

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday August 8th 2019
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

Present:, Chairman, Mrs. H. Panter, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. L. Midwinter, Mr. B. Rose, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, RNAS, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Eleven members of the public were present.

63. Apologies

Apologies were received from Miss G. Light, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Thelma Mead.

It was noted that Miss Light is getting married in the next week. A card of best wishes will be sent.

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

65. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Mr. Bushell informed the Clerk that he had taken his Register of Interests to SSDC.

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

Mr. B. Masters highlighted a hole at the base of the Footbridge over the A.37 on the West Street side. This is to be reported to County Highways.

Mr. G. Hill thanked those who had been for responsible or trimming back the hedge on the A.37 from the exit to the Mead.

A response from the Town Trust to Ms. Burrell ref. grass cutting left on the Mead road was noted.

Mr. Hill stated that he will be attending the next meeting of the Somerset Rivers Agency to ask for an update on the modelling for the potential Mead protection from flooding.

Mrs. Whittaker highlighted a blocked Right of Way in the area of St. Andrew’s Church, Northover.

Mrs. Cross asked for an update reference her enquiry re. provision of another area for parking. Mrs. Panter stated that there needs to be a formal letter written to both the Parish Council and the Ilchester Town Trust.

Mrs. Cross highlighted the lack of public toilets in Ilchester, this was noted & will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. Coulter highlighted their concerns at the horrendous number of vehicles using Church Street, which is impacting on their lives & property. Mr. Marsh stated that evidence is need to identify the HGVs which are involved with any other speeding vehicles. Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor stated that Speedwatch when it was in place was a useful deterrent.

Mr. & Mrs. Coulter stated that they have had issues with the noise levels from events held at the Bull Inn. It was agreed that Councillors should monitor the situation and report if there are future issues. It was agreed to enquire what are the maximum acceptable sound levels - decibels.

Mr. G. Pope complimented the Council on the trimming back of the overhanging branches in Priory Road.

Mr. Pope stated that are still vehicles parking on occasions on the corner of West Street and Pillbridge Lane. Miss Stapleton stated that there are parking issues highlighted on Facebook. Rev. Faulkner stated that RNAS had been requested to extend no parking areas during the Air day weekend, and this had been done in places. Apologies received from Mr. Graydon RNAS were noted.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor reported that he had received a letter from a resident of Pillbridge Lane, highlighting the untidy state of the area & lack of 5G provision. Mr. Capozzoli stated that SSDC StreetScene had attended the Pillbridge area and cleared it up.

Mr. Capozzoli drew attention to a broken stile in Browns Lane and referred to works to a wall in Priory Road, stating that this is actually a repair job.

Mr. Rowsell, District Councillor stated that he had nothing to report.

67. Police & Community issues – Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC & Church matters

The Council noted the apologies from the Police.

Mrs. Panter stated that only she & Miss Stapleton had attended a meeting with the Surgery, with Mr. Marsh stating that he had attended an Ilchester Briefing meeting, at which Symphony had stated that the report from the Care Quality Commission had rated the Practice as ‘Good’, which was an improvement on the previous report which was ‘Satisfactory’.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust, stating that he has removed ivy from the Patio area, the lift had been repaired, and the trees in front of the Hall had been pruned. The repairs to the Monument remain ongoing.

Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA, that there will a Flower show held in September.

Rev. Faulkner reported that the windows of St. Mary Major's Church had been damaged on the south side possibly by persons using catapults & ball bearings.

68. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that as it was in the Holidays, there had been no meetings, although a member has assisted Jacob Andrews.

69. Planning matters

The Council noted that there was nothing to report reference the access issue for application 18/03658/REM land north of Troubridge Park following approval of application 15/000247/OUT for the erection of 150 dwellings and associated works. After some discussion, it was agreed to contact Yarlinton Homes to discuss with them their role in the proposed development.

The Council noted that 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 had been granted.

The Council noted that application 19/01408/HOU for Ms. Marion Davies at 71, Great Orchard for the demolition of existing porch to front of property and the erection of enclosed porch had been granted.

The Council considered and supported application 19/01359/FUL for Beaufort Court Management Co. Ltd Eagle Close, for the creation of 5 No car parking spaces, cycle store & bin provision. The Council added the comment that the area needs to be tarmaced and all the spaces need to be numbered.

70. Financial matters

The account balances reported as at 24/07/19, were £100 in the C/A & £42,899.21p in the Business Reserve Account.

Payments received – £7.24p Bank interest, £20 allotment rent & £4,450 SSDC grant.

Payments made

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| 08/08/19 | 2423 | £25 | Miss. S. Pack – Stone clearing Skate park |
| 08/08/19 | 2424 | £552.11p | P. Horsington salary & expenses |

The above payments were authorised and the cheques signed.

The Council noted that the Audit is proceeding.

The Clerk received the signed Mandate forms from members, which will be taken to NatWest for checking, before being submitted.

71. Website

The Council agreed that Mr. Midwinter & Mr. C. Williams proceed with upgrading the Council's website with Vision ICT Ltd.

72. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams reported that he and Mr. Midwinter will meet and discuss what improvements need to be carried out. A report will be available at the next meeting. On the suggestion of Mr. Marsh, it was agreed to consider forming a working party to carry out some of the work required. - an agenda item.

73. Highway matters

The Council considered a draft letter reminding residents to park responsibly, but it was agreed that this needs to be redrafted & approved before being sent on to the Police for endorsement.

The Council discussed the details of potential SIDs received, with Mr. Marsh stating that there needs to be more details re. volume of traffic plus advice from SCC Highways as to which would be the best device to install. It was agreed that the Clerk will find the contact at County Hall & provide further information from County Highways.

It was agreed that the white lining at Eagle Close need repainting and there is an area privately owned that could assist with the car parking issues. This was noted.

74. Flooding issues

The Council noted that Mr. G. Hill will be attending the next meeting of the SRA.

75. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that all the allotments are taken and a letter needs to be drafted to each holder reminding them that the area of the allotment that they have taken, is part of their own Insurance liability. However the whole allotment area is covered by the Parish Council's insurers for public liability.

76. Mead Play area

Mr. Marsh reported that he had trimmed back some overhanging branches, with Mrs. Panter stating that there needs to be some new equipment to replace some existing ones. After discussion, it was agreed that the ages and number of children living at the Mead needs to be ascertained before proceeding.

Mrs. Panter reported that the inspection reports showed that there were no issues to address.

77. Skate Park

Mrs. Panter reported that the SSDC inspection reports showed that there were no issues to address.

It was agreed to contact Gravity Ltd again reference the small holes in the Skateboard equipment.

78. Rights of Way

The Council noted the blocked stile at Northover, issue of bolted gates and damaged stiles. Mr. Rose stated he will report these issues to County Rights of Way. It was agreed that Mr. Rose is to be given a copy of the Definitive Map of the Rights of Way within the Parish.

79. Tree Matters

Miss Stapleton highlighted broken branches at the Northover Triangle area, which Mr. H. Williams stated that he would look at.

80. Correspondence

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

There was no correspondence.

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

Mr. Bushell stated that he will attend a Fire Service review meeting to be held in Yeovil.

It was agreed to put nominations to the PPC group on the next agenda, with working party.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday September 12th 2019 at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 9.34 pm.

Signed:

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