



**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30 pm.**

**Councillors:** Cllr D Galloway (Chair), Cllr J Hall, Cllr H Williams, Cllr S Marsh, Cllr R Binns  
**Parish Clerk:** R Coombes  
**County Councillors:** Cllr E Pearlstone, Cllr J Bailey  
**Parishioners:** 6 members of the public attended  
**Apologies:** Cllr S Bomers

**069/2025 Members of the Public**

A parishioner updated the council that EVAG attended The Mead and 2 long waterbags had been purchased to assist with the flooding that occurs on the road.

Another parishioner reported that the bin from The Mead is still missing, but the one at the sports field had been replaced. Cllr Bailey agreed to follow this up with Somerset Council.

A parishioner enquired regarding the white lines on Pill Bridge estate. It was noted that the lines already in existence are going to be repainted by Somerset Councils Highways department.

The meeting started at 19:34pm.

**070/2025 Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Bomers. It was resolved to accept these apologies.

**071/2025 Declaration of Interests and dispensations**

No declarations of interests were declared.

**072/2025 The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

These minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved that they be signed as correct. Proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Binns.

**073/2025 Co-option**

No application for co-option was received.

**074/2025 Somerset Councillors' reports & Report from RNAS and LCN**

The Somerset Councillors had previously circulated a report.

There had been a meeting held by the Transport Strategy group. It was noted that the SID funding application deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Truck watch with the school children is pending due to the summer holidays. Truck watch has been publicised in the newsletters and so far, 6 people from the parish have volunteered, details have been passed on but no action has been taken. It was suggested Cllr Hall create a WhatsApp group to coordinate volunteers. Cllr Hall also informed the council that speeding could now be monitored via an app.

Cllr Bailey requested the parish council write to Somerset Council requesting feedback on the LCWIPS plan provided by Cllr Bailey and Cllr Binns. It was noted that active travel routes are being considered within LCNs, though this doesn't appear effective.

It was noted that the County transport plan has also been released recently.

Cllr Bailey reported that Fosse Way isn't going to become a green lane, there is scope to convert it

in to a “quiet lane”, but this needs further investigation. The developer has promoted it as pedestrian and cyclist route but it is a single track road with a 60mph limit which is one of the objections Ilchester Parish Council raised to the planning applications.

The mead turning area is still being discussed. Regarding the footbridge at The Mead it was noted that Andy Barron has been in attendance and is investigating further signage.

Cllr Marsh raised documentation sent by Somerset Council about being a sustainable council. The message portrayed was that they wanted to stay in a close relationship with residents, but it was felt that by removing district councils they had done the opposite. It was also noted that there were no targets set by Somerset Council or measurements of success in this initiative.

#### **075/2025 Action list**

The council’s action list was reviewed and updated.

It was noted that the council are in regular contact with Vistry regarding the outstanding work at Hainbury Meadow. Discussions are continuing between Vistry and Somerset Council.

Cllr Marsh reported that there is a quote pending for the war memorial work required.

It was noted that Highways have agreed to replace the “give way” paintwork at The Mead to highlight the exit from the sports field.

#### **076/2025 Police & Community issues, Community Links, Surgery updates, Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC, Church.**

*Police* – The crime figures for May 2025 were provided to the council, there was no further update from the police. Cllr Hall agreed to enquire as to whether people have been caught speeding over 20mph.

*Town Trust* – Cllr Williams reported that visitor numbers are good for the museum. It was also reported that a large hose reel had been stolen from the sports field.

*IDCA* – Cllr Binns reported that IDCA held the summer fete and village show which was successful overall. It was noted that the donations of £1,000 had been agreed by all interested parties, these will be named “Ilchester Noticeboard”.

*IRINEC* – No further update.

*Surgery* – Cllr Marsh reported on the proposed merger which is causing some concern. Cllr Marsh stated that the main reason is to share resources, by merging the 4, the expertise can be shared, and hubs can be created to increase efficiency. Cllr Marsh also informed the council that information regarding flu jabs commencing is being shared.

*Church* – Rev Faulkner confirmed that the old playground was part of the churchyard and it was fenced off in 1929 to become part of the school. This results in a change in legalities for the sale of the old school rooms.

*School* – No further update

#### **078/2025 Planning matters**

The council noted the following updates on planning applications within the parish:

- 25/01143/FUL – Shop front alterations at Nuova Italia - Approved

#### **079/2025 Wessex Water**

The council have been in contact with Wessex Water regarding the frequency of the tankers that are attending the treatment centre. Wessex Water had confirmed that there is some contamination in the waste, and therefore it needs to be removed more frequently; coupled with the drier weather which increases the need for tankers. The tankers will be in operation for the next 4 weeks.

The council have enquired as to whether there is sufficient capacity.

The possibility of creating a separate entrance was discussed. Access already exists but it would require major work to make it operational.

**080/2025 Highways Strategy**

An update had been provided as part of Cllr Bailey's report.

Cllr Hall noted that a rattling drain cover had been reported and fixed quickly by Somerset Council.

**081/2025 Fosse Way**

The council noted that registering the Fosse Way as a green lane is not possible.

**082/2025 St Andrews Church**

Cllr Hall will remove the fallen down tree in a section of church yard that needs maintenance.

The quotes for other maintenance work were approved by the council.

**083/2025 Financial matters**

The Council approved these payments and noted the bank reconciliation report.

**084/2025 Flooding Update**

No further update.

**085/2025 Allotments**

Cllr Williams reported on the activity at the allotments. There is 1 allotment free. There are 2 which have not been touched, Cllr Williams will be in contact with the tenants.

**086/2025 Allotment Meeting**

There will be an allotment meeting to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> August at 11:00am.

**087/2025 Cemetery Update**

Cllr Marsh reported on the maintenance work being carried out at the cemetery and will re-visit the list of what needs to be done. The equipment in the chapel of rest will be disposed of.

**088/2025 Review of cemetery fees**

Cllr Marsh had worked with Rev Faulkner to provide costs for the cemetery. The proposed fees were approved and will be reviewed in November in line with the national fees being reviewed.

**089/2025 Mead Play Area**

No further update.

**090/2025 Other correspondence**

None received.

**091/2025 Items for report or for the next month's agenda**

The clerk informed the council that several minute books and documents had been stored with County Archives.

The clerk also informed the council that the repairs to the cemetery wall are due to take place in September.

The parking in Ivel Gardens had been raised by a parishioner via email. The council felt there was nothing they could do regarding the situation other than to remind residents to park respectfully.

Cllr Binns requested plans for Remembrance Sunday on 9<sup>th</sup> November be added to the next agenda.

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 20:48pm.

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