parish Council from the Angling Club, will total £718. Mr. Bushell indicated that £2,000 had been budgeted towards this project.

### **203. Youth Parish Councils**

Miss Stapleton reported that the Youth Parish Councils' meetings are still under review.

### **204. Hainbury development & Housing survey**

There were no issues raised reference the Hainbury development.

Mr. Marsh reported that he will adapt the information received from Mr. Bloomfield to a template questionnaire to make it relevant for Ilchester. It was agreed that there is no absolute urgency for this and in due course, to hold a separate meeting to discuss these details.

### **205. 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 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 had been granted.

The Council noted that the application 21/03424/TPO to carry out Tree works to various trees as shown IVEL HOUSE 1973 TPO, had been granted.

The Council discussed at length application 21/03672/FUL at Nowra, Priory Road, for conversion of existing outbuilding to ancillary accommodation and erection of porch, and agreed on a majority vote, to support the application, with the proviso that the building remains an integral part of the whole site for family connected occupation.

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### 206. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/01/22 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £25,157.72p

**Receipts** - £0.23p Bank interest & £96 Mrs. K. Diment

#### Payments made -

10/02/22	2581	£709.48	SSDC painting skate park ramps
10/02/22	2582	£20	Thomas Mephram – skate park
10/02/22	2583	£45.98	H. Williams padlocks allotment
10/02/22	2584	£558.84	P. Horsington salary & expenses

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

The Council reviewed the Clerk's salary and agreed the figure in the Budget proposals, this being £6,736 per annum. The Clerk thanked the Council for the increase.

The Council considered the Cemetery fees and agreed that the existing fees which had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting, were fair for local residents, but are to consider the impact of the re-use of Graves within the Yeovil Cemetery, which could increase requests for burials at Ilchester.

The Council reviewed the Allotment fees and on the advice of Mr. H. Williams, it was agreed to leave the rate of £20 per full plot & £15 for a half plot, unchanged.

The Council were informed that Mrs. Morley, due to ill health, wishes to give up being Internal auditor. It was agreed that a letter of thanks is sent and also flowers.

After discussion, it was agreed to ask Mr. P. J. Batten, London House, if he would consider taking on the role of Internal auditor.

### 207. Cemetery

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

The Council noted that two further quotations will have to be obtained to carry out the tree surgery and removal of overgrown scrubs etc. and due to nesting birds, any works will have to wait until September.

### 208. Highway matters

Mr. Marsh reported on behalf of Mr. Bushell, stating that the traffic figures from the B.3151 had been circulated and have been put on the Council's website. Also at present the VAS is on hire to Yeovilton Parish Council in Bridgehampton.

After discussion, it was agreed that the next location in Ilchester, will be in Yeovil Road facing towards traffic from the A.37.

The Council considered the request reference 'Hedgehog signs', which are being evaluated by SCC Highways, it was agreed to ask Highways for an update.

Miss Stapleton highlighted the poor state of some pavements, and it was agreed that members will provide photographic evidence of the areas where these are in need of some repair. This information will be forwarded to SCC Highways for their attention.

### 209. Flooding issues

The Council noted that the Email received from the E. A. stated that further consultation within the E.A. was needed before a definitive response can be sent.

### 210. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that the two new locks have been purchased.

Mr. Williams also stated that the trees inside and at the entrance have been trimmed back and expressed thanks to Mr. A. Dobson for his assistance.

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

Miss Stapleton reported that she has received various bulbs from a resident of Limington.,

### 211. Mead Play area

Mr. Schofield reported that the fortnightly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted.

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**212. Skate Park**

Mr. Schofield reported that the weekly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted.

**213. Rights of Way**

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

**214. Tree Matters**

There were no tree issues raised.

**215. Correspondence & other**

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter.

Members discussed Mr. Denslow's request for support of his 'Fish & Chip' mobile unit, and agreed to recommend two sites, one at the end of West Street & the other at Taranto Hill, by the Spar shop. Members would prefer not Thursdays or Fridays as the Dolphin usually provides fish & chips on these days. It was agreed to forward this information to Mr. Denslow, wishing him every success.

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

Miss Stapleton informed the meeting that Mr. G. Masters had gone to the Post Office in Northover, only to find that it was not open. It appeared that it only was open at certain times. This was noted.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present and declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed:

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