

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday September 12th 2019
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.00pm.**

Present:, Chairman, Mrs. H. Panter, Mr. G. Bushell, Mrs G. Priddle, Mr. L. Midwinter, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner Mr. Diarmad Perry, Galliford Try, Mr. Jake Rigby, Yarlinton Homes & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Eight members of the public were present.

82. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. B. Rose, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, RNAS and PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Thelma Mead.

83. Open Session

Mrs. Panter welcomed Mr. Diarmad Perry, from Galliford Try & Mr. Jake Rigby, from Yarlinton Homes.

Mr. Perry updated the meeting reference the proposed development north of Troubridge Park, explaining the Scheme to date, showing drawings with details of the different sized homes being proposed within the development and where these are to be placed.

Mrs. McGee asked if there will be any specific disabled homes provided. Mr. Perry replied that there will be two bedroomed apartments built, and these could easily be adapted.

Mr. Edmondson asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the Public areas, to which Mr. Perry replied that it would be a matter for the Management Company of the whole estate.

Mr. H. Williams asked about car parking provision. Mr. Perry stated that the estate is designed to have no on- street parking, as there is provision for two cars for each dwelling. This being well over SCC requirements.

Mr. Bushell asked if there was any provision for other facilities such as shops etc. Mr. Perry stated that within this development there are none proposed, although the Section 106 agreement will provide SSDC with £460K from the scheme. Mr. Bloomfield stated that Section 106 agreements payments are not always guaranteed to be delivered

Mr. Bushell queried what access will used during construction. Mr. Perry stated that SCC Highways have approved the use of the Old Fosse way during construction. Mrs. Panter stated that the access should be via an entrance off the B.3151 opposite the Norseland Cheese factory. Mr. Perry stated emphatically if that had to be the case, then there would be no development, as the costs involved were too great.

Mr. H. Williams asked if the Power supply to the new estate will be adequate, to which Mr. Perry stated that a new sub – station will be provided.

In answer to a query as to who does the letting of the properties, Mr. Rigby stated that it is SSDC who controls the letting criteria based on a points need assessment. Mrs. Panter asked how did resident get their names on to the Register. Mr. Perry stated that residents need to contact SSDC to register their interest.

Mr. Perry stated, in answer to a query, that it is hoped to commence the works in November.

Mrs. Panter, Chair thanked Mr. Perry & Mr. Rigby for attending the meeting.

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

On behalf of the Council, Mrs. Panter gave Mr. H. Williams a birthday card, wishing him a very happy 70th Birthday. Mr. Williams thanked members.

85. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Mr. Westlake highlighted parking problems on the road to the Mead, due to a Charity Football event being held on the Sports field. It was reported that 650 had attended the event, which due to cars not wishing to pay an entrance fee, had contributed to the on road parking. This was noted.

Mr. B. Masters reported that the hole at the base of the Footbridge over the A.37 on the West Street side has been repaired.

Mr. Hill stated that he will be attending the next meeting of the Somerset Rivers Agency to ask for a guarantee that any works proposed for the A.303 to prevent A.303 closure, would not adversely affect the Mead.

Mr. Bushell reported that he had attended a meeting reference a review of the Devon & Somerset Fire Rescue Services. His report included that the response times at present for fire 10 minutes first attendance, with 15 minutes for full attendance. For road traffic incidents 15 minutes first attendance & 18 minutes full attendance.

The proposals are to reduce the number of Fire engines and close a number of Fire Stations, this being to reduce Yeovil down to two engines from three, Martock reduce from two engines to one part time & leave Somerton unchanged at one part time, with the ability to call on the Dorset Fire Service as at present. Street & Glastonbury are unaffected, with only Porlock Station being closed. It was agreed that Mr. Bushell would complete a questionnaire on behalf of the Council. Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor stated that he had also attended the meeting & felt that there is a management issue.

Apologies received from Mr. Graydon RNAS were noted.

Mr. Bloomfield stated that he had no matters to report on behalf of SCC.

Mr. Bloomfield stated that as a District Councillor, he could report that the SSDC Transformation process is eight months behind schedule. Mr. Bloomfield reported that he has experience of SID provision, as they have them in Martock Parish, of which he is the Chair.

Mrs. Panter highlighted the SSDC meetings with Parishes, which for Area East was being held on October 10th at Wincanton, this being the date of the next meeting of the Council. Mr. Capozzoli strongly recommended that the Council was represented.

The Council noted the invitation sent from the Tall Trees Community Centre on September 30th reference the launch of the rebranding of the Royal Navy Royal Marines Welfare to be the new Naval Service Family and People Support organisation. It was hoped that the Council would be represented.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor asked if the broken stile in Browns Lane had been repaired. The members stated that they did not know.

Mr. Capozzoli was asked to get information as to the state of play with decision reference the access to the 15/000247/OUT for the erection of 150 dwellings and associated works during construction. This he agreed to do.

87. Police & Community issues – St. Andrew’s Northover, Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC & Church matters

The Council noted the apologies from the Police, with Mrs. Panter reporting that the drafted letter reference parking issues in Ilchester, has still not been given Police approval.

In the absence of Mr. Marsh, it was agreed to note the agenda item of nomination to the PPC Group, recommend this is highlighted in the Village newsletter and leave on the agenda.

The Council agreed that the Church yard area at St. Andrew’s Northover needs to be cut, and the Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. J. Guy.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust, stating that the repairs to the Monument are to commence on Monday September 16th next.

Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA, that there will a Produce show held on September 16th.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

Rev. Faulkner reported that Harvest Songs of Praise will be held in St. Mary Major’s Church on Sunday September 22nd at 11.15am and tinned goods would be welcome as these will be sent to the Lords Larder in Yeovil.

88. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that the Youth Parish Councils are collecting toys, which are to be taken to the ‘Entertainer’ shop in Yeovil to be sent onwards to Africa.

89. Planning matters

The Council noted that Mr. Capozzoli is to enquire & report back as to the situation 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.

The Council noted that there was no decision to report on 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.

90. Financial matters

The account balances reported as at 31/08/19, were £100 in the C/A & £42,076.05p in the Business Reserve Account.

Payments received – £6.95p Bank interest

Payments made

12/09/19	2425	£132	Play Inspection Co Ltd annual inspection
12/09/19	2426	£25	Miss. S. Pack – Stone clearing Skate park
12/09/19	2427	£554.54p	P. Horsington salary & expenses
12/09/19	2428	£591	Vision ICT Ltd upgrading website

The above payments were authorised and the cheques signed.

The Council noted that the Audit is proceeding.

The Clerk reported that the signed Mandate forms from members had been taken to NatWest for checking, but have to be re- done before being submitted. The new forms were given to members for completion.

91. Website

The Council members, having looked at the new website under construction, agreed that it was looking good. It was noted that Vision ICT Ltd are asking for potential links to other organisations within Ilchester. These will be forwarded to the Clerk for Vision ICT Ltd to add to the site.

92. Cemetery

In the absence of Mr. C. Williams, Mr. Midwinter stated that there is a list of what improvements, which need to be carried out, and these will be considered at the next meeting.. In the absence of Mr. Marsh, it was agreed to leave the issue of forming a working party, as an agenda item.

93. Highway matters

In the absence of both Mr. Marsh & Mr. Rose, having seen the Emails received by Mr. Marsh, regarding SID provision, and the many different types, it was agreed that Mrs. Panter will meet with Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor together with Mr. Marsh & Mr. Rose to discuss the best options available.

The Council considered a request from a resident to consider the provision of a noise camera & the erection of a barrier at the Northover roundabout to slow traffic. After some discussion, both suggestions were not supported.

It was agreed that Mr. H. Williams is to provide details of the owners of an area of land that could assist with the car parking issues at the Eagle Close area.

Miss Stapleton highlighted the damaged grill in West Street, an offer to repair this was accepted.

94. Flooding issues

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

95. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that the letters had been sent out to all allotment holders reminding them that the area of the allotment that they have taken, is part of their own Insurance liability, plus that the Council are now the legal owners. A newsletter was also included.

96. Mead Play area

Mrs. G. Priddle stated that she has visited the Mead play area and agreed with Mrs. Panter that there needs to be some new equipment to replace some existing ones. It was agreed that the Clerk asks if there could be any grant funding from SSDC towards any new equipment.

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

The Council members had all received copies of the Annual Inspection report. These showed there were no issues to address

97. Skate Park

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

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98. Rights of Way

In the absence of Mr. Rose, there were no issues raised.

99. Tree Matters

Miss Stapleton highlighted overhanging branches adjacent to the Limington Road car park. It was agreed to contact SSDC as the owners of the car park for their attention.

100. Correspondence

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

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

The Council noted that Bidwells, Cambridge had sent an Email informing the Council that Trinity College are proposing to sell the Ransom strip in Priory Road. This was noted.

Mrs Priddle asked that Ilchester Festival is put on the next agenda, with Mrs. Panter asking that the Remembrance Service is also included. Both were agreed.

Mr. H. Williams reported that the Scouts' Akela, Mrs. J. Eaton, has been verbally abused, it was agreed that this was not acceptable.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday October 10th 2019 at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 9.24 pm.

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