

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> 2020  
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Chairman, Mrs. H. Panter, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. G. Bushell, Mr. L. Midwinter, Miss J. Stapleton, Mr. G. Pope, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, PCSO T. Russell & PCSO E. Ryall, Rev. B. Faulkner & Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Eight members of the public were present.

**179. Apologies**

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

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

Mr. B. Masters informed the Council reference Minute 143- meeting held on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, that he was actually speaking on behalf of the Central Garage, and was not expressing his own personal opinion.

**181. Resignation of one member**

Mrs. Panter informed the meeting that she had received a letter of resignation from Mr. B. Rose, and after discussion, it was agreed to declare a Vacancy, with the Clerk & Mr. Marsh contacting Mr. Rose. It was noted that Mrs. Panter & the Clerk had thanked Mr. Rose for all he had done as Councillor.

**182. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

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

Mr. G. Hill reported that despite having reported that there are trees in the river Ye, blocking the Town bridge, the Environment Agency were now saying that this is a matter for County Highways. Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor stated that he will contact County Highways reference this issue.

Mr. Marsh reported that there has been fly tipping in Limington Road, within Limington Parish and there was a large pothole also in Limington Road, but within Ilchester Parish.

Mr. J. Edmondson informed the meeting that he had contacted County Highways reference the possibility of the ransom strip in Priory Road being adopted by them, and had received a negative reply. Mr. Edmondson strongly recommended that the Parish Council should write to Bidwells, agents for Trinity College, Cambridge making an offer of £1K to purchase this strip of land. This would be with the Parish Council owning the strip and granting Rights of Access to the individual property owners. After further discussion, it was agreed to consider this request under Highway issues.

Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, reported that SIDs showing speed with ‘Smiley Faces’ are now accepted for use by Somerset County Council.

Mr. Bloomfield reported that the Leader of SCC is proposing the formation of a Unitary Council for Somerset. This is not finding favour with the District Councils.

The Council noted comments reference issues on the A.37 within Chilthorne Domer Parish.

Mr. P. Rowsell, District Councillor, stated that the Leader of SSDC has written to all Parish Councils offering to attend a meeting. This letter had been circulated to all members, and it was agreed to take up the offer.

Mr. A. Capozzoli reported on the application 20/00177/DPO for Yarlinton Housing Group for the modification of Section 106 agreement between SSDC and SCC and PCH Young (Deceased) acting through Executors dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to remove liability of the non – affordable housing obligation from the Register Provider and to remove liability of the affordable housing obligations from those who have exercised the right to buy, stating that this confirms the Right to Buy. This was noted.

Mr. Capozzoli stated that he no information to report on the Electrical Charging point being installed at the Limington Road car park. Mr. Capozzoli stated that SSDC are to invest in Housing.

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

Mrs. Panter welcomed PCSO T. Russell & PCSO E. Ryall, to the meeting. The Council were given the list of criminal offences, being a total of nine for the Ilchester area. The Council were given the mobile contact numbers for PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO Thelma Mead. These and the Crime figures to be sent to members.

Mrs. Panter stated that the visit by the Police on February 16<sup>th</sup> had been well received and stated another visit later in the year would be appreciated.

PCSO T. Russell & PCSO E. Ryall were thanked for attending the meeting.

It was agreed to keep the grass situation at the Churchyard area of St. Andrew's Northover under review.

Mr. H. Williams reported on behalf of the Town Trust, stating that there have been issues at the Sports field with cars driving on the grass area rather than remaining on the parking area.

Mr. Williams reported that guttering on the roof of the Town Hall needs clearing, as this is the cause of damp within the Town Hall flat.

It was agreed to that Mr. Williams would request that the Town Trust to paint the yellow hatched lines on their property including the Weighbridge area.

It was noted that the Council has not received any formal response from ITT reference the Parish map.

Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA, stating that the change of Chair is a slow process, and there is to be a Street Fair on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk of IRINEC has informed the Council that Mr. Marsh's four year term of Office as Trustee was due to end shortly. On the proposition of Miss Stapleton, seconded by Mr. Pope, Mr. Marsh was unanimously re-appointed for a further four years.

Rev. Faulkner informed the meeting that it is intended to have a Community Day to commemorate the seventy fifth anniversary of VE Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### 185. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that membership is now back to nine and members are making 'Socks for the Homeless' and wish to hold a Litter Pick later in the year.

The Youth Parish Council members had also highlighted the lack of Litter bins through Northover. This was noted and will be put on the next agenda.

### 186. Planning matters

The Council noted that 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 had been granted in November with the issue of access during the construction, being discussed between County Highways & the developers.

The Council noted, as a legal necessity, the application 20/00177/DPO for Yarlington Housing Group for the modification of Section 106 agreement between SSDC and SCC and PCH Young (Deceased) acting through Executors dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to remove liability of the non – affordable housing obligation from the Register Provider and to remove liability of the affordable housing obligations from those who have exercised the right to buy

The Council noted that there was still 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 still 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.

The Council agreed to enquire what CIL payment to SSDC would be raised from the 150 housing development, and would the Parish Council have a share.

### 187. Financial matters

The account balances reported as at 31/01/20 were £100 in the C/A & £33,077.31p in the Business Reserve Account.

**Payments received** – £5.78p Bank interest

**Payments made**

13/02/20	2456	£2,553.75p	Greenacres ½ mowing contract
13/02/20	2457	£25	Miss. S. Pack – Stone clearing Skate park
13/02/20	2458	£598.17p	P. Horsington salary & expenses

The above payments were authorised and the cheques signed.

### 188. Website

Discussion took place reference the Website, and as the Clerk now puts the official notices etc. on the Website, it was agreed that all members should now give advice on this.

### 189. Cemetery

In the absence of Mr. C. Williams, and as Mr. Midwinter stated that would like to be involved with the Play areas, it was agreed that Mr. Bushell will take over working with Mr. C. Williams.

**190. Highway matters**

Now that the County Council have agreed that ‘Smiley Faces’ are acceptable, it was agreed that Mr. Bushell would contact the firms, who had quoted, and send the quotations to the Clerk, who will submit a Grant request to SSDC. Discussion took place, as to whether the SID could be hired out to any adjoining Parish, and it was agreed in principle, that this can be discussed when any request is made.

The Council discussed the request made by Mr. Edmondson that the Parish Council should make an offer as suggested of £1K to buy the Ransom strip in Priory Road. After considerable debate, on the proposition made by Mr. H. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pope, on a vote of six in favour, with one against, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Bidwells and ask what their valuation would be for this area.

Mr. Midwinter reported that two concrete bollards are missing at Great Orchard, allowing cars to be driven onto the grassed area by the Play area in that area. It was agreed to contact SSDC in the first instance.

Mr. Midwinter highlighted the need to have the Market Place car park surface signs repainted, as there are issues with cars blocking exits. This was agreed.

The Council were read the letter from Mr. G. Masters reference the state of some footpaths in Ilchester. This is to be sent to County Highways.

MR. H. Williams reported that he had cleared off ivy from the seats on the Town Bridge. He was thanked.

**191. Flooding issues**

The Council noted the earlier discussions regarding the trees in the river Yeo by the Town bridge.

**192. Allotments**

Mr. H. Williams reported that there had been in fact, no tree works carried out by Highways England.

**193. Mead Play area**

Mr. Bushell presented the details to members of the new equipment for the Play area and informed the Council that the request for grant funding from SSDC is proceeding.

The Council agreed that once the Play equipment has been installed, then Mr. Midwinter & Mr. Pope, would take on the role of Play areas.

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.

**194. Skate Park**

The Council considered the quotation received of £2,300 plus VAT from Gravity Ltd to repair, paint and tamp down the edges of the equipment. As the Skate park had been in place since 2005, it was agreed to accept this quotation. The Council noted that to replace the existing equipment with concrete ramps would cost in the region of £100K.

The Council noted that the weekly SSDC inspection show that there were no major issues to address.

**195. Rights of Way**

It was agreed that all members look at Rights of Way and report as necessary.

**196. Tree Matters**

Miss Stapleton stated that the overhanging tree branches, Limington Road & Northover had been trimmed.

**197. Correspondence**

The Council noted the Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter.

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

Miss Stapleton reported that Norseland Cheese wish to become more involved with the Parish. It was agreed that Miss Stapleton will have discussions with them & report back.

Mr. Marsh requested that PPG is an agenda item for the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed:

Date:

