

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 held in the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Mr. S. Marsh, Chairman, Mr. D. Galloway, Miss R. Binns, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. A. Litwinek, Mrs. H. Panter, Mr. A. Schofield, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. J. Bailey, Somerset Councillor, Mrs. Emily Pearlstone, Somerset Councillor & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.  
Three members of the public attended.

**61. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Rev. B. Faulkner & PCSO B. Marcelino.

**62. The Minutes** of the meeting held on July 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 were signed as correct.

**63 Open Session – Remembrance Sunday with RNAS, Somerset Councillors’ reports**

There were no issues discussed reference Remembrance Sunday.

There was no report received from RNAS, as contact is proving difficult.

Mr. B. Masters highlighted that there is still a safety issue with the visibility exiting the Mead onto the A.37 and the verges needed to be cut back even more, to assist the visibility. Mr. Schofield agreed to take photos highlighting these issues, which will be sent to Somerset Highways. It was noted that the verges had been cut along the A.37.

Mr. G. Hill reported that he will be attending the next meeting of the Somerset Rivers Authority being held on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bailey, Somerset Councillor, spoke on his report, which had been circulated. Mr. Marsh pointed out that the Bus signs and route information, at Great Orchard, had still not been updated.

A request for nominations to be part of the Bus Partnership was given to Miss Stapleton, for her consideration.

Mr. Hall reported that he, Mr. Bailey and Mr. A. Barron, Transport Officer had met recently and stated that there was no excuse for HGVs to use Ilchester as the correct signs were in place. It was agreed that Mr. Hall & Mr. Bailey will provide a report from these meetings for the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Marsh highlighted a forthcoming meeting being held with the Somerset Council’s Chief Executive Officer on September 5<sup>th</sup> at Ash, with Mrs. Pearlstone, Somerset Councillor stating that this meeting will be for the Chairs of the Parish Councils only.

Mrs. Panter reported that she had attended the first meeting of the Yeovil of the Local Council Network. She felt that this was somewhat a ‘Talking shop’ as it was reported that these will not include any discussions on planning. Mrs. Pearlstone stated that these meetings will have to be developed, and hope that matters of relevance to all Somerset areas, such as Electric charging points, could form part of the discussion. Bimonthly or quarterly meetings were being considered by each LCN.

It was noted that area outside the play area in Pillbridge Lane is not being kept tidy and trimmed, and it was noted that Mr. Bailey & Mrs. Pearlstone had been informed of the details, as it had been maintained previously SSDC Street Scene.

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

It was reported that the recent arson incidents at the Sports field have been reported to the Police with photographic evidence. No Crime figures had been received to date.

Mr. Marsh reported that the Surgery has appointed a new Practice Nurse, but a Doctor had declined. Mr. Marsh highlighted that there will be an ‘Open Day’ at the Surgery on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In the absence of Rev. Faulkner, the Clerk informed the meeting that the new part for the Church Clock has been installed. The Council noted that the invoice had been received.

Mr. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust, stating that the Town Trust wish to extend their car park area in the Sports field, which would entail the removal of the existing Shelter, which is part of the Skate part area. The Skate park area is leased to the Parish Council under a formal lease signed in 2005. Much discussion took place, with Mr. Schofield stating that these proposals would have an adverse impact on any future plans to redevelop the existing Skate park equipment. It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Galloway and Mr. Schofield ask for a meeting with the Town Trustees to discuss these issues. It was agreed that Miss Binns will represent the Parish Council in the discussions with ITT & IDCA on the provision of any new joint Noticeboard. The Council will need to agree any costs involved.

Miss Stapleton reported from IDCA that the details of the Flower & Craft show, being held on September 9<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall had been agreed.

There were no matters reported from IRINEC.

#### 65. Website & Community Links

It was noted that Miss Binns is updating the website, and will add any A.303 dualling information. Miss Stapleton stated that the Community Links with the Tall Trees Centre need to be revisited.

#### 66. Youth Parish Council

Miss Stapleton reported that she and Miss Rachel Binns have nothing to report. It was noted that following the Mr. Heath, Headteacher retirement, there will be joint Heads at the Schools until a new appointment is made. The visit to Martock Youth Club has yet to happen.

#### 67. Hainbury development & Housing survey

The Council noted that two detailed applications for the Hainbury site, have now been received.

The Council noted that the issue of CIL / Section 106 payments from the existing development are being queried, as Parish Councils are entitled to a minimum contribution of 15%.

#### 68. Planning matters

The Council noted that 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 had been granted. Mrs. Pearlstone stated that what is on site now is legal, although there were other issues that required permission. Members expressed their displeasure at this decision, as both Ilchester and Yeovilton & District Councils had opposed the application. It was noted that Yeovilton & District Parish Council are requesting that an Enforcement Officer visits the site.

The Council noted that there was no decision to report on application 23/01667/LBC at the Mill House, Northover to dismantle 1 No. existing chimney to existing lead tray level and rebuilding of the chimney like for like.

The Council discussed the application 23/01618/HYBRID at Hainbury Farm, Fosse Way for  
1) Full application for the demolition of Farm buildings, creation of a Nature Reserve, vehicular access, engineering and associated works & 2) OUTLINE application with all matters reserved except for access for up to 200 dwellings, one hectare employment land, 0.5 hectare local facility land, public open space, landscaping, pedestrian / cycle access and associated works had been received.

As this is a major application submitted in many parts, the Council agreed to ask for an extension of time for consultation, ask for a meeting with Planning officers on site, or at the Old Fosseway, if owner's consent is not given, and consider separating the woodland proposals from any proposals for the 200 further dwellings. No response had been received from the Planning Officer to date on these requests.

It was noted that the Planning Policy adopted by SSDC, relating to Ilchester, had stated that the ongoing development of the 150 dwellings had satisfied the Policy up to 2028.

#### 69. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/07/23 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £54,931.72p

**Receipts** - £62.39p Bank interest, £15 Allotment rent & £50 Yeovilton & District PC

**Payments made -**

10/08/23	2679	£936	Cumbria Clock Co. Ltd
10/08/23	2680	£166	The Play Inspection Co Ltd annual
10/08/23	2681	£12,452.40p	L. Wright repair to Cemetery wall
10/08/23	2682	£20	T. Mephram skate park
10/08/23	2683	£603.26p	P. Horsington salary & expenses

The Council approved & signed the above cheques for payment.

The Council considered the three quotations received for the mowing contract from September 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024, as SLR Outdoor Maintenance had given notice to finish their contract from the end of August. Their second quotations were for the three years 2024 to March 2027.

It was noted that all three Contractors had visited and seen all the areas involved.

After full consideration, on the proposition of Mr. Galloway, seconded by Mr. Schofield, the Council unanimously agreed and accepted the quotations received from Julian Shave, Three Counties Landscaping Ltd, Castle Cary. All three Contractors, have requested monthly payments and a potential 2% increase from the first year was approved.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the other two Contractors that they had not been successful this time. The Council agreed that Mrs. Panter & Mr. Litwinek were to report any issues reference the Cemetery, with Mr. Schofield reporting on all the other areas within the contract.

It was noted that to date, no quotation had been received from Firestone Surfacing reference the works at the Market Place car park.

#### **70. Cemetery**

Mrs. Panter and Mr. Litwinek reported that the works for the repairs to the fallen west wall had been completed, and it was agreed to have been an excellent piece of work. The invoice has been received.

Mr. Schofield stated that SLR Outdoor Maintenance had trimmed the Cemetery prior to a funeral being held on August 4<sup>th</sup> but it was noted other works were outstanding.

#### **71. Highway matters**

Mr. Galloway reported that the VAS device has been deployed and the batteries are now lasting for a longer period. The VAS has been loaned to Yeovilton & District Parish Council.

A resident's issue raised, regarding untidy verge areas at Taranto Hill was noted, as it was now believed to be an MOD matter.

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 issues re. exiting the Mead were noted.

It was noted that there was no report from members concerning contacting wheelchair users, asking where in their experience, further dropped kerbs should be provided.

#### **72. Flooding issues**

There were none reported.

#### **73. Allotments**

Mr. Williams reported that there are now two new tenants on the allotments.

Mr. Williams stated that area within the allotments paths etc have been sorted.

#### **74. Skate Park**

It was noted that Annual play inspection reports from Play Inspection Ltd have been received, with no major issues highlighted. The weekly SSDC inspections have also shown no major issues being highlighted either.

The Council noted there will discussions with the Town Trust reference their plans to extend the existing car parking area and its impact on the Skate park area.

#### **75. Mead Play area**

It was noted that Annual play inspection reports from Play Inspection Ltd have been received, with no major issues highlighted. It was noted that the fortnightly SSDC inspections have been received, with no issues highlighted.

#### **76. Rights of Way**

The Council noted that the footpath to the Pound area has broken slabs. It was agreed to consider their repair later in the year.

#### **77. Tree Matters**

It was noted that the request for pollarding the trees at the end of West Street, which had been reported earlier in the year, has to date had nothing done. It was noted that the area concerned is part of the Somerset Highways responsibilities, as SSDC used to own and maintain the area.

**78. Correspondence**

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

**79 Items for report or for the next month's agenda**

Mr. Marsh stated he was drafting the terms and conditions for appointing a new Clerk, which he will send to members for approval, before advertising the post.  
There were no other items for report.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday September 14<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