

## ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 10th June 2014

#### 2014/94 Attendance and Apologies

| Those present:                     | Apologies       | In Attendance          |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Mr D Amor (Chair)                  | Mrs P Matravers | 1 Resident             |
| Mr L Hart (Vice Chair)             | Mr L Trahar     | PR of the Warren Trust |
| Mrs K Board                        |                 |                        |
| Mrs R Burt                         |                 |                        |
| Mr G Mackenzie-Green               |                 |                        |
| Mr D Mico                          |                 |                        |
| Mr I Sherwood                      |                 |                        |
| Mr C L Hardy (County Councillor)   |                 |                        |
| Mrs S Steele (District Councillor) |                 |                        |
| Mrs S Morley (Clerk)               |                 |                        |

#### 2014/95 Visitors and Public Voice

##### Traffic along Cad Road

A resident wished to bring to the Council's attention the increase in traffic along Cad Road particularly since the Ilminster road has been closed. There have already been two minor accidents although these were not reported to the Police. Councillors stressed that all accidents, however minor, should be reported which will help build up evidence to reduce the speed limit. The speed of traffic along Cad Road has already been raised with the Police and with Highways. Speed Watch cannot operate along Cad Road because it carries a national speed limit. An application to reduce the speed limit was refused 4 or 5 years ago. It may be possible to impose a temporary speed limit, at least while the Ilminster road remains closed, and Councillors will be arranging more meetings with Highways and the Police to discuss the issue.

The Resident left the meeting at 7.55 p.m.

Proposal by the Warren Trust - see minute 2014/103

PR left the meeting after this item.

#### 2014/96 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2014

The minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting were agreed and signed.

#### 2014/97 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken or to be taken

Minute 2014/52(e) - Deeds collected from Baker & Duke - to be deposited with another local solicitor. **ACTION - The Clerk**

#### 2014/98 Highways

- (a) Closure of Ilminster Road at The Beacon - It has been reported that the road is likely to stay closed for up to another nine months.
- (b) Speed of traffic along Cad Road - a speed radar check was done along Cad Road which reported that the 85th percentile was 48 mph/49 mph with the maximum speed

being 72 mph. Councillors will to arrange a meeting with Highways and the Police to discuss whether there can be a temporary speed limit while the Ilminster road remains closed or whether better signage can be put up. The question of lowering the speed limit permanently along the road will also be addressed, particularly now that the limit on a number of similar roads in the area have been lowered. The need to build up an evidence base of accidents, including minor ones and near misses was stressed.

- (c) SID Results for Village - These were forwarded to the Police because of the excessive speed of some vehicles. The Clerk was asked to check if any speed checks have been done in the village. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (d) Pot Hole - on the corner of Merryfield Lane. **ACTION - The Clerk**

**2014/99 Brook Green**

The Clerk was asked to contact the contractors about the standard of grass cutting at Brook Green and also about the stone pillar which has been knocked down. **ACTION - The Clerk**

**2014/100 Footpaths**

Nothing new to report.

**2014/101 Cemetery / Churchyard**

- (a) The grass cutting in the cemetery is in good order.
- (b) 12 new laurel bushes have been planted and the old ones removed. The Recreation Ground Officer offered to water them. **ACTION - Recreation Field Officer**
- (c) It was remarked that the conifers should be taken down so that the laurels have sufficient light and water.
- (d) The Clerk reported on the advice regarding inspections of gravestones in Cemeteries. It was agreed to continue with the visual inspections of both the Churchyard and Cemetery. It was also agreed that a professional inspection is not required. Councillors were reminded to let the Clerk know when they make a visual inspection so that the date can be logged.

**2014/102 Recreation Ground**

- (a) Insurance - the Cone Climber has been added to the insurance and an extra premium of £93.02 is payable.
- (b) Inspection Reports - The latest report highlights the wet pour breaking up under the cone climber at a date after the wet pour was repaired. The Recreation Field Officer will take this up with the inspector. **ACTION - Recreation Field Officer**
- (c) Fencing - Quotes have been requested for fencing similar to that of the School along the area where the existing fencing needs to be replaced. The wire will be taken down leaving the concrete posts. Residents will need to maintain their own wooden fences.
- (d) Skate Ramps and Basket Ball Tower - SSDC have suggested moving these items to the new Recreation Ground. Plans for the redevelopment of the existing Recreation Ground have already been approved and any changes will delay the project. Councillors decided to stay with the original plan for the time being but to consider

moving the equipment in the future if the new Recreation Ground is considered a better position.

### **2014/103 Recreational Development / Playing Field**

The Warren Trust have proposed delivering a two-team changing room, a floodlit MUGA, a full size senior pitch, car parking and a landscaped area with benches and trees. They are hoping to put their planning application in by August / September and will try to come back to the Parish Council before submission so that the Council can see the final plans. A layout will be drafted as soon as possible so that a public viewing can be arranged. A species survey will be arranged.

Councillors felt it is a good idea to have a full size pitch with junior pitches accommodated within it. Adults and youths play at different times so one pitch will be enough.

The Warren Trust were thanked for the proposal and Councillors were asked if they support the offer in principle. The Steering Group can then be informed of developments.

All Councillors were in favour of the proposals. There were no objections.

### **2014/104 Planning Applications**

- (a) App No: 14/01977/FUL  
Proposal: First Floor en-suite extension  
Location: Frost House, Frost Lane, Ilton

Ilton Parish Council considered the above application and have no objections.

- (b) App No: 14/01843/FUL  
Proposals: Change of use of land from agricultural to recreational  
Location: Land OS8349, Copse Lane, Ilton

This application has been submitted by the Parish Council for the use of part of the field as a temporary area for ball games. The planning authority made suggestions about alternative fencing to the Parish Council's suggested fencing, which is designed to be removable once the whole area has been secured. The District Councillor will speak to SSDC.

Mr Le Hardy and Mr Sherwood left the meeting at 8.55 p.m.

### **2014/105 Planters**

The supplier of the planter will not invoice the Council and will not accept cheques, only cards or cash. It was agreed that a Councillor will arrange delivery and pay in cash and ask for a VAT receipt made out the Ilton Parish Council. Gravel and compost will be provided by one of the Councillors. The area will be dug out and levelled by the Footpaths Officers. Once the planter is in place, plants can be bought. **ACTION - Footpaths and Planning Officers**

### **2014/106 Correspondence**

- (a) A request for a grant for Ilton Friendship Club's annual Christmas meal. Councillors agreed to make a grant of £250 which is the same as last year.
- (b) An invitation to South Somerset Together's AGM on Thursday 10th July at Yeovil Council offices.

- (c) Somerset Youth and Community Service re training and an award scheme to help communities make their youth club a good place for young people.
- (d) Request for a grant from Somerset Wildlife Trust re Barn Owl Boxes. Councillors did not wish to make a grant.
- (e) Avon & Somerset Policing Plan

**2014/107      Accounts**

- (a) The following amounts have been received - £5,715.00 from SSDC for Cone Climber and fitting.
- (b) Balances as at 30/5/2014 were Treasurers Account = £20,792.89 / 30 Day Account = £38,588.54
- (c) Payments to Huck nets and Play UK were made during the month.
- (d) The following cheques are to be drawn:

000780 - £5,682.00 - HuckNets UK Ltd - Cone Climber  
 000781 - £1,176.00 - Play UK Ltd - fitting Cone Climber  
 000782 - £10.00 - Somerset Playing Fields Association - subscription  
 000783 - £360.00 - PH Services - work at Brook Green, Rec and Cemetery  
 000784 - £93.02 - Aon UK Ltd - extra insurance premium for Cone Climber  
 000785 - £30.57 - Admin expenses  
 000786 - £146.78 - Salary  
 000787 - £100.20 - HMRC - PAYE  
 000788 - £200.00 - R Burt - trough for planter  
 000789 - £250.00 - Friendship Club - grant for Christmas lunch

**2014/108      Matters and items to report**

- (a) Grass Cutting - The Village Green has been looking very untidy. The Clerk was asked to speak to the contractors. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (b) Dementia Awareness - Chard, Ilminster and Crewkerne are being trialled for dementia awareness and Councillors may be asked questions.
- (c) Youth Club - this is going well and members have played cricket.

**2014/109      Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 8th July 2014 7.30 p.m. at Merryfield Hall

The meeting finished at 9.45 p.m.

David Amor - Chairman