

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 held in the Town Hall,  
Ilchester held at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Mr. S. Marsh, Chairman, Mr. D. Galloway, Miss R. Binns, 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. Four members of the public attended.

**22. Apologies**

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

**23. The Minutes** of the meeting held on May 11<sup>th</sup> were signed as correct.

**24. Open Session – with RNAS, Somerset Councillors’ reports**

Mrs. S. Evans raised her concerns at a wall being removed in the High Street. After some discussion, Mr. Bailey, Somerset Councillor stated that he had contacted the Chief Planning Officer, with Mr. Hall advising contact with English Heritage.

Mr. G. Hill reported that he intended to attend the next meeting of the Somerset Rivers Authority being held on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. G. Pope highlighted that there are walls in Priory Road collapsing into the road and the Ransom strip is not being kept mown, as it used to be when owned by Trinity College, Cambridge.

After discussion, it was agreed that contact is made with the Town Trust, who are understood to own this Ransom strip.

Rev. Faulkner reported that it had been stated at the Yeovilton & District Parish Council meeting that there will be no Air Day until at least 2029. Also, reported that due to the change in wind direction, and the Military helicopters are now using Dartmoor more often, there is more use of the second runway, and with Autopilot use, there is more impact on some local residents.

Mr. Bailey, Somerset Councillor, spoke on his report, which had been circulated, highlighting that members should attend the meetings of the Local Council Network meetings.

After some discussion as to how best deal with traffic issues within Ilchester, Mr. Bailey agreed to arrange a meeting with the relevant Officials to attempt to progress improvements to reduce volume and speed through Ilchester.

The meeting was informed that at the Yeovilton & District Parish Council meeting, the Somerset Councillor had stated that any Village can have a 20 MPH subject to the Parish paying for the scheme.

It was noted that details of how the new Authority will be dealing with planning issues, had been received and circulated.

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

Miss Stapleton stated that she and Mrs. Panter had met with the two local PCSOs. Two issues were being considered, Lorry and Speedwatch schemes. The crime stats for Ilchester had been circulated.

The reply to the request for advice on the Average Speed cameras to the Police Sergeant, had stated that the two PCSOs would contact and give advice on this. As Mr. Bailey, Somerset Councillor is to arrange a meeting with the relevant parties, this will meeting not now be necessary.

Mr. Marsh stated that the Surgery is holding an Open day on June 21<sup>st</sup>, with Miss Stapleton highlighting the issue of transport being needed to be available for elderly patients to be able to attend appointments in Somerton.

Rev. Faulkner informed the meeting that there is to be two Interim Head Teachers at the Schools being a job share, for part of the next academic year.

Mr. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust stating that the Boiler is not working in the Town Hall, the Museum is to be opened on Wednesdays and the Car boot sales are proving successful.

Miss Stapleton reported that IDCA are to hold the Flower show in September.

There no report from IRINEC

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

The Council after some discussion, agreed to wait for the report from Andrew Stapleton before proceeding with the provision of any new Notice boards.

## 26. Youth Parish Council

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

## 27. Hainbury development & Housing survey

Mr. Hall reported that cameras were collecting traffic data by Mr. Patrick Young on the Somerton road. This was noted.

The Council noted that members had received both the Full and Executive Summary documents of the Survey from the Community Council for Somerset, Smart Communities Ltd. These reports had been sent to both Somerset Councillors and also on request, to Mr. Patrick Young. It was agreed to provide one Full copy and one Executive Summary for the Library in the Town Hall.

## 28. Planning matters

The Council noted that there had been a further request to add comments 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) and these, after consulting members, had been sent by Mr. Marsh on behalf of the Council. Comment was made reference the advertising being placed on Meta ‘Facebook’.

The Council noted that 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 was no longer listed on the Planning website.

## 29. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/05/23 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £61,081.98p

**Receipts** - £60.57 Bank interest, £145 Allotment rents & £140 H. F. Miles

**Payments made -**

08/06/23	2668	£2,937.60	Smart Communities Ltd survey
08/06/23	2669	£1,329	SLR Outdoor Maintenance mowing
08/06/23	2670	£20	T. Mepham skate park
08/06/23	2671	£359.46	Roadside Technologies Ltd batteries
08/06/23	2672	£72	ITT room hire
08/06/23	2673	£626.46	P. Horsington salary & expenses

The Council approved the above cheques for payment.

## 30. Cemetery

The Chairman reported that five quotations had been received and it was agreed to consider these at the end of the meeting.

Mrs. Panter reported that she and Mr. Williams had cleared off the Garden of Remembrance area and that the paths needed spraying. It was agreed to contact SLR Outdoor Maintenance and ask that spraying is done and the Garden of Remembrance is now kept tidy. Discussion took place as to how to best remove the large amount of rubbish in bags by the Chapel of Rest. It was noted that Skoup (Biffa) would charge a minimum of £118 to remove this rubbish. It was agreed to contact Mr. G. Pope to ask if he would be able to help with this issue, although obviously at some charge.

## 31. Highway matters

Mr. Galloway reported that the VAS device has not been working, and new batteries have been ordered. Once back in operation, it will be loaned to Yeovilton & District Parish Council.

Mrs. Panter reported that she and the Clerk had met with Mr. Graham Evans, Firestone Surfacing, at the Market Place car park area, who had advised that it would not be necessary to resurface the whole area. A quotation for the works will be sent with advice.

It was reported that Somerset Highways had confirmed that orders have been raised for the repairs needed, to potholes in Northover, potholes at the end of Almshouse Lane leading into the High Street. and considering the speed humps by the Schools.

The Council noted the action agreed earlier with Mr. Bailey, Somerset Councillor.

The Council noted that the two 30 MPH signs on the B.3151 are obscured, these will reported.

Mr. Marsh stated that the agreed repainting of the Limington direction sign in Church Street, is unable to be done, as the necessary training is not available at present.

It was agreed to ask advice from wheelchair users as to where further dropped kerbs should be provided. Members of the Council agreed to contact members of the public, who use wheelchairs.

The Council discussed the new Litter bins which take all waste including dog waste, and cost £750 each plus VAT. After discussion, it was agreed that these are not needed at present.

### **32. Flooding issues**

It was noted that a total of 140 properties in the area had been flooded being at Bruton, Yarlinton, Podimore, West Camel, Queen Camel and North Cadbury, and a meeting was taking place at the Podimore Inn today June 8<sup>th</sup>, this being attended by the relevant Agencies.

### **33. Allotments**

Mr. Williams reported that two tenants had given up their allotments and these are being re-let and the allotment divided into three parts, is also to be let.

It was agreed to ask Mr. G. Pope to tidy up an overgrown area on the boundary of the allotment area.

### **34. Skate Park**

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

Mr. Schofield stated that he has now two quotes for new Skate park equipment, which he will present at the next meeting.

### **35. Mead Play area**

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

### **36. Rights of Way**

There were no issues reported.

### **37. Tree Matters**

There were no issues reported.

### **38. Website**

The Chairman reported that he and Mr. Galloway had met with Miss Binns, who has agreed to take on updating the Council's website. The Clerk is to provide the necessary access passwords.

### **39. Correspondence**

Somerset Waste Partnership updates were noted and had been circulated to members.

### **40. Quotations – Cemetery works**

The Chairman took members through the five quotations, which had been received. It was noted that Mrs. Panter and Mr. Litwinek had received these for consideration prior to the meeting.

After some considerable discussion, on the proposition of Mrs. Panter, seconded by Mr. Schofield, the Council unanimously accepted the quotation received from Mr. Lee Wright. The Clerk is to inform all who had quoted whether they were successful or not.

### **41. Items for report or for the next month's agenda**

Mr. Schofield asked that Remembrance Sunday is put on the next agenda, this was agreed.

The Chairman stated that he had spoken to the Clerk with a view to plan the future, and it had been agreed that the Clerk will retire by the end of 2023.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed

Date

