

**Minutes of the Ilchester Parish Council meeting held on Thursday March 14th 2019
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. A. MacGregor, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Pope, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Five members of the public attended.

194. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. J. Edmondson, Mr. S. McAllister, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, RNAS, Rev. B. Faulkner, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Thelma Mead.

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

196. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Councillors were given the details & papers for the Nomination process for the District & Parish Elections being held on May 2nd.

197. Open Session – with RNAS, County & District Councillors’ reports.

Mr. G. Hill reported that he has heard nothing from the SRA, reference future modelling, and would make further contact. It was agreed to leave this issue for the new Council to deal with, after the May elections.

Mrs Panter reported that the Grit bin at the Mead was the only one in the Parish that was empty. It was noted to date it had not been filled, despite Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor stating that he would contact County Highways.

Mr. Capozzoli reported that he had contacted the local businesses, including Norseland, with regard to their vehicle routes, and contact had been made with Mr. Coulter.

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 2nd 2019.

Mr. Capozzoli reported that he had been in contact with the developers reference the application 18/03658/REM for Land north of Troubridge Park, Ilchester, highlighting the issue of the proposed access.

Mr. Capozzoli stated that he had been consulted about the traffic management proposals for the Digester at New Spittles Farm.

Mr. Capozzoli reported that the Limington Parish are consulting with residents with a view of merging with Yeovilton Parish Council.

Mr. Capozzoli stated that the SSDC are investing in property and have recently bought the GoCompare building in Newport.

In the absence of Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, there were no issues raised.

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

198. 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 there is to be a CCTV camera put at the entrance to the Sports field and the car park area there is to be extended.

Mr. H. Williams stated that that works on the Monument should commence shortly.

Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA, stating that the Street fair is to be held on July 6th. It was noted that there will be an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday and it is proposed that the Arts & Craft fair will be held in July, date to be agreed, with the Flower & Produce show being held in September.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

In the absence of Rev. Faulkner, there were no Church matters discussed.

199. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported from the Youth Parish Councils, that there are two new members and it is intended to hold a litter picking session around the Village.

200. Planning matters

The Council noted that there was no decision on 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.

The Council noted that there was no decision to date on 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).

As application 19/00354/HOU for Mr. Thomas Doyle at 4, Limington Road for the erection of a two storey extension, a single storey rear extension and new entrance porch and the formation of a new vehicular access to highway, had only just been received, it was agreed that Councillors would visit the site, contact adjacent residents, and report to the Chair, Mrs. Panter, who will instruct the Clerk to respond, as the response had to be received by SSDC by April 2nd. It was noted that the application has been posted on the Notice board.

201. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 28/02/19 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £37,199.49p

Receipts - £6.27p Bank interest,

Payments made -

14/03/19	2389	£66	N & S. Glover trimming Cemetery hedge - reissue
14/03/19	2390	£90	Trinity College allotment rent
14/03/19	2391	£20	Sophie Pack- Stone - skate park area
14/03/19	2392	£552.40	PTH salary & expenses
14/03/19	2393	£367	SSDC play inspections
14/03/19	2394	£20	ITT room hire

The above cheques were approved and signed.

The Clerk left the meeting whilst the Council reviewed his salary. On his return, he was informed that the Council had agreed an increase of 3% . The Clerk thanked the Council for the increase.

On the proposition of Mr. MacGregor, seconded by Mr. H. Williams, the Council agreed to accept the quotation of £170 per cut received from Mr. Julian Guy, Draycott, Limington, this being initially for seven cuts during the year for maintaining the grass area at St. Andrew's Church, Northover. It is hoped that one cut will be paid by St. Mary's PCC.

202. Website

The Council noted that the number of visits to the Website in February, were 663 with 1771 pageviews.

203. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams stated that he will obtain a quotation for a new gate for the area for rubbish by the Chapel of Rest and also for fencing off the rubbish area in the new part of the Cemetery.

204. Highway matters

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

Mrs. Panter reported that having checked the other Grit bins in the Parish, it was only the one at the Mead that was empty, and this is thought to have been reported to County Highways, by the County Councillor.

The Council noted that some trimming had been carried out, reference the issue raised at the lack of visibility at the exit from the Mead onto the A.37 by the Sports field. It was noted that County Highways had been again contacted.

Mrs. Panter highlighted issues of vehicles parking on the pavements & corners within the Pillbridge estate. It was agreed that this is a matter for Police enforcement.

It was agreed to report to County Highways again, the the blocked drain in Church Street by the Ilchester Arms Hotel and the drain grating in West Street.

The Council noted that a resident had highlighted damage to the Town bridge. It was noted that the structure is inspected by SCC on a regular basis.

205. Flooding issues

There were no issues reported.

206. Allotments

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

It was noted that the letter of acceptance of the purchase of the allotment area for £17K with each party paying its legal fees had been sent to Bidwells, Cambridge, but to date no formal reply had been received.

207. Mead Play area.

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

208. Skate Park

Mrs. Panter reported that to date, there had been no response from Gravity Ltd and the SSDC inspection reports indicated that there are no high risk issues.

209. Rights of Way

Mr. Pope reported that the gate in Priory Road had been removed.

210. Tree Matters

It was noted that some works had been carried out on the hedge on the A.37 from the access to the Mead.

211. Correspondence

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

212. Items for Report, or for the agenda of the next meeting

It was reported by Miss Stapleton, that the service provided at the Surgery was deteriorating. It was noted that a meeting is scheduled with the Surgery on March 25th at 10.00am.

The Council members received an invitation to an evening at the Museum on April 4th and members who were able to attend, accepted the invitation.

After some discussion, the date of the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday April 9th 2019, following the Annual Parish meeting to be held at 7.00pm.

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

Signed:

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