

**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020  
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

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

**199. Apologies**

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

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

**201. Vacancy**

Mrs. Panter informed the meeting that the person, who had expressed interest, has now had decided not to stand to fill the vacancy. No other names were received. It was agreed to leave this as an agenda item.

**202. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

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

The Clerk reported that Bineham Lane into Yeovilton village from the B.3151 will be closed to all during the RNAS Air Day to be held on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. G. Hill reported that the trees in the river Yeo, blocking the Town bridge, have been removed.

Mr. Hill reported that a meeting to discuss the Mead issues, with two representatives of the SRA has been held, and it appears that the Modelling is ongoing.

Mr. J. Edmondson stated that there is a camera in Yeovil Road and asked what was its purpose. It was agreed to investigate this issue.

The Council reported that there had been a reply from Bidwells, agents for Trinity College, Cambridge

which stated that they had no intention of putting any value on the ransom strip in Priory Road.

This issue was discussed and on the proposition of Mr. H. Williams, seconded by Mr. C. Williams, it was agreed whether an offer of £1K would be acceptable by any party, to purchase this area of land. At this stage there is no commitment, without further details being available and agreed, that the Parish Council would enter into any negotiation to purchase this area of land in Priory Road.

In the absence of Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mrs. Panter reported that Mr. Bloomfield had texted to say he had no update on the application 18/03658/REM land north of Troubridge Park.

Mr. Capozzoli highlighted fly tipping in West Street, with Mr. Williams stating that he had already reported this.

Mr. Capozzoli stated that there is a planning application to repair the Market Cross. This was noted.

Mr. Capozzoli reported on the situation reference the Electrical Charging point being installed at the Limington Road car park. This facility is due to be live next week, drivers will be charged £0.36p per kwhr. The time for each vehicle to charge their vehicles will be between 30 – 60 minutes, and SSDC will receive 10% from SWARCO.

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

Mrs. Panter reported that there had been a major issue with the top of the High Street being blocked from the roundabout, and the Police had been informed. It was agreed that contact is made to the Civil Enforcement Office in Taunton to ask if Officers can attend Ilchester reference parking issues and what if any cost is involved.

Mrs. Panter stated that a letter will be put in the next Newsletter asking residents to park with due care and responsibly for all.

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

Following Mr. R. Blake's resignation from the Town Trust, there was no nomination made to fill the vacancy on the Town Trust. It was agreed to leave this as an agenda item.

Mr. Marsh reported on the Open meeting held by the Trust on February 24<sup>th</sup>, stating that it had been an interesting meeting.

It was noted that reference the Parish map, the Town Trust is updating the Court room, and provision will be made to hang the Parish map somewhere in that room.

Miss Stapleton reported on behalf of IDCA, stating that there is now a Defibrillator in the former telephone kiosk at Great Orchard, and an Easter egg hunt is being planned..

There was nothing reported from IRINEC.

Mr. Marsh reported from the PPG, of which he is member, stating that a new 'Ask my GP' system is being set up. Mr. Pope highlighted that he has had to wait ages on the telephone to contact the Surgery. This was noted.

Rev. Faulkner highlighted the potential issues with new Coronavirus, stating that he is liaising with members of the Parish to assist those at risk.

Rev. Faulkner informed the meeting that the Head of the Schools will be writing to parents, reference inconsiderate parking in the Schools' area.

## 205. Youth Parish Councils

Miss Stapleton reported that a 'Litter Pick' is to be held..

## 206. 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.

An application for a non material amendment of application 18/03658/REM land north of Troubridge Park to amend plot handings, window styles, feature mullions/sills and positions across the site was noted, with Mr. Marsh asking why were these changes necessary and a meeting with the Planning officer should be held.

The Council were asked to submit a list potential street names for the development.

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 considered and fully supported application 20/00702/LBC for the Ilchester Town Trust at the Market Place for the reconstruction of the Market Cross.

## 207. Financial matters

The account balances reported as at 29/02/20 were £100 in the C/A & £30,000.39p in the Business Reserve Account.

**Payments received** – £5.00p Bank interest

**Payments made**

12/03/20	2459	£750.28	SSDC ½ yearly play inspections
12/03/20	2460	£25	Miss. S. Pack – Stone clearing Sk pk
12/03/20	2461	£542.02p	P. Horsington salary & expenses
12/03/20	2462	£30	ITT room hire

The above payments were authorised and the cheques signed.

The Clerk left the meeting whilst the Council reviewed his salary. On his return, he was informed that an award of 5% had been agreed. The Clerk thanked the Council for this increase.

## 208. Website

There were no issues raised.

## **209. Cemetery**

Mr. C. Williams stated that the Cemetery area looked very tidy.

## **210. Highway matters**

Mr. Marsh reported that large pothole also in Limington Road, has been repaired.

After discussion, the Council agreed to accept the quotation received from Roadside Technologies Ltd to provide one VAS 300SD Speed Sign at the cost of £2,700 plus VAT. This includes delivery, installation, training, Blue tooth Data Logging & Lithium battery. The Council noted that the Clerk had applied to SSDC for a grant of £1K towards this sign.

The Council noted the decision made earlier of the value of £1K being put forward, reference the Ransom strip in Priory Road, with no commitment from the Council to become involved at this point.

Miss Stapleton reported that there has been work done at the Zebra crossing in Church Street.

Mr. Pope stated that there had been works done on the A.37 to repair potholes.

Mr. Pope drew attention to Vans being parked regularly on the Market Place car park, taking up valuable space. The issue was discussed.

## **211. Flooding issues**

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

## **212. Allotments**

The Clerk handed Mr. H. Williams the Lands Registry documents of the sale & transfer of the Allotment area to the Parish Council, for his inspection, which had been received from the Solicitors. These are to be returned to the Clerk for safe keeping.

Mr. H. Williams reported that there is to be one new tenant, as Mr. M. Weallens had given notice to vacate his allotment. The Council agreed to leave the rents for the allotments as last year, being £20 for a full plot & £15 for a half plot area for 2020/21.

Mr. H. Williams highlighted an issue of litter on the boundary being thrown from the slip road from the A.303 onto the A.37.

It was noted that the hedge along Pillbridge Lane is being laid.

## **213. Mead Play area**

It was noted that Mr. Bushell is in discussion with SSDC over the issue of the validity of the Test Certificate which is being proposed to be provided by Creation Play Ltd, and if this cannot be resolved, then the Council will have to find a new acceptable provider to SSDC in order to obtain any grant funding.

For the record, the quotation is for Bench – 1.8m, Thetford Tower, Dog Springer & Safety surfacing total cost being £10,023 plus VAT. The grant applied for being £2,505.75p.

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.

## **214. Skate Park**

The Council noted that the weekly SSDC inspection show that there were no major issues to address, with Mr. Pope stating that he had put in some bolts on the Table tennis equipment, which were missing.

The Council noted that it was paying for the Sports equipment inspections owned by the Town Trust.

## **215. Rights of Way**

Mr. H. Williams reported that there are notices on the bridge over the A.303 by the allotments, stating that a gate will be installed to ensure the status over the bridge is a FP. & not a BP. There were no other issues reported.

## **216. Tree Matters**

Miss Stapleton stated that there is a tree down in the former allotment area at Great Orchard.

## **217. Correspondence**

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

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

Miss Stapleton reported that the 'Ilchester Fest' has been cancelled.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.00pm, with the Annual Parish meeting being held at 8.00pm. It was noted that all future meetings may be postponed if the Coronavirus epidemic situation gets worse.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present, and declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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