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**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday January 12th 2023 held
in the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. D. Galloway, Mr. J. Hall, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. A. Schofield, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Three members of the public attended.

167. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs. P. Andrews, Mr. A. Litwinek, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. J. Bailey, Somerset Councillor, Mrs. Emily Pearlstone, Somerset Councillor, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner & PCSO B. Marcelino.

168. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on December 15th 2022, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

169. Declarations of Interest

There were no Interests declared.

170. Open Session – with RNAS, County & District Councillors’ reports

There were no RNAS issues reported.

Mr. B. Masters stated that the hedge from the A.37 to the Mead, has now been trimmed.

The footpath still need to be tidied up. The Clerk was instructed to ask County Highways what were their policies as to how often footpaths were scheduled to be cut during the year.

In the absence of both Somerset Councillors, their written report, having been circulated, was noted.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor, reported that there had been a SSDC Area East Committee and full Council will meet on Thursday January 19th. He informed the meeting that serious funding is being put towards the Yeovil Town Refresh works which is costing well over budget, and further funding has been diverted from both Wincanton & Chard. The cost involved is £11 million.

Mr. Hall asked why were the Parish Council’s comments reference planning not available on the SSDC website. This was noted.

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

The Council noted no Ilchester Parish crime figures had been received.

Mr. Marsh stated that he had no matters report on the Surgery.

In the absence of Mr. H. Williams, there were no issues reported on behalf of the Town Trust

Miss Stapleton reported from IDCA stating that IDCA is proposing to hold an event to celebrate H.M. the King’s Coronation being held on May 6th. The Parish Council agreed to support this event.

There will be an Easter ‘Bunny’ hunt over the Easter weekend. Other events later in the year are under consideration.

There was nothing reported from IRINEC.

In the absence of Rev. Faulkner, no Church matters were raised.

172. Area owned by Ilchester & District Angling Club

The Council noted that there had been no further contact received from the Angling Club and the issue is now considered closed.

173. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton stated that it is intended to restart the Councils’ meeting in February.

174. Hainbury development & Housing survey

The Council considered in detail the Survey received from the Community Council for Somerset and agreed various recommendations to be sent back to CCS. It was agreed to hold two public meetings on this, once sent out. One query raised, was how many responses might be received from households, as the paper copy sent to each household only allows for one response. The response via ‘Survey link’ would allow others in the household to respond. The suggestion to have a Draw Prize on a majority vote, was not agreed.

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175. Planning matters

The Council noted that application 22/02200/FUL at New Spittles Farm for the construction of an agricultural building to house a proportion of the milking cows within the herd at this farm in a loose yard based system had been granted.

The Council noted that application 22/02199/FUL at New Spittles Farm for the construction of an agricultural building to be used to house dairy cows had been granted.

The Council noted that application 22/02591/ADV for SCC at Somerton Road roundabout for 4 No. roundabout advertisement / sponsorship signs – chevrons with directional signs and downlighters. Raised grass centre inner, block paving outer had been granted.

The Council noted that application 22/02594/ADV for SCC at Church Street roundabout for 3 No. roundabout advertisement signs/chevrons with directional signs and downlighters, grassed and landscaped had been granted.

The Council noted that there was still no decision on application 22/02251/FUL at Three Acres, Limington Road for change of use of land & buildings to provide canine daycare facility, erection of fencing and enlargement of hardstanding – retrospective (adjacent Parish).

176. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/12/22 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £39,655.48p

Receipts - £26.91p Bank interest.

Payments made -

12/01/23	2636	£69.60	HMRC paye tax
12/01/23	2637	£330	Paul Hart Ltd welding skate pk
12/01/23	2638	£131.51	Water2Business allotment
12/01/23	2639	£20	T. Mephram skate park
12/01/23	2640	£617.29	P. Horsington salary & expenses
12/01/23	2641	£50	Macmillan Cancer Support
12/01/23	2642	£100	St. John Ambulance
12/01/23	2643	£150	Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance
12/01/23	2644	£50	Citizens Advice Bureau
12/01/23	2645	£200	IDCA newsletter
12/01/23	2646	£300	St. Mary Major PCC

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

It was noted that members had been sent a copy of the years income & expenditure including the payments above, for January

Mr. Marsh presented the revised proposals for the next year's budget, which had been circulated to all members. After consideration, on the proposition of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Galloway, the Council unanimously approved to set the precept for 2023/24 at £31,900. The budget was also approved.

177. Cemetery

In the absence of Mr. Litwinek, no issues were raised.

Mrs. Panter stated that the works to repair the collapsed section of wall at the west of the Cemetery, will be dealt with, in the Spring, with the Council obtaining at least three quotations for this repair.

178. Highway matters

The Council noted that the issues to the Mead had been partly resolved.

Mr. Hall stated that the request for having 'Horse' signs is unlikely to be granted.

The request for pollarding the trees on the island at West Street, received from a resident, is being considered by the County arborist.

Mr. Galloway reported that the VAS device is not working, and he had contacted Roadside Technologies Ltd, but to date had had received no response. It was noted that the VAS had been purchased in August 2020.

Discussion took place reference a recent 'near miss' reported on Facebook, by a resident, at the Zebra crossing in Church Street. It was agreed that these incidents need to be reported to the Police, either by Email or using phone number 101 giving time, date and any vehicle details.

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These details could also be left at the Town Hall, so that these can then be forwarded to the Police for their information, as well as for the Parish Council.

It was reported that there are Street lights not working. It was agreed to provide details for reporting.

It was noted a meeting with County Highways is to be arranged. The formation of a Lorry Speed watch group, was also noted.

Mr. Hall informed the meeting of the various contacts he has made to owners of HGVs using Ilchester as a short cut rather than using the A.303 bypass.

179. Flooding issues

To date despite heavy rainfall, no major issues have been reported.

180. Allotments

In the absence of Mr. Williams, no issues were reported, except being slightly damp. It was noted that the rents will be reviewed at the February meeting.

181. Skate Park

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

Mr. Schofield stated that there was nothing to report on the major refurbishment project to replace the existing skate ramps.

182. Mead Play area

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

183. Rights of Way

In the absence of Mr. Litwinek, members had no issues to report.

184. Tree Matters

There were no other tree issues reported.

185. Correspondence

The Newsletter from Somerset Waste Partnership was noted.

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

Mrs. Panter expressed thanks to Mr. H. Williams in his absence for taking down the Christmas trees from the Town Hall.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday February 9th 2023 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.18pm.

Signed:

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