

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2019  
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

**Present:**, Chairman, Mrs. H. Panter, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Bushell,, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. B. Rose, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.  
Six members of the public were present.

**102. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mrs G. Priddle, Mr. L. Midwinter, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. C. Hull, District Councillor, Mr. R. Graydon, RNAS and PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Thelma Mead.

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

**104. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Apologies received from Mr. Graydon RNAS were noted.

Mr. Marsh reported that he had attended the event at the Tall Trees Community Centre for the launch of the rebranding of the Royal Navy Marines Welfare to becoming the Naval Service Family and People Support. Mr. Marsh stated it had been an interesting presentation.

Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor was thanked for arranging a trial of a SID in Ilchester, which has received favourable comments from residents. Mr. Bloomfield stated he had been unable to download the information to date, as it is encrypted. Mr. Marsh asked if the downloaded information can be used, to which Mr. Bloomfield stated that it can be forwarded to the Police for their information.

Mr. G. Pope asked what did the SID record, to which Mr. Bloomfield replied speed & number of vehicles.

Mr. C. Williams asked SIDs could be hired by Councils. It was agreed to discuss SIDs later in the meeting.

Mr. Bloomfield stated that pupils at Schools in Somerton are to be each given a tree for planting to help with Global warming.

Mr. Hill stated that he had attended the meeting of the Somerset Rivers Agency, and had met today on site at the Mead, with an Official from the SRA & the SDDC member of the SRA Board. Mr. Hill informed the meeting that the Environment Agency have now re-assessed the peak flows at Penmill, Yeovil, making in his opinion, other assessment figures impacting on Ilchester inaccurate. Mr. Hill stated that he is to ask the E.A. to re-assess all the data relating to the flows within Ilchester.

Mr. Pope stated that parking still occurs on the corner of West Street and Pillbridge Lane.

Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor reported that Yeovilton Parish had also discussed the issue of SIDs.

Mr. P. Rowsell informed the meeting that there had been another serious accident on the A.37 by the Halfway Inn. Cameras that were there are no longer in use.

Mr. Marsh asked about the proposals by SSDC to provide Electric Charging points within the Limington car park, to which Mr. Rowsell replied that he would enquire and report back.

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

The Council noted the apologies from the Police, and noted the Newsletter received from the Police Crime Commissioner. Mrs. Panter reported that the drafted letter reference parking issues in Ilchester, had been circulated to members, and has now been sent to Sgt. Dean Hamilton for his approval, plus asking for permission for use of the Police logo as part of the heading. It was suggested that an A.5 size, with permission from the Editor of the Newsletter could be delivered with the Newsletter.

Miss Stapleton reported that there had been issues with Mead residents concerning parents taking their children to Scouts’ meetings. This was noted

The Council, on the proposition of Mr. C. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bushell, unanimously agreed to nominate Mr. Marsh to the PPG Group.

The Council agreed to monitor the need for mowing the Churchyard area at St. Andrew’s Northover.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust, stating that the repairs to the Monument had started, with the re-building to be carried out next year.

Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA, stating the Chairman is leaving the area, and that there will be a Christmas Fair held on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

As Rev. Faulkner had not arrived, there were no Church issues reported at this point.  
The proposed Ilchester Festival event was noted.

### 107. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that the Youth Parish Councils are now down to seven members, but they had donated toys, towards a National Toy event. Miss Stapleton stated that had attended a meeting at 'Sparks'.

### 108. Planning matters

The Council noted that 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 was still ongoing. After some debate, this was noted.

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.

The Council considered and supported application 19/02216/LBC for Mrs. K. Banks at the Coach House, West Street to fill in internal swimming pool and alterations to stud work in swimming pool room. Remove French windows and window to the rear and replace with hardwood sliding folding doors.

### 109. Financial matters

The account balances reported as at 30/09/19, were £100 in the C/A & £40,805.67p in the Business Reserve Account.

**Payments received** – £7.06p Bank interest

#### Payments made

10/10/19	2429	£240	PFK Littlejohn audit fee
10/10/19	2430	£591	Vision ICT Ltd new website
10/10/19	2431	£2,553.75p	Greenacres ½ mowing contract
10/10/19	2432	£340	J. Guy Northover mowing
10/10/19	2433	£25	Miss. S. Pack – Stone clearing Skate park
10/10/19	2434	£28.20p	HMRC paye tax
10/10/19	2435	£556.94p	P. Horsington salary & expenses

The above payments were authorised and the cheques signed.

The Council noted that the Audit has been closed.

The Clerk reported that the new Mandate forms are still work in progress.

Rev. B. Faulkner, having arrived, gave his report, stating that there has been a formal Notice approach to the Ministry of Justice to request the Closure of the Churchyard at St. Andrew's, Northover. This was noted.

Rev. Faulkner highlighted the poor state of the footpath through Church Street.

Rev. Faulkner informed the meeting that he has asked RNAS to lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday and he is to have a meeting shortly to discuss further details. It was agreed to contact the Police for traffic control.

Rev. Faulkner indicated that the PCC would pay for one grass mowing cut at St. Andrew's Church.

### 110. Website

Mr. C. Williams stated that he will be updating the contact with Symphony, the Surgery Practice.

### 111. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams stated that he & Mr. Midwinter will be circulating members with the list of what improvements need to be carried out.

### 112. Highway matters

The Council were pleased to note that Mr. Marsh had painted the kerb at the end of Almshouse Lane.

Mr. Bloomfield, following members highlighting a blocked drain at the end of Almshouse Lane with West Street, reported the issue to County Highways.

The Council discussed details including costs of the SID, which had been trialled in Ilchester, and following an amended proposition by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Rose, the Council agreed to buy a SID subject to compliance & clarification on where it could be used. It was noted that best value needs to be considered.

Mr. H. Williams handed the Clerk, details of the owners of an area of land, that could assist with the car parking issues at the Eagle Close area.

**113. Flooding issues**

The Council noted the report from Mr. G. Hill made earlier.

**114. Allotments**

Mr. H. Williams reported that Mr. Pete Morgan had won the 'Best allotment' award.

**115. Mead Play area**

Mrs. Panter reported that further quotations for some equipment to replace some existing ones are needed. The Clerk reported that subject to three quotations there is grant funding available from SSDC.

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

**116. Skate Park**

Mrs. Panter reported that the weekly SSDC inspection reports showed that there were no issues to address. It was agreed to contact Gravity Ltd again for an opinion on the Skate park equipment.

**117. Rights of Way**

Mr. Rose reported that having taken advice, there was no issue with the locked gates or stile.

**118. Tree Matters**

It was noted that the overhanging branches adjacent to the Limington Road car park have been reported to SSDC, as the owners of the car park for their attention.

The Council noted that a fallen willow tree adjacent to the river Yeo is on Highways land.

The Council were informed that Mr. King had no objection to the overhanging branches of a tree opposite Northover Manor being trimmed, subject to the whole tree being cut not to lose its shape and he being informed before any works are carried out, these works being at the Council's expense. After some discussion, the Council agreed not to proceed.

**119. Correspondence**

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

**120. Items for Report, or for the agenda of the next meeting**

Mr. Marsh reported that there is no bin at Northover, adjacent to the river Yeo. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda.

Mr. H. Williams highlighted the issue of dog fouling in Pillbridge Lane, and had contacted SSDC for advice. Mr. Williams stated that SSDC had given permission for him to put temporary signs in Pillbridge Lane, until SSDC provide official signs.

Miss Stapleton highlighted tyre marks left on the road, caused by racers. This was noted.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed:

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