



**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday 10th May 2025
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30 pm.**

Councillors: Cllr D Galloway (Chair), Cllr J Hall, Cllr H Williams, Cllr J Stapleton, Cllr S Marsh, Cllr A Schofield, Cllr S Bomers, Cllr R Binns
Parish Clerk: R Coombes
County Councillors: Cllr J Bailey, Cllr E Pearlestone
Parishioners: 4 members of the public attended
Apologies: None

The meeting began at 19:36.

001/2025 Election of chair

Cllr Galloway was elected as chair by the council; Cllr Binns was elected as vice-chair. Cllr Marsh will be chair of the HR committee and Cllr Galloway will be responsible for Finance. All other positions remain the same.

002/2025 Apologies

No apologies were received.

003/2025 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

004/2025 The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2025

These minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved that they be signed as correct.

005/2025 Co-option

No application for co-option was received.

006/2025 Members of the Public

A parishioner attended the meeting to discuss the Fosse Way and the proposal to convert it to a green lane. Cllr Bailey confirmed he had been working on this for 3 years, and it has now been re-listed to be nominated as a quiet lane. These proposed plans will be presented to the LCN at the next meeting. Cllr Bailey also highlighted the Rural England Prosperity Fund which would help with this community scheme.

A parishioner raised the white lines that are required on Pill Bridge estate. Cllr Hall confirmed this will be added to the agenda for the next Highways Strategy meeting. The parishioner raised an issue with parking on the grass at the bottom of West Street. Cllr Galloway confirmed that the land belonged to Highways, the council have contacted them regarding the parking and have not yet received a response.

A parishioner confirmed that he will be attending the emergency flood plan meeting.

007/2025 Somerset Councillors' reports & Report from RNAS and LCN

This had been covered in the annual meeting. Cllr Bailey confirmed he was pushing for the 25/26 plans of Somerset Council.

008/2025 Action list

The council's action list was reviewed and updated.

Cllr Galloway will circulate information regarding the bus shelter cleaning.

Cllr Williams confirmed the parking issues at the car boot have been resolved.

The Clerk confirmed the tree has been removed from the riverbank.

Cllr Galloway agreed to follow up with Vistry again. A response was received last month but no further work has been completed at Hainbury Meadow.

009/2025 Police & Community issues, Community Links, Surgery updates, Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC, Church.

Police – The latest crime figures were presented to the council (March 2025). There were 14 reported crimes, this was less than the previous month.

Town Trust – This item had been covered at the annual meeting.

IDCA – This item had been covered at the annual meeting.

IRINEC – This item had been covered at the annual meeting.

Surgery – Cllr Marsh reported that 10% of people don't turn up to their appointments, this is being investigated. Covid jab has now closed.

Church – This item had been covered at the annual meeting.

School – This item had been covered at the annual meeting.

Community links – No further update.

010/2025 Planning matters

25/00808/HOU – Trinity Barn, High Street, Ilchester

The council had no comment.

There were no further updates to other applications.

011/2025 Highways Strategy

Cllr Hall reported that he had received complaints from the farmer who lives at the end of the Fosse Way regarding parishioners' attitude towards him using the road to access his farm. Cllr Hall informed the council that this will be discussed further at the next Highways Strategy meeting.

012/2025 Financial matters

The Council approved these payments. Cllr Binns provided an update regarding the website company and the council decided to withhold payment to Vision ICT. The council agreed to investigate other website options available. The following budget was agreed: £500 for set up, and £700 for annual cost.

013/2025 Annual Governance Statement

The council approved the accounting statement and the notice of public rights.

014/2025 Standing Orders

The council reviewed and approved the Standing Orders

015/2025 Financial Regulations

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

016/2025 Training

The council agreed to register for Code of Conduct training provided by SALC.

The Clerk signed the proposed learning agreement relating to CiLCA training.

017/2025 Flooding Update

There were no flooding issues to report or discuss.

018/2025 Allotments

Cllr Williams reported that there was 1 full and 3 half plots available.

019/2025 Cemetery Update

The Memorandum of Understanding was agreed and signed by the clerk on behalf of the council. Cllr Binns will present it to IDCA for signing.

020/2025 Skate Park & Mead Play Area

Cllr Schofield reported that Ilchester Town Trust had closed the skatepark due to an independent inspection being required for their insurance.

Cllr Galloway stated that the respective Chairs and Clerks of ITT and IPC met in February. It was agreed at that meeting that Cllr Galloway would propose to IPC to not renew the lease on the skate park. This was resolved in March's IPC meeting where Cllr H Williams was present. Cllr Williams confirmed that he had informed the ITT trustees of this decision following the March IPC. It was decided the clerk would send a thank you card to Thomas Mephram.

021/2025 Other correspondence

Cllr Schofield had received communication from Kenton Bourne saying that he no longer works for Somerset Council. The Clerk will follow this up with Somerset Council so that the play area at The Mead continues to be inspected.

022/2025 Items for report or for the next month's agenda

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday 12th June at 20:11 pm.

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

Signed:

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