

**1. Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday March 10th 2022
in the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh (part), Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. J. Hughes, Mr. A. Litwinek, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. A. Schofield, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Seven members of the public attended.

217. Apologies

Apologies were received from, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, RNAS & PCSO Megan Day.

The Council stood to remember the suffering caused by the invasion of the Ukraine by Russia.

218. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 10th 2022, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

219. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared. Nomination forms for the Parish Elections from SSDC were available.

220. Open Session – with RNAS, County & District Councillors’ reports & Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

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.

It was noted that there will be a meeting at Stoke St. Gregory on March 17th reference the proposed New Unitary Authority.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor updated the meeting reference the formation of the new Unitary Authority, stating that there will be two Councillors elected for the new Somerset Council in this Ward, these will be in place when the new Authority is formed from May 2023.

Mr. Capozzoli informed the meeting that there is a Grant available from SSDC for Community events, such as the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

Mr. G. Pope asked what progress is there reference the Disable parking request in Priory road. Mrs. Panter stated that to date there has been no action.

Mr. Pope asked who has responsibility for keeping the Ransom strip in Priory road tidy. It was explained that as this had been bought by the Ilchester Town Trust in the first instance, this will be a matter for the Town Trust, with Mr. H. Williams agreeing to raise this at the next meeting of the Town Trust.

Mr. G. Hill informed the meeting that there will be a TV programme on ‘Down by the river’.

Mr. P. Westlake asked if there was any update on the Scout hut being re-located. Mr. Williams indicated that there could be an extension added to the Sports Pavilion.

Mr. B. Masters informed the meeting that there had been some storm damage to the roof of the Flood hut at the Mead. Mr. Schofield agreed to go and look and report back.

Mr. Hughes gave details of the proposals to date, for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee to be held on Sunday June 5th. It was agreed that there needs to be a meeting of the Town Trust and IDCA with Mr. Hughes, to progress these details. It was agreed to consider a contribution from the Council under financial matters, and also to consider an application to SSDC for some funding.

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

The Council noted Crime figures received, which stated that there had been a total of 12 reported Crimes in February. The Wincanton & Somerton newsletter had also been received & circulated.

Mr. Marsh reported on Surgery matters, stating there are still restricted numbers of staff, due to Covid and other issues. His suggested letter is still under review.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust stating that the Sports Pavilion interior could be painted if paint is provided. The Sports Field Committee has been awarded an omicron Covid grant.

Mr. Williams reported that the Car boot sales will begin on April 3rd and the profits from this first event will be donated to the Ukraine appeal.

The Town Trust have agreed to plant a tree to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

The Council noted that the charges will increase from April 1st for the hire of the Town Hall.

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Miss Stapleton on behalf of IDCA stated there had been a quick meeting and the 'Bunny Hunt' is being taking place on April 9th. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee being discussed.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

Rev. Faulkner reported there will be a 'Coronation event' in Church involving the Schools, on May 25th and there are to be Flower displays in the Church for two weeks over the Jubilee period.

222. Area owned by Ilchester & District Angling Club

Mr. G. Bushell stated that he will contact Mr. Brian Bushell, Ilchester Angling Club, and ask if there has been any contact with the Solicitor over the transfer of ownership.

223. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that there have no Youth Parish Councils' meetings.

224. Hainbury development & Housing survey

Mrs. Panter informed the meeting, that with Miss Stapleton & Mr. Williams, they had visited the Hainbury development and discussed traffic issues. The Council agreed that some HGV vehicles through Ilchester may be traffic going to Norseland Cheese, and it was agreed to make contact with them.

Mr. Marsh reported that he still has to adapt the information received from Mr. Bloomfield, for a questionnaire relevant for Ilchester, regarding views on future development within Ilchester.

225. 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 noted that the application 21/03672/FUL at Nowra, Priory Road, for conversion of existing outbuilding to ancillary accommodation and erection of porch, had been granted.

226. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 28/02/22 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £23,982.29p

Receipts - £0.19p Bank interest & £200 Funeralcare (G.H. Cook)

Payments made -

10/03/22	2585	£750.28	SSDC play inspections six months
10/03/22	2586	£684	SSDC new litter bin
10/03/22	2587	£20	Thomas Mephram – skate park
10/03/22	2588	£623.01	P. Horsington salary & expenses

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

The Council were pleased to note that Mr. P. J. Batten, London House, had agreed to take on the role of Internal auditor. Mrs. Morley had been thanked for all her past services.

The Council discussed making a contribution towards the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events and on the proposition of Mr. Bushell, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was agreed to donate £500. The Clerk was instructed, on receipt of detailed proposed costs to apply for a grant from SSDC.

The Council considered the three quotations received, for works quoting to remove the fallen tree at the Cemetery, and also to remove the tree part left standing. Mr. Bushell took no part in these discussions.

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Mr. Litwinek recommended that both the fallen tree and the standing part should be dealt with at the same time. After consideration, the Council agreed to accept the lowest quotation (£1,800) plus VAT if applicable, received from Mr S. M. Horne, Limington. The Clerk was instructed to formally write and accept the agreed quotation and thank all three specialists for their interest.

227. Cemetery

The Council were pleased to note that T. W. Cribb & Co had sent the photograph of the Bier.

The Council noted the above decision to carry out the tree works and noted that the Insurance company Gallagher had been notified re. a potential claim due to storm damage.

228. Highway matters

Mr. Bushell, stated that the traffic figures from Church Street had been circulated and have been put on the Council's website. It was noted that £50 from the hire of the VAS to Yeovilton Parish Council for use in Bridgemoor has been paid.

The Council noted that there had been no update on the request reference 'Hedgehog signs', which are being evaluated by SCC Highways, it was agreed to ask Highways for an update.

It was noted that no photographic evidence of the areas where footpaths are in need of some repair has not to been received. This information will be forwarded to SCC Highways for their attention.

229. Flooding issues

The Council noted that there was no update from the E. A. reference the existing flood defences in Ilchester as to whether these are now adequate in view of future Climate change.

230. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that the First Aid kit is out of date and new kit will have to be purchased.

Mr. Williams stated that the trees works & hedges are almost finished.

231. Mead Play area

Mr. Schofield reported that the fortnightly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted and informed the meeting that the Fireman's pole has been sorted.

232. Skate Park

Mr. Schofield reported that there has been some graffiti put on the ramps. It was noted that the weekly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted.

233. Rights of Way

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

234. Tree Matters

The fallen tree in the Cemetery was noted.

235. Correspondence

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter, which had been circulated.

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

It was reported that the mobile Fish & Chip is now coming to Ilchester and being well supported.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday April 14th 2022 with addition of the Annual Parish meeting on the same evening, the timings to be agreed and confirmed. Options being either the Parish Council to begin earlier, or follow the Annual Parish meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed:

Date:

