

1. Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday May 12th 2022 held in the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.15 pm.

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh, Mrs. P. Andrews, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. J. Hughes, Mr. A. Litwinek, Mr. A. Schofield, Mr. H. Williams, Mrs. Emily Pearlstone, Somerset Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Four members of the public attended.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. J. Bailey, Somerset Councillor, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, RNAS, & PCSO B. Marcelino.

2. Election of Chairman & sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office

On the proposition of Mr. Schofield, seconded by Mr. Marsh, Mrs. Panter was elected Chairman, and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. To co-opt one member to fill Vacancy

It was noted that there were eight nominations received, these being Mrs. H. Panter, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. J. Hughes, Mr. A. Litwinek, Mr. A. Schofield & Mr. H. Williams.

On the proposition of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hall, Mrs. P. Andrews was unanimously co-opted to fill the Vacancy. All members signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office and were given copies of the Register of Interests form to complete and return to SSDC within 28 days.

4. Election of Officers

On the proposition of Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Williams, Mr. Marsh was elected vice – Chairman.

The following Offices were appointed -

Finance	Mr. Marsh
Highways	Mr. Hall
Rights of Way	Mr. Marsh
Cemetery	Mr. Litwinek & Mrs. Panter
Allotments	Mr. Williams
Mead & Skate park	Mr. Schofield & Mrs. Andrews
Youth Parish Council	Miss Stapleton
Newsletter	Mr. Hughes
Trees	All members
Website	Clerk & all
Internal auditor	Mr. P. Batten

These nominations were proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Marsh & unanimously agreed.

5. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on April 14th 2022, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

6. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

7. 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.

Mrs. Panter welcomed Mrs. Pearlstone and congratulated her and Mr. John Bailey in his absence, on being elected to the new Somerset Unitary Authority.. Mrs. Pearlstone introduced herself to the meeting.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor stated that there were no District Council issues to report.

Mr. Capozzoli stated that he would contact the SSDC Dog Warden section to support Mr. Williams’ request to act as a Dog Warden within Ilchester.

Ms. T. Rowe asked about planting spring bulbs at the entrance to Ilchester from Somerton end. It was agreed to be a great idea, but the ownership probably County Highways, would have to be consulted. Further will be given to the Council.

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Ms. Rowe suggested that the Council consider 'No mow in May' to help promote wildlife. It was agreed to be an idea worth pursuing for next year, as half of May is nearly gone.

Mr. Pope again asked why was the Ransom strip in Priory road not being kept tidy. It was explained that this is the responsibility of the Town Trust who now own it. Mr. Hall stated that he felt that the Town Trust had no legal responsibility to maintain this area.

Mr. Pope highlighted parking issues in the Canon's Gate area, suggesting white lines in that area.

Mr. Hughes reported on details of the proposed arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with leaflets being delivered to every property within Ilchester and events were coming together with a Street Party in the High Street to be held on Sunday June 5th. This will also include the presentation of a plaque to commemorate the event being given to the Town Hall.

The Clerk reported that SSDC had approved a grant of £910 towards this event. It was agreed that once received, this sum will be paid to IDCA.

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

The latest Wincanton & Somerton Police newsletter & Crime report had been received & circulated. Mrs. Panter stated that she is to contact PCSO Marcelino to ask for a meeting.

Mr. Marsh reported on Surgery matters, stating there are still restricted numbers of staff, due to Covid. The Surgery has been donated a Testing Machine for Asthma issues, and the Surgery is due to open on Monday next.

Following the query from a resident asking if the cost of maintenance of the Defibrillator at Great Orchard, is something that the Parish Council would consider, it was reported that the telephone kiosk is in need of some repair at present, and it was agreed that Mr. Marsh would look at this and report back.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust that the Charity is still in profit and the hire charges for the coffee mornings are being reconsidered, as there it is evident that would be little or no profit left for those organisations running these. Car boot sales continue to be well supported and Safeguarding & Risk assessments policies are being reviewed.

The Clerk reported from IRINEC that Mrs. Panter's four term as Trustee ends in July, and on the proposition of Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Williams, Mrs. Panter was re-appointed for four more years.

Rev. Faulkner gave members a copy of the Annual Parochial reports for St. Mary's Parochial Church Council. The PCC are waiting for the broken windows to be repaired.

Rev. Faulkner reported that there will be a 'Coronation event' in Church involving the Schools, on May 27th and there are to be Flower displays in the Church for two weeks over the Jubilee period. Also there will be a Service on June 5th at 6.00pm, and there has been a Sponsor for this Service.

9. Area owned by Ilchester & District Angling Club

The Clerk reported he had spoken to Mr. Brian Bushell, Ilchester Angling Club, and had been assured that their Solicitor will be instructed in due course. A complaint had been received reference brambles in that area, affecting their property, and the Clerk was instructed to reply.

10. Youth Parish Councils

In the absence of Miss Stapleton, no matters were reported.

11. Hainbury development & Housing survey

Mrs. Panter reported that she and Miss Stapleton had met with the Clerk to the Town Trust and a SSDC Officer to discuss potential Section 106 payments from the ongoing development to either bodies.

After some discussion, it was agreed to ask SSDC if there has been any pre planning discussions reference any future developments beyond the ongoing Hainbury development.

Mr. Marsh reported that he still has to adapt the questionnaire to be relevant for Ilchester, regarding views on future development within Ilchester, and after some discussion, including consideration of having either a Local or Neighbourhood plan, it was agreed to wait & see what impact the latest Government announcement will have, as it is supposed to strengthen local opinion in planning matters affecting their area.

12. 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

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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 22/00918/HOU at 12, Church Street to demolish stone & tile kitchen extension and modern concrete block boiler room. Erection of a single storey rear extension & carry out internal minor alterations.

The Council considered and supported application 22/00746/HOU at 26, Abbots Road for dropped kerb and alterations to front garden to provide gravelled parking for two vehicles.

13. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 06/05/22 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £50,603.80p

Receipts - £29,000 SSDC precept, £2.86p Bank interest, £357.30p HMRC VAT claim & £530 allotment rent

Payments made -

12/05/22	2595	£332.39	Running Imp coins QPJ
12/05/22	2596	£118.79	Running Imp coins QPJ
12/05/22	2597	£63.11	J. Hughes leaflets QPJ
12/05/22	2598	£1,578.50	A. J Gallagher insurances
12/05/22	2599	£49	H. Williams weedkiller allotments
12/05/22	2600	£20	T. Mephram skate park
12/05/22	2601	£601.25	P. Horsington salary & expenses
12/05/22	2602	£282	Chalmers & Co paye etc.

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

The Council agreed to contact NatWest and ask for new Mandate forms for members, who are not at present signatories on their list.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Batten, Internal auditor, had inspected, and approved the Annual accounts, and signed the relevant document.

14. Cemetery

The Council noted that the claim for the tree works & £150 for slight damage to those Grave stones in that area had been refused by the Insurance company Gallagher. Their reasons being, they do not insure trees and Graves are the responsibility of the families of the interred. This was noted.

Mr. Litwinek gave members copies of his detailed report on the issues of Burial charges and the need to update the conditions relating to requests for burials from persons with no connection to the Parish. After some discussion, as this is somewhat complicated, it was agreed to hold a separate meeting to deal with this in detail and report back to a Council meeting for approval.

15. Highway matters

The Council discussed the latest traffic figures and Mr. Hall has agreed to take over the arrangements for the VAS use from Mr. Bushell. Mr. Hall raised the possible use of the VAS without the display unit being switched on, this to collect data without drivers being made aware of it being in place.

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

It was noted that the painting of the signpost to Limington, as agreed some time ago is still ongoing.

Mr. Litwinek highlighted the poor state of some pavements within the Parish. It was agreed that photographic evidence is taken, showing where, which will then be sent to County Highways.

16. Flooding issues

The Council noted that there had been no flooding issues and there was nothing received from the E. A. reference the existing flood defences in Ilchester.

17. Allotments

Mr. Williams stated that the trees works, hedges & brambles trimming have been completed and dealt with.

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There had been a well attended meeting with the tenants on Sunday April 24th with one major issue being raised, being a request to improve the access in wet weather. This was noted.

Mr. Williams stated there has been one new tenant and the majority of rents have been received.

18. Mead Play area

Mr. Schofield reported that the fortnightly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted and the area is well used. An issue of overhanging brambles has been resolved.

19. Skate Park

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

20. Rights of Way

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

21. Tree Matters

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

22. Correspondence

There was no other correspondence.

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

It was noted that copy for the Newsletter has to be sent to IDCA by May 20th for inclusion.

Rev. Faulkner reported that the number of paper copies of the Newsletter are being reduced to save cost and the IDCA 'Facebook' will have the Newsletter on its site.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday June 9th 2022 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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