

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2020  
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Chairman, Mrs. H. Panter, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Bushell, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. G. Pope, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor (later), Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk.

Four members of the public were present.

**159. 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.

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

**161. Co-option of one member**

On the proposition of Mrs. Panter, seconded by Mr. H. Williams, Mr. G. Pope was unanimously co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Grace Priddle.

Mr. Pope signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was given the form of Register of Interests to complete, this to be returned to the SSDC Monitoring Office within 28 days.

**162. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Mrs. Panter stated that she had received apologies from Mr. Graydon RNAS.

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

Mr. B. Masters highlighted that there are serious potholes at the Mead, outside properties 22,25 & 26. It was agreed that these are reported to County Highways.

The Council were informed that Mr. G. Hill had had a fall and injured his knee badly. It was agreed to send an Email to him from the Council, wishing him a speedy recovery.

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

The Council noted that the first Bank Holiday in May will be on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> & not on the first Monday.

The Council were informed that the Police are to visit Ilchester with the intention of giving advice to the most vulnerable residents and have asked the Council to indicate the areas where the most advice could be given. After discussion, the areas highlighted were Great Orchard, Kingshams and the Mead. Members agreed to ask that the Council be given some feedback from the operation.

Mrs. Panter thanked Mr. H. Williams for taking down the Christmas trees put up on the front of the Town Hall. Discussion took place on the condition of the lights, agreeing that a new set is to be purchased before next December.

Miss Stapleton reported that Businesses had sponsored the Christmas tree put up on the Market Place.

Rev. Faulkner reported that a large Grave memorial has been discovered at St. Andrew’s Northover.

The Council noted the grass situation at the Churchyard area of St. Andrew’s Northover.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust, stating that cleaning of the Hall is becoming an issue and the Committee room has been re-decorated.

The Council noted that the Parish map has been removed from the Committee room and it was agreed to ask if it could be put up again, if not in the Committee room, then perhaps in the Court room. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Town Trust.

Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA, stating that Mr. P. Simpson is to be the Chairman from the beginning of February.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

Rev. Faulkner reported that over £130 had been raised from the Christmas Tree Festival, this being donated to the Children’s Society.

Miss Stapleton reported that the ‘Carols on the Green’ had been a great success and had been attended by over 80 persons.

### 165. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that 'Just Maria' had won 'Businesses in Lights' competition. Members had provided Christmas crackers for the Diner's Club Christmas lunch

### 166. Planning matters

The Council noted that there was no decision on 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.

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 there was no decision to report on 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.

### 167. Financial matters

The account balances reported as at 31/12/19 were £100 in the C/A & £34,584.65p in the Business Reserve Account.

**Payments received** – £6.13p Bank interest

#### Payments made

09/01/20	2444	£150	Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance
09/01/20	2445	£50	St. John Ambulance
09/01/20	2446	£50	Citizens Advice Bureau
09/01/20	2447	£50	Macmillan Cancer Support
09/01/20	2448	£300	St. Mary Major PCC
09/01/20	2449	£200	IDCA
09/01/20	2450	£100	Youth Parish Councils
09/01/20	2451	£28.20	HMRC paye tax
09/01/20	2452	£25	Miss. S. Pack – Stone clearing Skate park
09/01/20	2453	£92.68	Wessex Water allotments
09/01/20	2454	£526.24	P. Horsington salary & expenses
09/01/20	2455	£66	N & S Glover Farm hedge trim

The above payments were authorised and the cheques signed.

Mr. Bushell presented the Budget figures & proposed Precept, these having been circulated to members prior to the meeting. After discussion, on the proposition of Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. C. Williams, the Budget and Precept figure of £25,500 for 2020/21 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bushell was thanked for all his input on the figures.

It was agreed that the new Mandate forms will be now actioned.

Mr. Capozzoli, District Councillor arrived, and was invited to give his report.

Mr. Capozzoli stated that there was nothing to report from SSDC. An issue of car parking issues and a dumped car in the Eagle Close area was discussed, but as the area involved is privately owned, it was noted that there was little that can be done. It was hoped that perhaps SSDC could assist.

### 168. Website

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

### 169. 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, when the weather improves.

### 170. Highway matters

The Council agreed that as 'Smiley Faces' were not approved as yet by the Department of Transport, Mr. Bushell would contact the firms, who had quoted, asking if the signs 'Smiley Faces' could be put but not activated until they became legal, and report back at the next meeting.

**171. Flooding issues**

The Council noted that the trees in the river Yeo by the Town bridge had been reported to the Environment Agency. There were no other issues reported.

**172. Allotments**

Mr. H. Williams reported that some tree works had been done by Highways England along the A.303, otherwise the area was very wet and not easy to access.

**173. Mead Play area**

Mr. Bushell informed the Council that the request for grant funding from SSDC is proceeding.

It was reported that the fortnightly inspection reports, now sent electronically, showed that there were no major issues to address. All members now receive copies.

**174. Skate Park**

Mr. Bushell reported that the weekly SSDC inspection reports showed that there were no major issues to address.

Mrs. Panter stated that she had contacted Gravity Ltd for an opinion on the two holes & general condition of the Skate park equipment. Photos are to be sent.

**175. Rights of Way**

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

**176. Tree Matters**

Mr. C. Williams reported that he had trimmed the tree by Limington Road car park. He was thanked for doing this. Miss Stapleton reported a split tree by the Triangle at Northover. It was agreed to look at this.

**177. Correspondence**

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

The Council noted a letter from the Leader of Somerset County Council suggesting that formation of a Unitary Council was the way forward.

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

Mr. Marsh asked for an update on the situation reference the Electric Charging point in Limington Road car park, asking for an update, when it would be in operation. It was agreed that Mr. Capozzoli would report back on this issue.

Mr. H. Williams highlighted the issue of litter blowing around during Waste collections. This was noted.

Miss Stapleton & Mr. H. Williams reported that there have been issues for the Scouts at the turning area at the Mead and the Police have been involved.

Miss Stapleton stated that the Surgery are not taking future appointment bookings. Mr. Marsh stated that this is only a temporary situation and should be back to normal shortly.

Mr. Panter stated that the letter reference parking, once she finds it, will be put in the Newsletter. It was agreed to leave this as an agenda item.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 9.04 pm.

Signed:

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