

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday November 14th 2019
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

Present:, Chairman, Mrs. H. Panter, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Bushell,, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.
Four members of the public were present.

121. Apologies

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

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

The Council recorded that Mrs. G. Priddle had resigned from the Council due to her College workload. Mrs. Panter thanked her, in her absence, for her short time as a member of the Council, and it was noted that a letter of thanks had been sent. The Vacancy has been declared and it will be known by the end of today, whether the Council will be able to co-opt one new member at the next meeting.

Mrs. Panter reported that a former Councillor, Mr. D. Bullock had recently passed away.

Mrs. Panter congratulated Miss Stapleton on the recent wedding of her daughter Gemma.

123. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest. The Council noted that the Parish Council Vacancy has been advertised and the Council noted that there is to be a General election on December 12th.

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

Apologies received from Mr. Graydon RNAS were noted.

In the absence of Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, there were no County Council matters raised.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor reported that he and his fellow District Councillors had signed off the application 18/03658/REM land north of Troubridge Park following approval of application 15/000247/OUT for the erection of 150 dwellings, this leaving the issue of access being determined by County Highways. The Clerk reported that he had received the criteria of housing allocation within the site as employed by Yarlington Homes. It was agreed that this information is copied to all members.

It was reported that on instruction, the Clerk had written to Bidwells, Cambridge, agents for Trinity College, offering to purchase the Ransom strip in Priory Road for £1 with the caveat that there would be payment of any legal fees that would arise. This was noted.

Mr. Hill stated that the Flooding issues are ongoing.

125. 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 to be validated by the Police. It was noted that a request from the Police to use the Town Hall is still under discussion.

It was noted that the nomination of Mr. Marsh to the PPG Group had been accepted.

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 that IDCA, will holding a Christmas Fair on December 7th.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

Mrs. Panter reported that the Remembrance service had been well attended, but regretted that she had been the only Parish Councillor that had been in the Church for the Service, prior to the attendance at the War Memorial. As Rev. Faulkner had not arrived, there were no other Church issues reported at this point.

126. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that she is working with the younger members of the Youth Parish Councils on a ‘Homeless Stocking’ project.

127. Planning matters

The Council noted the comments reported by Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor reference the signing off of the 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, leaving the access to be determined by County Highways.

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 noted that 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 had been granted.

The Council considered the three applications 19/02668/FUL for Mr. Mark Knight at New Spittles Farm for an agricultural building to be used as a calving yard & associated works, application 19/02670/FUL for Mr. Mark Knight at New Spittles Farm for an agricultural building to be used as a collecting and dispersal yard facility & associated works & application 19/02669/FUL for Mr. Mark Knight at New Spittles Farm for an agricultural building to be used as a milking parlour complex & associated works. After discussion, the Council supported all three separate applications.

128. Financial matters

The account balances reported as at 31/10/19, were £100 in the C/A & £36,634.31p in the Business Reserve Account.

Payments received – £6.63p Bank interest, £170 St. Mary Major PCC, £30 Memorial Masons & £47 Wakely Bros

Payments made

14/11/19	2436	£750.28p	SSDC play inspections
14/11/19	2437	£25	Miss. S. Pack – Stone clearing Skate park
14/11/19	2438	£50	RBL poppy appeal donation
14/11/19	2439	£571.66p	P. Horsington salary & expenses
14/11/19	2440	£34.07p	J. Stapleton Remembrance teas

The above payments were authorised and the cheques signed.

The Clerk reported that the Mandate forms have been lost by a former member. It was agreed to wait now until the Vacancy has been filled.

129. Website

Mr. C. Williams stated the Website is up to date with the required information.

130. Cemetery

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

131. Highway matters

Mr. Marsh reported that a 'No Entry' sign at the entrance to The Mead had knocked down.

The Council noted that the actual cost for the SID trialled in Ilchester via Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor & Chair of Martock Parish Council was actually £3,275, plus VAT.

Mr. Marsh informed the Council that there had been a meeting to consider other devices on the market and members were looking at the details of the necessary agreement for these devices with County Highways.

Mr. Capozzoli stated that there is a potential grant available from SSDC.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Ashfield Properties reference an area of land, that could assist with the car parking issues at the Eagle Close area.

Mr. Marsh highlighted that there was a missing litter bin at Northover, which left bolts showing that could be a safety hazard. It was agreed that Mr. Marsh would inspect this issue & report back.

Mrs. Panter stated that an issue with a drain cover reported to her, was not obvious. This was noted.

A cracked kerb at the entrance to the Paddocks, West Street is to be reported to County Highways.

132. Flooding issues

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

133. Allotments

Mr. H. Williams reported that the gate post at the entrance to the Allotments needs to be repaired, after discussion, it was agreed that the work repair is done.

The Council noted that an officer from Highways England is to visit the allotment area on November 19th to inspect the trees adjacent to the allotments, as their height is impacting on the area.

134. Mead Play area

Mr. Bushell reported that further quotations for some equipment to replace some of the existing ones will be obtained & this will also include replacing some safety matting. 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.

135. Skate Park

Mr. Bushell reported that the weekly SSDC inspection reports showed that there were major no issues to address. These are now sent electronically from SSDC & sent to all members

It was noted that Gravity Ltd had been contacted again for an opinion on the two holes in Skate park equipment.

136. Rights of Way

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

Rev. B. Faulkner, having arrived, gave his report and handed the Council a copy of the formal Notice approach to the Ministry of Justice to request the Closure of the Churchyard at St. Andrew's, Northover.

Rev. Faulkner stated that he was not impressed that there had been no wreath laid on behalf of RNAS Yeovilton on Remembrance Sunday.

137. 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.

138. Correspondence

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

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

Mr. Marsh asked for an update on the situation reference the employees at the Carwash business at Northover. It was agreed to ask Mr. Hull District Councillor if he any any information on this.

Mr. H. Williams highlighted that there has been further fly tipping in Pillbridge Lane, and informed the meeting that he had not been able to contact SSDC. It was agreed that the Clerk will report this issue.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday December 12th 2019 at 7.30pm.

As the General election being held on December 12th, it was noted that the Court room will not be available for the Council's meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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