

**1. Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2022  
in the Town Hall, Ilchester following the Annual Parish meeting held at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. A. Litwinek, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. A. Schofield, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.  
Four members of the public attended.

**237. Apologies**

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

**238. The Minutes** of the previous meeting held on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2022, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

**239. Declarations of Interest**

There were none declared.

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

The Council noted the eight nominations for the Parish Council.

These being Mr. J. Hall, Mr. J. Hughes, Mr. A. Litwinek, Mr. S. Marsh, Mrs. H. Panter, Mr. A. Schofield, Miss J. Stapleton and Mr. H. Williams. This means there is one vacancy to be filled by co-option either at the May or June meeting.

The Council noted the list of the Candidates for the election on May 5<sup>th</sup> for the Martock Division of the new Somerset Authority.

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

Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, updated the meeting reference issues on Dog bins, with ongoing issues of SSDC being able to empty these, and reported that the Disabled parking request had been sorted.

In the absence of Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor there were no other District Council issues raised.

Miss Stapleton stated that she had been asked to highlight on behalf of a resident in Almshouse Lane a request to have CCTV placed in the Limington road car park. This being due to young persons’ rowdy behaviour late at night with noise & too many piling into cars and driving off. It was noted that the Car park is owned by SSDC and this would be a decision for SSDC to decide. It was agreed to ask the resident to contact SSDC, RNAS and the Police.

Mr. Bushell stated that Mr. Pope had again 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, this is the responsibility of the Town Trust to keep tidy.

Mr. Bushell stated that the grassed area in front of the Town Hall was untidy, and was informed that it is the Town Trust who maintain this area.

In the absence of Mr. Hughes, it was reported that a meeting had been held on Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> with organisations, to discuss details of the proposals for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee to be held on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Council agreed that the leaflets produced for residents & publicity were well done.

Miss Stapleton stated that she felt that there had been a lack of communication with those involved.

Mr. Bushell stated that he will discuss with IDCA officers how to manage the funding.

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

The latest Wincanton & Somerton Police 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. The issue of further development within Ilchester, gives him cause for concern, as to how the Surgery would cope with the extra number of patients.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust that the Car boot sales have started and the profits from this first event will be donated to the Ukraine appeal.

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Miss Stapleton on behalf of IDCA raised a query from a resident asking if the cost of maintenance of the Defibrillator at Great Orchard, is something that the Parish Council would consider, stating that IDCA at present cover this, but were wondering if this. It was agreed that this item is put on the next agenda.

Miss Stapleton reported that the 'Bunny Hunt' is has taken place on April 9<sup>th</sup> and was great fun.

The Council noted that the Newsletter has been published, with discussions taking place as there were no Council matters included either from Ilchester or Yeovilton.

Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, it has been agreed that there will be no Summer Fair this year, with further discussion taking place on the Flower & Produce show later in the year.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

In the absence of Rev. Faulkner, it was noted that there will be a 'Coronation event' in Church involving the Schools, on May 25<sup>th</sup> and there are to be Flower displays in the Church for two weeks over the Jubilee period.

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

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

#### **243. Youth Parish Councils**

Miss Stapleton reported that there have been no Youth Parish Councils' meetings, but she is in contact with a volunteer, who is keen to assist to restart the Council, and it is intended to have a meeting with the Head at the School and year six pupils.

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

Discussion took place as to whether to ask for meeting reference any updates on any future developments beyond the ongoing Hainbury development. After some debate, it was agreed to leave this issue for the new Council. It was agreed to ask SSDC again for an update on any Section 106 payment due from the ongoing development.

Mr. Marsh reported that he still has to adapt the questionnaire to be relevant for Ilchester, regarding views on future development within Ilchester.

#### **245. 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

#### **246. Annual Governance Statement**

The Chairman read and signed the Annual Governance statement.

#### **247. Financial matters**

The account balances were reported as at 31/03/22 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £23,265.21p

**Receipts** - £0.21p Bank interest, £1,355.98 HMRC VAT reclaim & £50 Yeovilton PC VAS hire

**Payments made -**

14/04/22	2589	£74.66	HMRC paye tax
14/04/22	2590	£52.50	ITT room hire
14/04/22	2591	£1,800	S. Horne tree works cemetery
14/04/22	2592	£20	Thomas Mephram – skate park
14/04/22	2593	£405.60	Vision ICT Ltd website
14/04/22	2594	£604.47	P. Horsington salary & expenses

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

The Clerk reported that all Councillors and the Internal auditor, Mr. P. Batten have received a copy of the annual accounts to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022. After discussion, on the proposition of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bushell, the accounts were unanimously adopted.

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Mrs. Panter signed a copy of the Accounts, read & signed the necessary Audit statements, which will be sent to the External auditors PFK Littlejohn, and posted in due course.

Mr. Batten, Internal auditor, will be given the books for his detailed examination.

#### **248. Cemetery**

The Council as the fallen tree has been removed, agreed to submit a claim for the tree works & £150 for slight damage to those Grave stones in the area to the Insurance company Gallagher.

#### **249. Highway matters**

Mr. Bushell, stated that the latest traffic figures have been circulated and are now put on the Council's website.

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.

Mr. Marsh agreed that he has yet to organise the painting of the signpost to Limington, as agreed some time ago. Mrs. Rowe offered to assist.

#### **250. Flooding issues**

The Council noted that there was no update from the E. A. reference the existing flood defences in Ilchester..

#### **251. Allotments**

Mr. Williams stated that the trees works & hedges are now completed. The allotment rents agreements have been sent out and there is to be a meeting on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> at the allotments.

There are nine persons on the waiting list.

#### **252. Mead Play area**

Mr. Schofield reported that the fortnightly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted and the area is well used.

#### **253. Skate Park**

Mr. Schofield reported that there has been some graffiti put on the ramps,, which also was highlighted to Miss Stapleton by a Mead resident, with the suggestion, that a Graffiti artist might be employed to work with the youth. It was noted that this would very expensive.

It was noted that the weekly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted.

#### **254. Rights of Way**

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

#### **255. Tree Matters**

Mr. Litwinek reported that the fallen tree in the Cemetery has been cleared.

#### **256. Correspondence**

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

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

It was agreed to send a Card to Mrs. Morley, wishing her well, as she is a former member & Internal auditor, who is not at all well.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all their support during the past year and declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed:

Date:

