

## ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 11th November 2014

#### 2014/160 Attendance and Apologies

Those present:	Apologies	In Attendance
Mr L Hart (Vice Chair and Chair of meeting)	Mr D Amor (Chair)	3 members of the public
Mrs K Board	Mr I Sherwood	
Mrs R Burt	PCSO Elaine Cave	
Mr G Mackenzie-Green		
Mrs P Matravers		
Mr D Mico		
Mr L Trahar		
Mr C Le Hardy (County Councillor)		
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)		
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)		

#### 2014/161 Report from County Councillor

The County Councillor gave his report at the beginning of the meeting so he could leave to attend another parish council meeting. His report had been circulated to councillors by email and was available in hard copy to those not on email.

#### Library Service

The consultation on the future of the library service is now open and councillors and the public are urged to respond (see minute 2014/174(b)). Other points to note are the Children's Centres which are still having problems but there is a new interim director for these services. Dualing of the A303 is likely to happen. Work has started on the collapsing road at Beacon Hill. Work at the old Railway Bridge and Ilford Bridge will start as soon as Beacon Hill has been completed which should be by Christmas.

#### 2014/162 Public Voice

##### (a) Copse Lane

A resident is concerned about traffic in Copse Lane and suggested there should be a one-way system. People have hit posts while backing out. The width of the road and number of parked cars particularly on the corner, make turning tight. Councillors felt that the problem is that everyone wants to park outside their own house and it would not be possible to stop this. Parking on a junction is illegal and the Clerk was asked to email the PCSO to see if it can be enforced. Making the road one-way would be a small road improvements scheme which could be considered at another time.

**ACTION - The Clerk**

##### (b) Flooding

There is flooding along part of Copse Lane where there are no drains because the road surface does not channel the water to the drains. The village hall officer to report this to Highways.

**ACTION - Village Hall Officer**

##### (c) Almshouses Bench

The trustees of the Almshouses hope to come back to the Parish Council in the Spring with a quote for a new bench.

(d) Planning Application for 47 houses etc

A resident was concerned that the Parish Council had not expressed sufficient support for the project because this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to get something for the village. The Parish Council in its reply to the planning application had stated that "they are in favour of the proposal and have no objections". The resident felt this is not a strong enough emphasis. The District Councillor assured the resident that SSDC are right behind Ilton and are working with the Parish Council to secure the project. Councillors have spent a long time discussing the project with senior planners and other officers from SSDC. Everyone is aware of the project and in favour of it. The planners are looking to tie up the community pay-back and clarify some of the wording which will be in the 106 agreement. The level of community pay-back is in excess of the usual level.

(e) New football field

A resident remarked that this is now badly flooded. A Councillor replied that it will need drainage and grading. He also said that the drawings available during the open day were representative and not fixed. Certain things may need to be moved.

(f) Use of the village hall on Tuesday evenings

The Village Hall have had a request for a booking every Tuesday evening and asked if the Parish Council could consider starting their meetings a little later, possibly at 8 p.m. The possibility of using the small room was discussed but it is too small if a large number of residents wish to attend a meeting. This was discussed again at minute 2014/177(d).

**2014/163 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2014**

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

**2014/164 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken or to be taken**

Minute 2014/140(e) - Printing Costs - The Clerk and the Chairman had both obtained a quote for printing. Macs in Ilton was the cheaper quote and it was agreed to try Macs which is a local company.

**2014/165 Highways**

(a) Cad Road - Drainage and road markings

Drainage and road markings are bad in places. The village hall officer will report this to Highways and let the Clerk have the reference number. **ACTION - Village Hall Officer**

(b) Cad Road speed restrictions

The Clerk reported that she had not had a reply from Highways about the enquiry regarding evidence of the effectiveness of fog lines. It was confirmed by the County Councillor that the plan is to apply for a reduced speed limit but that the Inspector's view was that it will take time to get the reduced speed limit and fog lines could be put in place immediately. Councillors asked the County Councillor if he could let them have details of any case study done on fog lines and evidence that they work and are safe. **ACTION - County Councillor**

(c) SID Results have been forwarded to the Police and sent on to the speed team

(d) Problems with access to the Church because of parked cars forwarded to Ilton's PCSO.

- (e) Highways' Winter Leaflet received
- (f) Winter salt available on Saturday 22nd November from the Yeovil Depot.

**2014/167 Brook Green**

- (a) Bridge over the ditch

A suitable sleeper has not been found but the Vice Chairman will keep trying. The bridge is not in a dangerous condition. **ACTION - Vice Chairman**

- (b) Damage to bridge

The damaged bridge and table were repaired by the two Brook Green officers for the cost of materials only.

- (c) Witches and Wizards event

This was a great success. It rained but a tarpaulin was put up and there were lots of children who enjoyed it.

- (d) Dog Bin

This has still not been emptied. The Clerk to report it again to Streetscene.

**ACTION - The Clerk**

**2014/168 Footpaths**

The Footpath opposite Brook Green needs to be tidied up but everything else is good. There is nothing to report regarding the stiles which need attention.

**2014/169 Cemetery / Churchyard**

- (a) Cemetery Bench by the fence

The repair needs to be done in hardwood which will cost £120 and should last for years. It was proposed that the wood is ordered and machined and stored until the work can be done in the spring. This was agreed. The invoice will be forwarded to the Clerk.

**ACTION - Brook Green Officer**

- (b) Brambles and hedge cuttings

SSDC grass cutting team were asked to remove these. The Vice Chairman to check if they have now been removed.

**ACTION - Vice Chairman**

- (c) Conifers

SSDC quoted a price of £400 to remove all the conifers and if required, a further £100 to grind the stumps. The Vice Chairman and Brook Green officer to consider removing them. The quote will be held for the time being.

**ACTION - Vice Chairman and Brook Green Officer**

**2014/170 Recreation Ground**

- (a) Inspection Reports

Nothing new except the fraying on the cone climber net which is still marked as an issue. The Recreation Field officer will speak to SSDC.

**ACTION - Recreation Field Officer**

(b) New equipment

Delivery is expected at the end of November / beginning of December. It was suggested that a note is put in Ilton Talking about all the new equipment which is being installed and hopefully the children will be looking forward to it and there will no vandalism.

**ACTION - The Chairman for Ilton Talking**

(c) Installation

Three quotes were invited for installation. Only two companies quoted. Play UK were considerably cheaper than the other company and their quote was accepted. The work should hopefully be completed by the end of December.

(d) Temporary storage

There will be two containers to ensure the safe keeping of the new equipment - the first one is free; the second one will cost £10 per week. Play UK will deduct storage from their quote.

(e) Junior Football

A Councillor said he knows of someone who would like to run the junior football team and to play for the senior team. This will be followed up.

**2014/171 Recreational Development / Playing Field**

The contractor had completed the two gates and some of the temporary fencing but did not wish to continue with the work. Three councillors stepped in to do the work and three quarters of the area was completed during the weekend before the meeting using a tractor banger hired from a local farmer. The number of rails was under estimated and a further 30 rails and extra screws are needed to finish the job.

**2014/172 Planning Applications**

- (a) App No 14/04572  
Proposal Change of use from D1 non-residential to B1 Business use  
Location Merryhays House, Ilton Business Park, Main Street, Ilton

It was noted that the building was previously offices and before that a school. Councillors had no objections to the proposal.

- (b) App No 14/04450/FUL  
Proposal Erection of part single storey, part two storey extensions & garage  
Location Cross Keys Cottage, Cad Green, Ilton

Additional information received - loft storage within garage and removal of existing corrugated structures within the garden

No objections were raised to the original application at the last meeting - Councillors were emailed with the details of this additional information and after speaking to Mr Amor it was agreed that it is a minor alteration and does not need to be revisited.

- (c) App No 14/04220/COU  
Description Change of use to include sale of motorbikes  
Location Cornerstones Autos Ltd, Ilton Business Park

Application approved with conditions

- (d) A telephone call was received by the Clerk from the resident of 1 Penny's Mead regarding the comment made by the Parish Council that there is a footpath alongside his property. He believes there is not. The Clerk advised him to speak to the District Council and / or the County Council because the footpath is clearly shown on the maps which have been provided by the County Council.

#### **2014/173 Planters**

The re-planting of the planter is in hand.

**ACTION - Highways Officer**

A Councillor asked if there is any money left over, could we have another planter at the other entrance to the village. Councillors thought this is a good idea because it looks really nice. A note could be put into Ilton Talking asking for donations. It was agreed to consider this again in the Spring.

**ACTION - Agenda Item February**

#### **2014/174 Correspondence**

(a) SSDC's Revenue and Benefits Service are looking at how it can encourage and support residents to access services on line. A poster has been put on the notice board. There are no longer computers in the village hall. Yarlinton have identified people in need of help and are loaning computers. SSDC can help but will need to find those who need help.

(b) The Library Consultation has started and can be accessed either on Somerset County Council's web page or a hard copy available at the Library. The Clerk had two hard copies to distribute. There is a questionnaire which can be answered on line or by post. The service most at risk which will affect Ilton is the mobile library service which is being cut to those villages within three miles of a library. Without adequate public transport people in Ilton will be affected. The mobile library will still visit the school and residents can access it there. The Clerk will reply on behalf of the Parish Council.

**ACTION - The Clerk**

(c) Request from Police to board up the property known as Green Acre which is derelict. The Clerk forwarded the email to the agents for Whitmarsh Developments, and emailed SSDC to see what powers can be used. It was agreed that the parish council do not have the power to board up a private property. The Environmental Health Team at SSDC have the powers to deal with the problem and the Clerk to forward the Police email to them.

**ACTION - The Clerk**

(d) Bus Subsidy Review Survey - another round of cuts is being proposed with the N6 which serves Ilton one of the proposed routes. The village hall officer to reply on behalf of the Parish Council.

**ACTION - Village Hall Officer**

#### **2014/175 Precept**

Copies of the budget 2015/16 and cash book to date were circulated. The precept to be considered at the next meeting.

**ACTION - Agenda Item December**

#### **2014/176 Accounts**

(a) Letter of authority to bank to transfer £38,000 from the 30 Day Account to the Treasurers Account to ensure invoices for the new play equipment can be paid promptly. The authority to make the transfer was proposed by Mr Mackenzie-Green and seconded by Mrs Matravers. The letter was signed by Mr Hart and Mrs Board.

(b) Balance at bank as at 31/10/2014 - Treasurers Account = £11,528.16 / 30 Day Account = £38,595.05

(c) The following amount was paid in - £305.84 in respect of the planter.

(d) VAT refund of £1,159.69 has been claimed.

(e) The following cheques are to be drawn:

000807 - £ 8.30 - Admin expenses  
000808 - £ 146.78 - Salary  
000809 - £ 423.38 - SSDC - Playground inspections  
000810 - £ 92.57 - Materials for repair to bridge at Brook Green  
000811 - £ 68.53 - Screws for fencing of new football pitch

#### **2014/177 Matters and items to report**

- (a) The 15 year Youth Club celebration was very good with cakes and tea. A write-up was sent to the Chard & Ilminster. The Halloween night was also a great success. There are currently between 7 and 22 young people and there have been up to 28 in the summer. The two free children's tickets to the Fleet Air Arm Museum, given as sponsorship for the planter, were raffled and won. The Clerk will write to Yeovilton to thank them. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (b) The transport website will be launched for a 6 months trial in January and will cover all Somerset but the launch areas will have more information. Yarlinton and SSDC are both supportive. There will be a function for those who do not have a computer.
- (c) The school children put crosses on the RAF graves for Remembrance Day and the Navy also visited.
- (d) The request by the Village Hall to start meetings at 8 p.m. (see minute 2014/162(f)) was considered again and it was felt that this will affect not only the Councillors but also the District and County Councillor. Most Councillors have to get up early the next day for work and meetings already often finish after 10 p.m. Starting half an hour later would make them very late and it was agreed that it is not viable. The Clerk to write to the village hall committee. **ACTION - The Clerk**

#### **2014/178 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

Date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9th December 2014 at Merryfield Hall at 7.30 p.m

The meeting finished at 10.15 p.m.

Lee Hart - Vice Chairman (and Chair of this meeting)