

1. Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday August 11th 2022 held in the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. A. Litwinek, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. A. Schofield, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. J. Bailey, Somerset Councillor, & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Four members of the public attended.

65. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs. P. Andrews, Mr. J. Hughes, Mrs. Emily Pearlstone, Somerset Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, RNAS, PCSOs B. Marcelino & M. Day & Rev. B. Faulkner.

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

67. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

68. Open Session – with RNAS, County & District Councillors' reports

The Council were informed that Mr. R. Graydon, RNAS, has retired from his post as Community Relations Officer and there are no plans at present, for any replacement officer.

Mr. Bailey, Somerset Councillor spoke on his report that will be circulated to members. This included that Mr. Duncan Sharkey has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer to the new Authority. The County Council have declared a Cost of Living Emergency, as well as an Ecological Emergency.

Mr. Bailey informed the meeting that Bus Services are experiencing a 70% drop in numbers of pre Covid use, due to a combination of changing work habits and older pass pass holders staying away. The County Council are to launch a campaign to encourage more users.

Mr. Bailey reported that there is to be a new Customer Panel, being established as part of the Local Government Reorganisation programme, this being to encourage members of the public to engage with with the new Authority and help shape policies. Online surveys & one to one interviews will form part of this.

Mr. Bailey confirmed that once the Council have an agreed position on traffic issues, he will support and promote any approved SIS proposals. This contact will be via Mr. Hall, who is taking the lead.

In the absence of the District Councillors, no SSDC issues were raised.

Mr. G. Hill stated that the ditch behind the Mead adjacent to the A.303 has not been cleared for some time and needs attention. It was agreed to contact the various Authorities on this issue.

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

The Council noted the Crime stats, which had been circulated.

Mrs. Panter reported that she & Miss Stapleton had met with PCSOs B. Marcellino & M. Day on July 20th at the Town Hall. Various topics were highlighted of which the PCSOs were totally unaware. The importance of residents reporting incidents was emphasised, by using 101 or the Police website. Issues covered were parking, over which the PCSOs stated this is not part of their job. These are to be directed to parking enforcement Officers. Lack of Police visibility, establishment of Pub watch and reference HGVs, it was stated that there is a specialist traffic unit in place. Support for Speed watch groups is available if the residents wish to set one up.

Miss Stapleton stated that on Face book there are meet & greet sessions with the Police in some Parishes, but to date this has not happened in Ilchester.

The Council noted issues of Young persons speeding with loud exhausts through Ilchester, a near miss at the Northover zebra crossing and fly tipping and a Van parked in Priory had been reported.

Mr. Marsh reported on Surgery matters, stating the Surgery building is now open on Mondays for Blood tests. Flu clinics are to be held at the Surgery, as well as at the Chemists, these both being carried out via the Surgery.

Mr. Marsh stated that 'Ask my GP' service aims to give a response within 72 hours. This prompted some debate. There are Surgery appointments available on Thursday evenings.

Mr. Marsh reported that some panels at the telephone kiosk at Great Orchard were loose. The Council noted that there has been no contact from IDCA.

2. Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust, expressing thanks to the persons who had weeded the area by the Market cross.

Miss Stapleton reported that IDCA had met and held the debrief on the event held to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It has been agreed that the Flower & Produce show will be held on September 24th and the details are in the current edition of the Newsletter. IDCA are also to take on the organisation of the Christmas Fair.

It was noted that it is intended to hold a 'Street Fair' again next year.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

In the absence of Rev. Faulkner, the quotation for the repairs to the Church clock was noted.

70. Area owned by Ilchester & District Angling Club

Mrs. Panter reported that she had met Mr. B. Bushell and the issue is still ongoing. It was agreed to ask if a member of the Council could attend an Angling Club meeting.

71. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton stated that she had nothing to report.

72. Hainbury development & Housing survey

The Clerk reported that he had received an Email giving information reference potential Section 106 payments & CIL payments from the three developments at Hainbury Farm area opposite Fosseyway Court. Two were under the numbers of dwellings to qualify for any contribution and the third has a potential contribution of £1,483.39p to the Parish.

The Council considered the details Mr. Hall had sent to members reference Mr. Young's proposals stating that these needed to be confronted by the Council. It was agreed that there should be a meeting with Mr. Heath, Head Teacher at the Schools to discuss his views on any future development.

After some discussion, the Council agreed that the Parishioners need to be onside if these future proposals are to be confronted. As the Council had contacted the Somerset Community Council last year, asking advice as to how to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to put their views, it was agreed to contact them again for updated advice. The quotation for a full survey last year, was in the region of £6K. This was to manage the whole consultation, making it an official view.

73. 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 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 had been granted.

The Council noted that any decisions on applications SCC/ 3972/2022 at Somerton Road roundabout B.3151 & SCC/3975/2022 at Church Street Roundabout for advertising signs, will be delayed due to the new Somerset Unitary Authority, as the new logo has yet to be designed and approved.

The Council considered and supported application 22/02054/FUL at 13-25 & 24-46 Eagle Close for the installation of external wall insulation to external walls and re-roofing work carried out as part of a thermal upgrade programme to Service family accommodation.

After consideration, the application for a Pavement Licence to SSDC Licensing by the Dolphin Inn for a picnic bench in the High Street was noted.

74. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/07/22 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £46,071.25p

Receipts - £3.67p Bank interest, £20 allotment rent & £83 Cemetery fees (late Mr. R. Stapleton)

Payments made -

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| 11/08/22 | 2612 | £20 | T. Mephram skate park |
| 11/08/22 | 2613 | £585.88p | P. Horsington salary & expenses |

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

The Council considered and approved the quotation of £585 plus VAT from Cumbria Clock Co.

3. 75. Cemetery

Mr. Litwinek & Mrs. Panter reported that the Cemetery looked in fine condition.

After discussion, it was agreed to ask SSDC if a Wheelie bin can be provided or obtained for the garden waste, wreaths etc. which then can then be taken away by SSDC.

It was noted that further discussion to agree the detail to determine how potential connections with Ilchester should be defined, with this meeting being held prior to the September meeting.

76. Highway matters

Mr. Hall went through the details of highway issues, which had been circulated to members, these were discussed and some amendments and additional ideas were added. These will be circulated to members.

Mr. Hall stated that he felt that Street lighting could be switched off at midnight to save electricity, this prompted some discussion.

It was agreed to ask SCC Highways to cut the hedge from Great Orchard to the Schools before the end of August, just before the Schools return. Mr. Marsh stated that he is keeping the brambles trimmed.

Mr. Hall reported that the VAS had been switched off by some helpful person.

It was agreed to ask County Highways if they would take back the maintenance of the AS.37 roundabout. It was agreed to report a broken kerb stone on the Town Bridge.

An Email from a resident, who wished to remain anonymous, reference parking in the High Street had been circulated to members and Mrs. Panter stated she had made contact over this issue.

77. Flooding issues

The Council noted that there were no issues to consider.

78. Allotments

Mr. Williams stated that the allotments' area which have been divided into three areas had been re-let, but one person has now withdrawn, leaving one to be re-let. This is being progressed..

Mr. Williams reported that the judging of the allotments has taken place. The results will be given at the Flower, Craft & Produce show being held on September 24th. Discussion took place over the Cups.

79. Mead Play area

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

80. Skate Park

Mr. Schofield informed the Council that has been in contact with Mr. S. Barnes SSDC Play Officer to discuss the future re-development of the Skate Park equipment. SSDC doing improvement works to develop Skate areas within SSDC. The approximate spend would be in the region of £270K. Mr. Schofield stated that he has contacted three providers and a meeting with one provider Maverick has been arranged for September 5th on the site. As there will be some detail to report and discuss, it was agreed to put this agenda item near the beginning of the next meeting.

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

81. Rights of Way

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

82. Tree Matters

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

83. Correspondence

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership news letter had been circulated.

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

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday September 8th 2022 at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed:

Date:

