

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday May 11th 2023 held in the Town Hall,
Ilchester held at 7.30 pm**

Present: Mr. S. Marsh, Chairman, Mr. D. Galloway, Mr. J. Hall, Mrs. H. Panter, Mr. A. Schofield, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. J. Bailey, Somerset Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Five members of the public attended.

1. Election of Chairman

Mrs. Panter took the Chair, and on her proposition, seconded by Mr. Schofield, Mr. Marsh was unanimously elected Chairman. Mr. Marsh sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Miss Stapleton presented Mrs. Panter with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Council, to thank her for her term of Office as Chair.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. A. Litwinek, Miss R. Binns, Mrs. Emily Pearlstone, Somerset Councillor, & PCSO B. Marcelino.

The Council confirmed the nomination of Miss R. Binns, who had expressed an interest & had completed the Acceptance of Office and been given the Register of Interest form to fill in and return to the Somerset Council from the last meeting.

3. Election of Officers

Vice – Chair, Finance and Newsletter
Highways
Cemetery
Play areas
Allotments
Youth Parish Council

Mr. Galloway
Mr. Hall
Mrs. Panter & Mr. Litwinek
Mr. Schofield
Mr. Williams
Miss Stapleton & Miss Binns

It was agreed that all Councillors are involved with Rights of Way and Tree matters.

It was agreed to leave Website appointment until the next meeting, as communications are an issue.

The above appointments were unanimously agreed.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on April 13th with the addition of Mr. B. Masters in item 228 were signed as correct.

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

There were no RNAS matters reported.

Ms. T. Rowe stated that she had cleaned off the Gateway stones at both entrances to Ilchester and Mr. Marsh thanked for doing this work, stating how much better they looked.

Ms Rowe informed the meeting that she has had Hedgehog warnings put up in the Nothover area.

Mr. Westlake highlighted parking issues along the road to the Mead. After some discussion, it was agreed that some of these vehicles were from teams playing football and not all from the Car Boot sales.

Mr. G. Pope highlighted parking issues within Ivel Gardens, where bollards had been put up. It was noted that the area in question was in the ownership of the Angling Club.

Ms. T. Rowe showed the Council members examples of Village Notice boards, stating that these are a good way of communicating with the Public. There was a discussion on this, with Mr. Marsh asking how does the Council engage with residents. It was felt that there could greater use of Social media & website.

Mr. Bailey, Somerset Councillor, spoke on their report, which had been circulated.

Mr. Marsh asked if the new Somerset Council was engaging with Solar panel schemes. Mr. Bailey stated that he would investigate.

Mr. Bailey was asked if he would support a 20 MPH scheme within Ilchester, and he stated that he would support any Scheme put forward.

Mr. Bailey was asked how the new Authority will be dealing with planning issues, with Mr. Bailey stating that both he & Mrs. Pearlstone are involved, and agreed to send to relevant details & contacts to the Council. The areas are being & system is being put in place.

Somerset Council is also buying properties to assist with Social Care issues.

6. Police & Community issues, Surgery updates, Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC & Church

Miss Stapleton stated that she had met with PCSO Marcelino. Signs for the Schools Patrols are to be provided. The Council were informed that the School had been broken into and the youths involved were known. Rev. Faulkner stated that not all youth members were bad. The crime stats for Ilchester Parish, which had been circulated.

Mr. Marsh highlighted that the Surgery is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and now will be open on Fridays from June, and a further three staff are now available.

Mr. Williams, on behalf of the Town Trust stated that there had been no meeting.

Miss Stapleton reported that IDCA are to have a meeting to discuss how the Coronation event went, with it being agreed that it had been well attended, and successful. It had been held on Saturday May 6th.

There no report from IRINEC

Rev. Faulkner informed the meeting that the St. Mary's Pre – School will be closing and the PCC will be considering the future of the building.

Rev. Faulkner stated in the recent storm, 15 properties in Podimore plus a farm property had been seriously affected by flooding.

The Council after some discussion, agreed to contact 'Training 4 All' to design and provide a suitable Notice board with a quotation for the same. It was noted that it should include 'Ilchester Parish Council'. This will be an agenda item to obtain best value.

7. Youth Parish Council

Miss Stapleton reported that she and Miss Rachel Binns had nothing to report.

8. Hainbury development & Housing survey

The Council noted that Mr. Patrick Young was promoting the new development of 200 further dwellings on the Google website.

It was noted that members will shortly receive the finalised document of the Survey from the Community Council for Somerset which will be circulated to all members. Further circulation will be advised.

9. 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 there was no decision on 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.

10. Governance Statement

The Charman read & signed the Annual Governance.

11. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 05/05/23 C/A/c £1,144.57 & B/R A/c £62,455.32p

Receipts - £28.26p Bank interest, £31,900 Precept, £1,144.57p VAT reclaim, & £420 Allotment rents

Payments made -

11/05/23	2661	£20	T. Mephram skate park
11/05/23	2662	£258	Chalmers & Co tax advice
11/05/23	2663	£1,895.84	A. J. Gallagher insurances
11/05/23	2664	£618.61	P. Horsington salary & expenses
11/05/23	2665	£6	ITT rents play areas
11/05/23	2666	£7.88	Mrs. Panter first aid allotments
11/05/23	2667	£140.15	H. Williams padlocks allotments

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

The Council approved the cost of £356.75p to be paid to Roadside Technologies for batteries for the VAS.

On the proposition of Mrs. Panter, seconded by Miss Stapleton, the Council formally adopted the annual accounts to March 31st 2023, which had been circulated to all members.

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The Chairman completed and signed the Annual return to the External Auditor PFK Littlejohn LLP, London. The Internal Auditor, Mr. Batten has received a copy of the annual accounts.

12. Cemetery

The Council approved the schedule of works required for the wall repairs, and these will be sent out to builders for quotations. There will be four in all.

13. Highway matters

It was noted that Somerset Highways had not carried out these repairs - the road surface issue at the entrance to the Mead, which forms part of the floodbank needs attention and the a loose slab in the footpath in the High Street by the Town Hall opposite No.1. The High street.

The Council discussed the state of the surface of the Market Place car park, and agreed that some small repairs and line painting were what was needed. Quotations are to be obtained.

It was agreed to contact Somerset Highways highlighting, repairs needed to potholes in Northover, potholes at the end of Almshouse Lane leading into the High Street. and the speed humps by the Schools.

Mr. Galloway reported that the VAS device has been put up on the B.3151 towards RNAS Yeovilton. The data as collected, has been circulated to members and put on the Parish Council's Website.

Mr. Galloway stated that the VAS will be going to be hired by Yeovilton & District Parish Council.

Mr. Hall stated that he and Mr. Bailey, Somerset Councillor had met and discussed traffic issues Mr. Mr. Bailey had suggested that a small group on nine persons from three parts of the Village should look at these issues. It was agreed, after discussion, it best to wait until the finalised Survey has been received and considered by the Council. It was agreed to forward copies to both Somerset Councillors when received.

It was agreed that as the Police have to be involved with any Average Speed Cameras being put in Ilchester, that a meeting should be arranged to bring both Highways Transport & the Police together with members of the Council and Somerset Councillors.

14. Flooding issues

There were no issues reported within Ilchester, but the flooding at Podimore, West Camel, Queen Camel and North Cadbury were noted.

15. Allotments

Mr. Williams reported that the meeting on Sunday April 23rd at the allotments had been well attended and it has been agreed to divide some allotments into three areas. There are nine persons on the waiting list.

Mr. Williams reported that new padlocks had been bought, as well as new First Aid material.

16. Skate Park

It was noted that the weekly SSDC inspections have shown no major issues being highlighted.

17. Mead Play area

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

18. Rights of Way

There were no issues reported.

19. Tree Matters

There were no issues reported.

20. Correspondence - none

21. Items for report or for the next month's agenda

Miss. Stapleton stated that she is putting Newsletters on the seats outside the Town Hall.

Mr. Hall raised issues reference Solar Panels.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday June 8th 2023 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed

Date

