

1. Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday June 9th 2022 held in the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh, Mrs. P. Andrews, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. J. Hughes, Mr. A. Litwinek, Miss J. Stapleton,, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. J. Bailey, Somerset Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.

Five members of the public attended.

24. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. A. Schofield, Mrs. Emily Pearlstone, Somerset Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, RNAS, & PCSO B. Marcelino.

25. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on May 12th 2022, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

26. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

27. 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 Mr. Bailey on being elected to the new Somerset Unitary Authority.

Mr. Bailey spoke on his report that had been received and circulated to all members, stating that are still Small Improvement Schemes grants available via himself. As the Council now have a Liberal majority, there are now a new Chair & Leader of the Unitary Authority, which comes into force next year.

Mr. Marsh asked how many Parishes were in his Martock Division, and was informed that there are seven.

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

Ms. T. Rowe express her thanks to Mr. Hughes, Miss Stapleton & all involved for an excellent event held on June 5th in the High Street area, to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. It was agreed that this had been very well supported and a great success, despite some rain later.

Ms. Rowe stated that she will plant spring bulbs at the entrance to Ilchester from Somerton direction on the B.3151 in the autumn, once SCC Highways had given their approval.

An Email received from Mr. G. Hill was read and the issues raised were noted, these being - a copy of a letter sent to National Highways reference flooding issues, that there is a temporary sign affecting the exit from the Mead onto the A.37, growth along the footpath to the Mead, and that there had been a Party held at the Mead to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

Mr. Pope enquired why was the Ransom strip in Priory road no longer being kept tidy. It was explained that this is the responsibility of the Town Trust who have bought it from Trinity College, Cambridge, with Mrs. Andrews stating that some residents are not aware of this. Mr. Hall stated that he felt that the Town Trust had no legal responsibility to maintain this area. This was noted.

Mr. Pope highlighted that the hedge from Fosseyway Court area on the right towards the Schools needed trimming as it was impacting on larger vehicles. It was agreed that should to reported, copied to Mr. Bailey being formally considered under Highway issues.

Mr. Hughes reported on the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, thanking the Committee and all involved. There had been 33 volunteers with IDCA & the Town Trust involved. A Naval Helicopter flight had taken place in the afternoon. SSDC Street Scene had cleared the High Street before & after the event, with Mr. H. Williams doing sterling work in helping with this. The music provided was much appreciated.

Mr. S. Marsh, on behalf of the Parish Council had presented a plaque to the Town Trust to commemorate the event and the Town Trust with Mr. G. Masters, had planted a tree on the Sports field. It was unanimously agreed to have been a very successful day. The Council thanked Mr. Hughes for all his work with the event.

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

Mrs. Panter stated that she is still trying to contact PCSO Marcelino to ask for a meeting.

It was reported that there is Graffiti appearing in parts of the Village.

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Mr. Marsh reported on Surgery matters, stating any dental issues need to be reported via phone number contact 111. Mr. Marsh reported that it is hoped that the Surgery will be available on Wednesdays & Fridays, adding to the present being open on Mondays.

Mr. Marsh reported that he felt that the telephone kiosk at Great Orchard was in a reasonable state of repair, but Miss Stapleton stated that there a need for some repair, and it was agreed that further information from IDCA will be obtained, before discussing the cost of maintenance of the Defibrillator at Great Orchard, being taken on by the Parish Council.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust, that the Trustees are in discussions with the Charity Commission to change its constitution. Training for both Trustees and staff is being arranged.

Miss Stapleton reported that IDCA had met earlier in the week and there will be a further meeting for a full debrief on the event held on Sunday June 5th, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Also discussions are to take place with Mr. H. Williams to agree a suitable date for the Flower show. There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

Rev. Faulkner reported that the 'Coronation event' in Church involving the Schools, had been a marvellous event, with the children taking part being fantastic. The Floral displays in the Church for two weeks over the Jubilee period looked brilliant.

The Quinquennial inspection has taken place, and there have been issues with the Church Clock, despite having just been serviced.

Rev. Faulkner reported that the PCC are working with Ms. Rowe to rewild an area of the Churchyard.

The Council were sad to record the passing of Mrs. P. Morley, who had been a Churchwarden & Treasurer of the PCC, also very involved as Internal auditor to the Parish Council.

29. Area owned by Ilchester & District Angling Club

The Clerk reported he had heard nothing more from Mr. Brian Bushell, Ilchester Angling Club, reference their Solicitor being instructed to proceed.

30. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that she and Rachel are to meet with the Head at the School aimed at Year 6 pupils, to canvass members. One project suggested could be the formation of a 'Bug Hotel' as part of rewilding the area in St. Mary's Churchyard.

31. Hainbury development & Housing survey

Mr. Marsh asked what contribution would the Parish receive from the Section 106 payments from the ongoing development. Following some debate, it was agreed that members are sent both the guidance on the 106 payments sent to Parishes from SSDC and the list of Highway issues discussed and agreed by the previous Council. These issues to be considered by all members, for their opinion and any additional views. It was agreed that following discussion, a list of potential projects relevant to any Section 106 payments to the Council is drawn up, as well as any potential Highway improvements.

It was noted that the reply received from SSDC planning reference asking SSDC if there has been any pre planning discussions reference any future developments beyond the ongoing Hainbury development had not addressed or answered the query. Mr. Hall drew attention to the potential impact on the existing sewage / waste water system with the new housing and any further developments.

There was nothing reported by Mr. Marsh reference a questionnaire, relevant for Ilchester, seeking the views from residents on future potential development within Ilchester.

32. 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 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.

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The Council noted that application 22/00746/HOU at 26, Abbots Road for dropped kerb and alterations to front garden to provide gravelled parking for two vehicles had been granted.

It was reported that the Car wash facility at Bridge Garage, Northover has now ceased, and the site is now being used for car sales.

33. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/05/22 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £46,394.46p

Receipts - £4.30p Bank interest, £85 allotment rent & £47 Foster Funeral Services

Payments made -

18/05/22	2603	£910	IDCA for QPJ event
09/06/22	2604	£20	T. Mepham skate park
09/06/22	2605	£601.63	P. Horsington salary & expenses
09/06/22	2607	£6	ITT rent for Mead area & Skatepark

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

The Clerk reported that NatWest Mandate department has been notified of the names of the members of the Council, who wish to be added to the list of signatories, and this is now ongoing.

34. Cemetery

Mr. Litwinek reported on a meeting held with members to discuss Burial charges and the need to update the conditions relating to requests for burials from persons with no connection to the Parish. All members had received the detailed proposals. After some discussion, on the proposition of Mr. Litwinek, seconded by Miss Stapleton, the increased fees were unanimously approved, with effect from June 9th. The agreed fees increase of 75% was also to be doubled for Burials of persons who were not residents of Ilchester at their time of death. It was agreed to hold further discussion to agree the detail for any possible exceptions and determine the how this should be applied. A copy is attached to the minutes.

35. Highway matters

Mr. Hall reported that he is to meet with Mr. G. Bushell to take over the arrangements for the VAS use from Mr. Bushell. The Council considered the request from Yeovilton & District Parish to hire the VAS device for up to eight times in the year. This was agreed at a cost of £50 per session.

The Council noted that further evidence had been sent to SCC Highways of a dead hedgehog in the Northover area, & again asking for a 'Hedgehog sign'.

Mr. Hall highlighted the fact that it is illegal to ride cycles on footpaths.

It was agreed that there are various lines that need to be repainted within the Parish, particularly at the junction with the High Street and the zebra crossings.

It was agreed to ask SCC Highways to cut the hedge from Fosseyway Court area on the right towards the Schools, as it is impacting on larger vehicles.

36. Flooding issues

The Council noted that there had been no flooding issues, and no update from the E.A. reference the existing flood defences in Ilchester.

37. Allotments

Mr. Williams stated that all the allotments have been taken, but Mrs. Small is to give up her two allotments and these will be reformed into three allotments and then let. Mr. Williams reported that the lock has failed, but he has a spare. The date for the judging of the allotments is yet to be agreed.

38. Mead Play area

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

39. Skate Park

In the absence of Mr. Schofield, it was reported that that the weekly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted.

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40. Rights of Way

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

41. Tree Matters

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

42. Correspondence

There was no other correspondence.

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

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday July 14th 2022 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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