



**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday 9th October 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, Cllr S McAllister
Parish Clerk: R Coombes
County Councillors: Cllr J Bailey
Parishioners: 6 members of the public attended
Apologies: Cllr E Pearlstone

092/2025 Members of the Public

A parishioner requested an update regarding the bin that had been removed from The Mead. Cllr Bailey agreed to follow this up.

A parishioner attended the 'Flood Mary' pod at Mudford and will be attending another flood meeting in Langport on Friday 12th November. The clerk noted an email had been received regarding potential blockages on the bridge from vegetation that has not been removed. The parishioner and the clerk have previously reported this to the EA but will do so again. It was noted that vegetation that had been cleared from the river had been left in the field which could wash into the flood water if not removed.

The meeting started at 19:35pm.

093/2025 Apologies for absence

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

094/2025 Declaration of Interests and dispensations

No declarations of interests were declared. Dispensations were reviewed and held that they continue.

095/2025 The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2025

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

096/2025 Co-option

No application for co-option was received.

097/2025 Somerset Councillors' reports & Report from RNAS and LCN

The Somerset Councillors had previously circulated a report. Cllr Bailey informed councillors that the new highways officer is Tracy Harris, and although she had visited Ilchester in September, no report had been received yet. There had been a verbal agreement to have the hedges on the fosse way cut back, and the sides of the verges ploughed so they would be taken back to the edge of the tarmac, but this has not yet happened.

There has not been any feedback received regarding the Local plan and active transport plan for Ilchester that was submitted.

It was noted that the sewage problem has resulted in damage occurring to the bridleway due to the frequency and weight of the tankers. The clerk had emailed Wessex Water to enquire as to the

status of the sewage works and required repair works to the bridleway but has not received a reply in time for the meeting. It was suggested the council invite Wessex Water to a meeting.

098/2025 Action list

The council's action list was reviewed and updated.

Cllr Galloway had received an update from Vistry regarding the outstanding works at Hainbury Meadow. The council were informed that remedial work will begin on Monday 13th October, Ilchester Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.

There has been no response to several emails regarding the bins that were removed from the Hainbury development from Vistry.

Cllr Hall has been in contact with the police regarding speed monitoring in the new 20mph zone, this was passed on to the relevant department but yet to have a reply.

The school will be participating in Truck watch when there is an opportunity.

The council held a meeting with Ilchester Town Trust to discuss the skate park. This was discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

Ilchester Town Trust had requested support for an upgrade to the gates to the sports field, which is a £12-16,000 investment from available S106 funds. The council approved this request.

Approved: 5, Abstained: 1

099/2025 Police & Community issues, Community Links, Surgery updates, Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC, Church.

Police – The crime figures for August 2025 were provided to the council, there was no further update from the police.

Town Trust – No further update.

IDCA – Cllr Binns reported that the trophy evening went well. IDCA have requested to close the car park on the 28th November. The council approved this request but noted they would also need to get permission from ITT for their section of the car park.

IRINEC – No further update.

Surgery – Cllr Marsh reported the main activity in the surgery has been covid and flu jabs.

Unfortunately due to a lack of communication and awareness of who qualifies, a lot of people that weren't eligible for the jabs turned up. Flu jabs are available for over 65 and Covid jabs are available for over 75. There are three Thursdays you can go to the Buttercross surgery, or people can attend the chemist. Cllr Marsh also reported that the merger is progressing and will be complete in January.

Church – Rev Faulkner reported they have accepted an offer on the school rooms and permissions have also been received to convey the old playground as a leasehold. Rev Faulkner confirmed that the Cubs and Scouts will be in attendance for Remembrance Sunday. There will be tree maintenance work happening in the churchyard on Friday 17th October at 8am.

School – No further update.

100/2025 Planning matters

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

- 25/02130/FUL at Nuova Italia, 18 Church Street, Ilchester
 - The council had no objections.

101/2025 Highways Strategy

Cllr Hall noted there had been correspondence from parishioners regarding the 20mph zone and parking. Cllr Galloway confirmed that police funding has been applied for in order to purchase a SID Device. Cllr Galloway will provide information regarding the proposed Speed Indicator Device to the council next month.

102/2025 Write to Somerset Council

Cllr Galloway noted there is an online survey for feedback. The council felt that those wishing to express concern regarding the restructure of the car parks in Yeovil town centre should do individually. <https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/comms/yeovil-consultation/>

103/2025 Provision of a food truck for an event hosted by The Bull Inn

The council voted unanimously in agreement that a food truck could be parked in the Market Square car park for an event at The Bull Inn in the area that belongs to the council.

104/2025 Financial matters

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

The council noted the spend to budget report for the 2nd Quarter.

The council noted the current level of earmarked reserves.

The council approved subscription to Scribe cemetery.

The council noted the conclusion of Audit.

105/2025 Flooding Update

An email had been received from a parishioner detailing vegetation build up along the river and highlighted concerns this may contribute towards flooding. The clerk has logged this with the EA.

106/2025 Allotments

Cllr Williams reported that there have been problems with people leaving the locks open at the allotments allowing water to get into the locks. Cllr Williams noted that any signage relating to closing the locks is removed. Cllr Hall agreed to investigate the costs of CCTV. It was suggested that an allotment committee could be created.

107/2025 Cemetery Update

Cllr Marsh reported that the required work to the corner of the wall had been completed, the council are very pleased with the work completed.

108/2025 Garden of Roses

All councillors were in agreement to turf some of the area and tidy up the plants in the middle. The clerk will approach Three Counties for a quote for this work.

109/2025 Mead Play Area

The council noted that the bi-weekly inspections of the play area are still continuing. The council noted that the invoice had been received from Somerset Council but a report relating to the play area had not been provided. Action: Clerk to obtain the relevant report.

110/2025 Ilchester Town Trust & the skate park

Representatives from Ilchester Parish Council had met with representatives of Ilchester Town Trust on 2nd October. It was suggested at the meeting that Ilchester Parish Council accept responsibility for the skate park; insure it, maintain it, repair it and most of the trustees were in favour of this proposal. The council voted to continue to maintain the skate park with an annual revisit of that commitment in council until the skate park reached its end of life. The council noted that there will be a public meeting on 20th October to decide the future of the space.

The council noted that where the shelter had been removed needs to be tidied up. The councils risk register needs to be updated, and signage installed. Cllr McAllister agreed to meet with ITT to discuss where the signs could be installed.

111/2025 Other correspondence

It was noted that emails had been received about the 20mph zone and excessive speeds along the High Street, one occasion of which had resulted in a car being written off. The council agreed to follow this up with the police regarding enforcement.

112/2025 Items for report or for the next month's agenda

Cllr Marsh requested to discuss the other noticeboards, perhaps when considering the budget for next year. Cllr Marsh also requested the WhatsApp group be updated to include the current councillors.

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday 13th November at 7:30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 20:52pm.

Signed:

Date:

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