

**Minutes of the Ilchester Parish Council meeting held on Thursday April 11th 2019
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 8.00pm following the Annual Parish meeting held at 7.00pm.**

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. J. Edmondson, Mr. A. MacGregor, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Pope, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner (part) & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Seven members of the public attended.

213. Apologies

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

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

215. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Council noted that there have been six nominations received for the new Council, leaving three vacancies to be filled by co-option.

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

Mr. B. Masters informed the meeting that the Grit bin at the Mead had still not been filled. It was noted that this request had been made to County Highways two months ago. Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor stated that he will contact County Highways.

Mr. G. Hill informed the meeting that he had reported that was a tree in the river Yeo by the Town bridge to the Environment Agency, and it had been removed. It was noted that the Clerk had also thanked the Officer.

Mr. G. Hill reported that modelling is to be carried out and its findings will be presented to the SRA,

Mr. Capozzoli reported that he had meetings with the local businesses, including Norseland, with regard to their vehicle routes, and he had subsequently contacted Mr. Coulter of Church Street.

Mr. Capozzoli confirmed that there are five nominations for the three District Councillors places covering a wider area including the present Ilchester ward, at the elections to be held on May 2nd 2019.

Mr. Capozzoli reported that he had held a meeting with the developers, attended by Mrs. Panter, Mr. Marsh and the Clerk to discuss access to the site during construction for application 18/03658/REM for Land north of Troubridge Park.

Mr. Marsh asked Mr. Capozzoli if there was anything to report on the issue of 'Modern Slavery' raised sometime ago, which was to be dealt with by Mr. Capozzoli. Mr. Capozzoli stated that he had passed the issue to Brigadier Knudsen to deal with. Mr. Marsh felt that this needs to be re-visited by Mr. Capozzoli and it was agreed that it is put on the agenda of the next meeting.

Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, reported that the Gate on the Right of Way at the end of Priory Road has been removed by the Rights of Way Officer as it was felt that there was no need for any gate to be there.

Mr. Bloomfield agreed to make enquiries & sort out the state of drain cover grating in West Street.

In the absence of Mr. Graydon, CRO, his report sent to the Annual Parish meeting was noted.

217. 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, noted the highlighted issues as presented by Mr. Mottram, earlier at the Annual Parish meeting.

Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA, requesting that the Car park at the Market Place is closed for the Street Fair being held on July 6th. This was formally agreed.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

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

The Council noted that the Churchyard area at St. Andrew's, Northover had been mown.

218. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported from the Youth Parish Councils, as given at the Annual Parish meeting.

219. Planning matters

The Council noted that there had been a meeting with the agents, arranged by Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor to discuss access to the site during construction, as to date there was no decision made 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).

The Council considered and supported application 18/02888/FUL amended plans at Capozzoli's 18, Church Street for exterior alterations to widen doorway/shopfront.

The Council noted that there was no decision to date on application 19/00357/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. The Council had instructed the Clerk to highlight the need to maintain accesses to the adjacent properties.

It was noted that, as application 19/00927/HOU for Mr. & Mrs. Williams at 2, Manor Gardens for the removal of existing garage building and the construction of a new single storey side extension, had only just been received, it was agreed that Councillors would visit the site and advise the Clerk, if any response has to be returned to SSDC planning before the next meeting. It was noted that the application has been posted on the Notice board.

220. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/03/19 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £36,159.96p

Receipts - £5.87p Bank interest

Payments made -

11/04/19	2395	£20	Sophie Pack- Stone - skate park area
11/04/19	2396	£541	PTH salary & expenses
11/04/19	2397	£170	Julian Guy – mowing Northover Churchyard
11/04/19	2398	£93.60	Mrs. Panter - paint skate park
11/04/19	2399	£6	ITT rent for Skate pk area & Mead playarea
11/04/19	2400	£10	ITT room hire

The above cheques were approved and signed.

It was noted that all members of the Council & the Internal auditor, Mrs. P. Morley, had been sent a copy of the annual accounts to March 31st 2019.

221. Website

In the absence of Mr. C. Williams, his report to the Annual Parish meeting was noted, which indicated that the Website needs to be updated, making it more user friendly & easier to upload.

The Council noted that the number of visits to the Website in March 731 were with 2050 pageviews.

222. Cemetery

It was noted that Mr. C. Williams 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.

223. 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.

It was noted that Mrs. Panter reported, that the only Grit bin in the Parish, which remains empty is the one at the Mead that was empty, and this has again now, been reported to County Highways, by the County Councillor.

It was noted that some works had been carried out on the hedge on the A.37 from the access to the Mead, but more is needed, which will have to wait until the end of the bird nesting season..

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. It was agreed that this is to be confirmed again.

It was agreed that there will be an item on Speeding in Ilchester put in the Newsletter, highlighting the value of Speedwatch.

Miss Stapleton highlighted the need to keep the brambles trimmed back along the footpath from Northover roundabout up to the Schools. Mr. Marsh volunteered to trim back any serious growth.

224. Flooding issues

There were no issues reported.

225. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that all allotments are now let. An issue reference rabbit fencing was noted.

It was noted that the purchase of the allotment area for £17K with each party paying its legal fees, is progressing.

226. Mead Play area.

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

227. Skate Park

Mrs. Panter reported that the SSDC inspection reports indicated that there are no high risk issues. It was reported that SSDC will no longer be providing the Annual Inspection reports for playareas. The Clerk is to take advice & obtain quotations.

228. Rights of Way

Mr. Pope reported that the gate in Priory Road had been removed by SSDC Rights of Way. The comments made by Mr. Bloomfield, reference being no need for any gate, as advised by the Rights of Way Officer were noted.

229. Tree Matters

Mr. Pope again raised the issue of overhanging branches in Priory Road, and was informed that County Highways had visited the area, and found no problem areas.

230. Correspondence

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

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

Mrs. Panter thanked Mr. Edmondson, Mr. MacGregor and Mr. Pope for their help & support over the past four years, as they have indicated that they were not standing for re-election. It was noted that Mr. C. Williams was also not standing, and in his absence he was also thanked.

Mr. Marsh thanked Mrs. Panter for her Chairmanship during the past four years.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday May 9th 2019, at which the new Council will be signed in.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed:

Date:

