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**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday March 9th 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, Mr. A. Litwinek, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. H. Williams, Rev. B. Faulkner, Mr. Patrick Young & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Four members of the public attended.

206. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. J. Bailey, Somerset Councillor and Mrs. Emily Pearlstone, Somerset Councillors.

The Council noted that the Vacancy recorded, caused by the resignation of Mrs. Andrews had been posted and sent to SSDC. There has been no request for a Poll and can now be filled.

The Council were informed that Mrs. Panter has received a letter of resignation from Mr. Schofield and the Vacancy has been posted and sent to SSDC. It was agreed to highlight the vacancies on 'Facebook'.

Both Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Schofield have been thanked for their contributions to the Council.

207. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 9th having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

208. Declarations of Interest

There were no Interests declared.

209. Open Session – with RNAS, Somerset Councillors' reports

Mrs. Panter introduced Mr. P. Young, who stated that his proposals for future development on Hainbury Farm, beyond the ongoing development have been significantly changed. It was no longer proposed to develop to the right of the Old Fosseway with an access to the B.3151 beyond Hainbury Mill. It is now proposed to create an access to the new area opposite the Norseland Cheese factory. The meeting was shown a draft plan, which indicated the development will be adjacent to the ongoing development, consisting of up to 250 dwellings, a Nature reserve with a cycle and pedestrian access only from the old Fosseway. There will be a sustainable sewage system of reed beds within the whole site and it is proposed to build a bund alongside the A.303 to mitigate traffic sound. In answer to a query as to the sewage able to deal with the extra development, Mr. Young stated that Wessex Water has a duty to upgrade their system existing in the area by 2030. Mr. Young stated that he intends to hold an Open consultation meeting for residents in the Town Hall on March 30th, this will be advertised on his website. Mr. Young was thanked and left the meeting.

Mr. B. Masters reported that the footpath to the Mead from the A.37 still had not been cleared.

Mr. B. Masters stated that there are potholes in the road within the Mead by No. 22 which need repair, the surface of the ramp leading to the bridge over the A.37 needs inspection, also the sign 'No through road' is missing plus the 30 MPH sign is damaged. The kissing gate at the Mead is damaged. It was highlighted that the road surface at the entrance to the Mead, which forms part of the floodbank needs repair.

Mr. Westlake stated that dogs using the Sports field ought to be kept on leads, as there had been an incident where his wife had felt threatened by a loose dog. It was agreed that this will be raised by Mr. Williams at the next Town Trust meeting.

Ms. T. Rowe informed the meeting that the daffodils which she had planted were growing.

There were no RNAS issues reported.

In the absence of both Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Pearlstone, Somerset Councillors, their report, which had been circulated, was noted.

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

The Council noted the crime stats for Ilchester Parish, which had been circulated.

Mr. Marsh highlighted that the Surgery is now recruiting for staff, and Health checks and use of the NHS app are being promoted and encouraged.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust stating that two 'Tommies' have been ordered and there is discussion as to where these are to be sited. After discussion, the Council agreed that subject to prior notice, the Council would support wherever the Town Trust felt was suitable.

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Mr. Williams stated that the Town Trust would like the Council to support a request to have double yellow lines to prevent parking from the A.37 to beyond the Sports field entrance. This was supported.

Rev. B. Faulkner reported from IDCA stating that IDCA is proposing to hold an event to celebrate H.M. the King's Coronation with a road closure and a Steering group is being proposed to arrange this event.

The request to close the Car park by the Bull Inn was approved.

Rev. Faulkner informed the Council, that he has still not heard from the Cumbria Clock Co. reference the new part for the Church clock.

211. Youth Parish Council

Miss Stapleton stated that a meeting had been arranged, but no one had turned up. It is intended to try again on March 23rd. It was noted that Miss Stapleton & Rachel Binns are going to visit to Martock Youth Club, to see how their Youth Club operates.

212. Hainbury development & Housing survey

The Council noted the presentation for further development made earlier by Mr. Patrick Young.

The Council were informed that there had been a 33% response to the Survey from residents, and the Community Council for Somerset are now collating the results. It was agreed that these will be considered by the Council when received and then be made public.

It was noted that the public meeting held at the Junior School on Friday February 10th no one had attended and the at second meeting on Monday February 13th in the Town Hall, there had been four attendees.

213. Planning matters

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).

The Council noted application 23/00254/DOC1, at The Coach House, West Street, for Discharge of Condition No.4 (Solar Panels) and No. 5 (cabling and Fixing) of Planning application 22/02158.

The Council noted two Tree applications - one at Little Elms, High Street & the other at Willow bend, Northover.

214. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 28/02/23 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £33,670.47p

Receipts - £23.80p Bank interest.

Payments made -

09/03/23	2650	£1,329	SLR Maintenance ¼ mowing
09/03/23	2651	£20	T. Mepham skate park
09/03/23	2652	£91	ITT room hire
09/03/23	2653	void cancelled	
09/03/23	2654	£601.95p	P. Horsington salary & expenses

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

The Clerk left the meeting whilst the Council reviewed his salary. On his return, he was informed that the Council had agreed a 5% increase. The Clerk thanked the Council for this award.

215. Cemetery

It was agreed that Mrs. Panter and Mr. Litwinek are to draw up a schedule of works required for the wall repairs, so that this can be sent out to builders for quotations.

216. Highway matters

The Council noted the issues raised earlier, that the footpath to the Mead still has not been cleared, the sign 'No through road' is missing and the 30 MPH sign is damaged. The kissing gate at the Mead is damaged.

Also noted that the road surface at the entrance to the Mead, which forms part of the floodbank needs attention. It was reported that there is a loose slab in the footpath in the High Street by the Town Hall opposite No.1. The High street. It was agreed to contact County Highways on all these issues.

3.

Mr. Galloway reported that the VAS device has been put up twice in the Northover area and is now by the Schools at Taranto Hill. The data collected, has been circulated to members and put on the Parish Council's Website.

Mr. Galloway was thanked for all he is doing with the VAS and providing the data from it.

The Council noted that the responses received from the Transport Officer, seem to be that very little can or will be done to alleviate traffic issues through Ilchester.

There was no report reference the Zebra crossing lighting improvement in Northover, which had been highlighted and it was noted that the Zebra lighting at the Schools' crossing need to be inspected.

Mr. Hall reported that there are still speed issues through Northover.

The closure of Free Street for street works was noted.

217. Flooding issues

There were no issues reported.

218. Allotments

After discussion, it was agreed to hold the meeting with the tenants on Sunday April 23rd at 11.00am.

219. Skate Park

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

As Mr. Schofield has resigned, it was agreed that Mrs. Panter would contact him and get the details reference plans for the a quotation from Gravity Ltd for some short term repairs, and the papers relating to the major refurbishment project to replace the existing skate ramps. These to be passed to the Clerk.

Miss Stapleton reported that Thomas Mepham is doing a good job in clearing the Skate park area.

220. Mead Play area

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

221. Rights of Way

There were no issues reported.

222. Tree Matters

There were no issues reported.

223. Correspondence

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

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

Mr. H. Williams again highlighted the issue of dog fouling not being picked up by dog owners.

Mrs. Panter gave her apologies for the next meeting and stated that she will not be continuing as Chairman from the meeting in May, at which the following year's Officers are elected.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday April 13th 2023 following the Annual Parish meeting being held at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.22pm.

Signed:

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