

**Minutes of the Ilchester Parish Council meeting held on Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup> 2019  
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. A. MacGregor, Mr. G. Pope, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner, Mr. M. Smith, IDCA and Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Seven members of the public attended.

**175. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr. J. Edmondson, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. S. McAllister, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, RNAS, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Thelma Mead.

The Chairman reported the sudden passing of Mrs. T. Hards, who had been a former member of the Parish Council.

**176. The Minutes** of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were signed as correct.

**177. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**178. Open Session – with RNAS, County & District Councillors' reports.**

Mr. G. Hill reported that he has heard nothing from the SRA, reference future modelling.

Mr. B. Masters reported that the Grit bin at the Mead was empty. Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor stated that he would contact County Highways, once any others in the Parish had been identified.

Mr. Coulter raised the issue & impact of HGVs using Church Street, which were having an adverse impact on his property. His concern was that the 7.5 tonne weight limit was not being observed. The times of day varied. Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, stated that only the Police can enforce the law, and he strongly recommended that Mr. Coulter contacts the Police on 101 at the time of every offence. Mr. Capozzoli stated that will contact the local businesses with regard to their vehicle routes.

Mr. C. Le Hardy introduced himself as a candidate in the forthcoming SSDC elections.

Mr. Capozzoli confirmed that there will be three District Councillors covering a wider area including the present Ilchester ward, from the elections to be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019.

Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, reported that the County Council has now underspent on its budget, but there will be a cuts of £15 million in the next financial year. Mr. Bloomfield stated that the agreed cuts to the road gritting will remain, but former gritted routes will be restored for next winter. There will be a meeting of the full County Council next week to approve their budget & set their Council tax rate.

In the absence of Mr. Graydon, CRO, there were no RNAS issues reported

**179. Police & Community issues - Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC & Church Matters**

Apologies were noted from PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Thelma Mead.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of ITT, stating that the Hall is being refurbished, with new carpets and maintenance works being done. There have been some difficulties with the lift.

Mr. M. Smith raised an issue of vehicles parking on the hatched area of the Car park in front of the Bull Inn. It was noted that this hatched area is in the ownership of the Town Trust, not the Parish Council.

Mr. H. Williams stated that it is hoped that works on the Monument should commence in six week's time.

Mr. Smith, Chairman of IDCA reported that the Newsletter has been revamped being smaller in format with colour. There has been a favourable reaction.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

Rev. Faulkner answered queries reference the ownership and state of the boundaries of the Churchyard at St. Andrew's Northover. After discussion, the Council approved, completed and signed the relevant section in the document reference the proposed Closure of the St. Andrew's Churchyard area. This is being submitted by St. Mary Major PCC to the Ministry of Justice, to be progressed in due course. It was noted that there will be a responsibility for the future maintenance of the Churchyard on the Parish Council. The motion from the PCC being - to the Ministry of Justice 'to discontinue burials in the Churchyard of the redundant Church of St. Andrew's of Northover'.

**180. Youth Parish Councils**

Miss Stapleton reported from the Youth Parish Councils, that the representative from the Tall Trees Community Centre had attended their meeting, and provided some useful information.

### 181. Planning matters

The Council were informed by Mr. Capozzoli that application 18/02888/FUL for Mr.X Hoxha at Capozzoli's, 18, Church Street for exterior alterations to widen doorway/shopfront & replace first floor windows to front elevation had been withdrawn.

The Council discussed at length the amended application on the details, received for application 18/03658/REM for Land north of Troubridge Park, Ilchester following approval 15/000247/OUT for the erection of 150 dwellings etc. It was agreed to again highlight the Council's concerns. It was noted that there is a greater provision of Greenspace areas within the new plans, which was welcomed, but there were concern over who would maintain this area. It was agreed to reiterate the former concerns. These being – a) Access to & from the site through the existing Estate on to the B.3151 with two Schools opposite will cause major safety issues, b) During construction, there is concern, if the access is as proposed, there will be an issue with the potential of vehicles being parked by residents within the existing Estate, causing mayhem. The Council would strongly recommend the use of an alternative temporary access to the development from the B.3151. Mr. Capozzoli stated that he would contact the developers on this issue.

The Council considered and supported application 18/03508/HOU for Mrs. A. Ellingham at 19, Ivel Gardens for the erection of a timber fence on north west boundary of the rear of the garden (retrospective).

### 182. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/01/19 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £41,597.93p

**Receipts** - £7.20p Bank interest,

**Payments made -**

05/02/19	2383	£50	Ilchester Arms Hotel – Chairman's allowance
14/02/19	2384	£20	Sophie Pack- Stone - skate park area
14/02/19	2385	£654.48	HMRC valuation advice allotments
14/02/19	2386	£2,523.65	Greenacres half mowing contract
14/02/19	2387	£66	N & S. Glover trimming Cemetery hedge
14/02/19	2388	£513.58	PTH salary & expenses

The above cheques were approved and signed.

The Council reviewed the list of fees for the Cemetery and after discussion, on the proposition of Mr. C. Williams, seconded by Mr. H. Williams, it was unanimously agreed to leave these unchanged for 2019/20.

### 183. Website

The Council noted the number of visits to the Website from December 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> being 1,252 with 2,801 pageviews.

### 184. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams stated that the area of rubbish in the new part of the Cemetery needs to be reduced and fenced off. It was noted that the roadside hedge had been trimmed.

### 185. Highway matters

The Council noted that the kerbs end of Almshouse Lane in that area are still to be painted with reflective paint, with the Lighting request left in abeyance.

The Council agreed to check the other Grit bins in the Parish and noted that the one at the Mead is empty.

The Council considered the Email sent from Ms. Burrell of the Mead expressing her concern at the lack of visibility at the exit from the Mead onto the A.37 by the Sports field of vehicles coming off the A.303 in the Ilchester direction. After discussion. Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor stated that he would assist with both issues.

### 186. Flooding issues

Mr. G. Pope highlighted a blocked drain in Church Street by the IlchesterArms Hotel. This is to be reported to County Highways.

### 187. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that there is one vacant allotment, which is being let.

It was noted that there had been an informal meeting to discuss & consider the future of the allotments following the report from the phone contacts made with Bidwells, Cambridge.

On the proposition of Mr. C. Williams, seconded by Mr. H. Williams, it was unanimously agreed to purchase the allotment area from Trinity College for the sum of £17K, with each party paying their legal expenses. The Clerk was instructed to write to Bidwells on that basis. It was agreed that the Allotments holders can be informed. The Council were informed that SSDC are to make a contribution.

**188. Mead Play area.**

Mrs. Panter reported that the SSDC inspection reports indicated that there are no high risk issues.

**189. Skate Park**

Mrs. Panter reported that she has taken pictures of the holes highlighted in one of the skate units equipment, and these have been forwarded to Gravity Ltd for advice.

**190. Rights of Way**

Mr. Pope reported that a local resident has had a strong exchange of views with both another resident & Councillors. This was noted.

**191. Tree Matters**

It was noted that County Highways had visited, and could see no issue with the overhanging tree branches in Priory road.

Mr. Pope reported that a tree had been taken down at a property in Ivel Gardens. This was noted.

**192. Correspondence**

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter & Clerks Direct.

**193. Items for Report, or for the agenda of the next meeting**

The Council were read a letter received from James Broughton thanking the Council for considering a contribution towards a 'World Challenge', but understanding the reasons for not giving financial support. It was noted that there is to be a Breakfast event held to assist his funding.

Mr. Bloomfield informed the meeting that the Wessex Cubs had cleared litter from the turning area at the end of the Mead. The Council were impressed at this action.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed:

Date:

