

**Minutes of the Ilchester Parish Council meeting held on Thursday July 11th 2019
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. S. Marsh, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. H. Williams, Miss. G. Light, Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. B. Rose, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.

Seven members of the public attended.

44. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. L. Midwinter, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, CRO, RNAS, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Thelma Mead.

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

46. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Mr. B. Masters reported that the Grit bin at the Mead had been filled. It was noted that this had been done by Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor. There was a strong exchange on this issue.

It was noted that contact had now been made with the Ilchester Town Trust on the issue of grass cuttings left on the road to the Mead.

Mr. G. Hill stated that he has received an Email from the Environment Agency, reference the dip in the floodbank at the Mead, which stated that the repair would be addressed as, and when funding is available.

Mr. G. Hill reported that there are brambles impeding on the West Street side of the Foot path over the A.37, also a tree that needs to be trimmed back in the same area.

Mr. G. Hill reported that the modelling promised from Highways England had not been presented to the latest meeting of the SRA. Mr. Hill stated that he will chase this up. Mr. Hill informed the meeting that there is now a new Chairman of the SRA, Mr. David Hall, with SSDC now being represented by Mr. M. Stanton.

Mr. N. Parker expressed his strong opposition to the use of the Old Fosseway as access to the proposed development of 150 dwellings adjacent to Troubridge Park.

It was noted that the three District Councillors have met and discussed this issue, with Mrs. Panter stating that there is to be a further meeting arranged by Mr. R Rhys, with the developers to discuss the access issue.

Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor stated that the timescale to discuss issues reference SSDC Local future development are to be extended.

Mr. Hull asked if the Youth Parish Councils would be interested in giving their views on Recycling & Environmental issues, to which Miss Stapleton stated that they would be delighted to be consulted.

Mr. Hull stated that he, Mr Rousell & Mr. Capozzoli had attended SSDC Area East Committee.

Mr. Capozzoli informed the meeting that the three District Councillors had invited the Chairmen & vice-Chairs to an informal meeting held at the Halfway Inn, Chilthorne Domer. Mrs. Panter stated that it had been an interesting & useful evening.

Mr. Capozzoli reported that there is to an Area East Committee workshop session for Parish Councils.

In the absence of Mr. Graydon, CRO, it was noted that Air Day will take place on July 13th.

Mrs. Panter suggested that it would be useful to have a visit to RNAS, no decision was made on this.

Mr. H. Williams highlighted the issue that some plastic is not being taken for recycling, and is being left in the bins., which then blows about.

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

As the Police were not present, having given their apologies, Mrs. Panter reported that she has had no feedback reference advice on how the letter on the perennial issue of parking issues in Ilchester, should be worded, before distribution. Further contact will be made.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust that the cameras put on the Sportsfield have been trashed and there had been an attempted break in to the Container there.

It was noted that Miss Stapleton had successfully arranged with SSDC StreetScene to have the High Street drains cleaned before the Street Fair on July 6th. This was much appreciated.

Miss Stapleton reported that the Street Fair had raised over £1K and had been quite well attended. It was noted that the Craft Fair may or may not take place on July 14th.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

Rev. Faulkner asked the Council to highlight & encourage residents to consider becoming a School Governor, as there are vacancies at present.

The Council noted that it had been agreed that there will be no further cuts at the Churchyard area at St. Andrew's, Northover, until September. It was agreed that the area at present, is looking very tidy.

49. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that the Youth Parish Councils have two new members, and had run a Tombola on July 6th for fund raising, resulting in £50 for funds..

50. Planning matters

Mrs. Panter reported that members of the Council had visited the site to look at the access to the site during construction, reference 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 noted that Mrs. Panter had stated earlier that there is to be a further meeting arranged by Mr. R. Rhys, agent with the developers to again discuss the access issue.

The Council noted that application 19/01048/LBC for the Town Trust to repair Market Cross Monument had been granted

The Council considered & supported application 19/01364/FUL for KD Knight & Son at Spittles Farm for the erection of a lean-to extension to existing agricultural building to cover an open cow yard

The Council considered & supported application 19/01408/HOU for Ms. Marion Davies at 71, Great Orchard for the demolition of existing canopy/porch to front of property and the erection of enclosed porch.

51. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 30/06/19 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £39,785.95p

Receipts - £7.95p Bank interest, £80 allotment rents

Payments made -

11/07/19	2418	£25	Sophie Pack- Stone - skate park area
11/07/19	2419	£340	Julian Guy - Northover churchyard
11/07/19	2420	£57.41	Wessex Water - allotments
11/07/19	2421	£28.20	HMRC paye tax
11/07/19	2422	£558.37	PTH salary & expenses

The above cheques were approved and signed.

The members were given the new Bank Mandate to be signed & completed, with these to be returned to NatWest by the Clerk. The former Councillor signatories are to be removed.

It was reported that the Audit documents have been sent to the External auditor PKF Littlejohn, Canary Wharf, London. The Council noted that Mrs. P. Morley, Internal auditor, had inspected the accounts and found all in order.

52. Website

In the absence of Mr. C. Williams & Mr. Midwinter, the Council noted that Mr. Midwinter & Miss Light will look at the Website, in conjunction with Mr. C. Williams to agree & recommend on how to best update it.

53. Cemetery

In the absence of both Mr. Midwinter & Mr. C. Williams, there were no issues discussed.

54. Highway matters

Mr. Marsh informed the meeting that the kerbs at end of Almshouse Lane have not yet been painted with reflective paint, due to scaffolding still being in place. The Lighting request is being left in abeyance.

The Mead Grit bin issue as reported earlier, was noted.

Miss Stapleton raised the issue of brambles growing onto the Footpath to the Schools outside of the Great Orchard Estate. It was agreed to request County Highways to trim the hedge back before the Schools return in September. Mr. Marsh was thanked for trimming off the worse offending growth.

Mrs. Panter highlighted the issue of Wheelie bins being left out, obstructing the footpaths in parts of the Village. It was agreed that an item on this is put in the Newsletter.

The Council, having received details of various Speed devices on offer, discussed the possibility of buying a SID and after discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Marsh & Mr. Rose will look at the various devices on offer and report back to the next meeting. It was agreed that the Council should in principle, own & maintain their device.

55. Flooding issues

There were no issues reported.

56. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that members had visited the allotment on July 4th for the first judging visit. One tenant has given up her allotment and Mr. Williams has reassigned the area to an existing tenant.

It was reported that the formal purchase of the allotment area was nearing completion.

57. Mead Play area.

It was agreed that Miss Light and Mrs. Panter will look at the state of the equipment and report back. There were no issues highlighted in the fortnightly SSDC reports.

58. Skate Park

Mrs. Panter reported that the Skate ramps have now been painted.

The SSDC weekly inspection reports indicated that there are no high risk issues

59. Rights of Way

There were no issues raised.

60. Tree Matters

The Council noted that there is to be a meeting on Trees being held at Walton on August 2nd.

Miss Stapleton stated that there is a tree at the Northover Triangle that needs trimming back. Also there are overhanging branches at the Mead play area & brambles that need attention. It was agreed to contact Greenacres.

61. Correspondence

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

The Council noted papers reference SSDC Local future development, a review of the Fire Service, which Mr. Bushell stated that he will attend in Yeovil.

It was noted that there is to be a SSDC planning meeting being held in Ilchester on August 13th.

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

Mrs. Panter informed the meeting that there is to be a meeting with the Surgery on July 17th.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday August 8th 2019 at 7.30pm.

However, depending on issues, Mrs. Panter indicated that the meeting may commence at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed:

Date:

