

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 10th February 2015

2015/19 Attendance and Apologies

Those present:	Apologies	In Attendance
Mr D Amor (Chair)	Mrs P Matravers	
Mr L Hart (Vice Chair)	Mr D Mico	
Mrs K Board	Ms L Souster, Village Agent	
Mrs R Burt		
Mr G Mackenzie-Green		
Mr I Sherwood		
Mr L Trahar		
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)		
Mr C Le Hardy (County Councillor)		
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)		

2015/20 Public Voice - There were no members of the public present.

2015/21 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2015

The minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting were agreed and signed subject to an alternation to the spelling of the name of the Headteacher at the School.

2015/22 Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 2015/17(d) - Dog Fouling This was reported to Streetscene who had received an anonymous letter naming someone who had not picked up after their dog. Streetscene have written to the person named. Streetscene have also offered to come out to Drakes Farm and put up SSDC notices re dog fouling being harmful to livestock.

Minute 2015/02(a) - Defibullators - Ms Souster is waiting for more information.

2015/23 Report by County Councillor

There has been a lack of progress on the Cad Road speed limit reduction. It was noted that another local speed reduction took 5 years. The County Councillor will follow this up with Highways. **ACTION - County Councillor**

Among other issues reported were:

- The Somerset Rivers Authority, funded by DEFRA, the County and District Councils and a lottery grant, was launched 10 days ago and will be responsible for the levels and other flooding issues.
- There is a free guide to healthy living aimed at older people which will be available through the County Council website with hard copies available at doctors' surgeries.
- The County Council is approving the budget next week. Council tax will not be increased but cuts will need to be made. With regard to the health and wellbeing budget, it has yet to be decided how much each Councillor will have.

2015/24 Highways

- (a) Road Closures - Closure of A3168 Hambridge and Westport will be completed under 2-way traffic lights - from 16th February for 12 days.

- (b) Depth Gauge - This has been reported to Highways.
- (c) New Road - Cones were placed along one side of the road to prevent parking while the diversion was in place.
- (d) Pot holes in Frost Lane - these were reported to Highways but are not marked for repair. The Village Hall Councillor to report any potholes not marked. All Councillors were urged to report any potholes they see immediately to Highways.
ACTION - Village Hall Councillor
- (e) Drains in Copse Lane - The damage has been marked for repair but the main problem is the bank which has been moved back each time the road is repaired and water now bypasses the drains.
- (f) Cad Road fog lines - A Councillor noted that a good example of fog lines is the coast road from Bridport to Weymouth. The signs and road markings have been removed and fog lines installed at the side of the road.
- (g) Copse Lane one-way system - The District Councillor has not been able to canvass local opinion about the wish for a one-way system and will try to do it this month.
ACTION - District Councillor

Councillor Le Hardy left the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

2015/25 Brook Green - nothing to report. Everything is looking good.

2015/26 Footpaths

The faults reported have now been repaired. There has been no further report on the Penny's Mead footpath but part of any planning consent would be its re-instatement.

Councillors were asked if they would be in favour of re-instating the footpath to Ilminster which was cut off by the A303 Ilminster bypass. The footpath officially still exists but a walker would have to cross the A303 which would be highly dangerous. At the time the road was built a tunnel was promised but although there is one for animals there is not one for walkers. It was agreed that two councillors would look at the possibilities for a footpath and discuss it at the next meeting.
ACTION - Footpath Officer / Agenda Item March

2015/27 Cemetery / Churchyard

- (a) The Cemetery and Churchyard have been visited regularly and there are no issues.
- (b) The cemetery bench has been repaired.

2015/28 Recreation Ground

- (a) Inspection Reports - These still show the lid of the bin as needing repair but it was agreed not to do it because the bin will be replaced in the near future.

Litter is an ongoing issue and it was suggested that the grass cutting contractors be asked to quote for litter picking.

- (b) Goal Posts - SSDC have moved the goal posts across to the new recreation field and the old goal mounts have been made safe with new ones supplied in the field.
- (c) Equipment - The old equipment is looking shabby and will be repainted.
- (d) Tower System netting - Negotiations are ongoing with the supplier over the netting which has been supplied which is different to the one specified.

- (e) New equipment - A lot of children are using the new equipment and many positive comments have been received. Councillors thought it would be nice to do something in the summer and invite people at SSDC.
- (f) Entrances - A meeting was held between Yarlington and the residents adjoining footpath number 4. The meeting was positive and it was agreed that the ends of the footpath can be blocked up and the residents can then put up their own fences. (The Parish Council had previously agreed that there is no need for a fourth entrance.)
- (g) Phase 2 - A quote has been received from Play UK for phase 2. The quote is not complete and the Vice Chairman will speak to SSDC to arrange a new quote. He will also discuss solutions to making the path less muddy and options such as hardcore/scalping or rubber matting. The time frame for phase 2 is March.

ACTION - Vice Chairman

2015/29 Recreational Development / Playing Field

- (a) Steering Group Meeting - The meeting on 3rd February was very positive and agreement was reached in principle on access to the field. The Village Hall and Cricket Club would like to see a tarmaced road and this is being negotiated with the Warren Trust. The next meeting will be after the planning committee have met.
ACTION - Vice Chairman
- (b) Planning Application - This will go to Committee for outline planning very soon. All the reports have been completed.
- (c) Grass - SSDC will cut the grass but will need to fill the furrows first. The ground has been rolled and dragged but the problem is getting the equipment into the pitch because of the deep ruts and the flooding close to the fence. A large amount of top soil is needed. The grass will need to be cut every 2-3 weeks and remarked. It was noted that the temporary pitch will not be up to a professional standard but will need to be playable.
ACTION - Vice Chairman
- (d) Gym Equipment - A Councillor suggested gym equipment installed as a permanent fixture around the perimeter of the field when the final installations are considered. Councillors thought this was a good idea but it was noted that we will not know how much money is available until the planning application has been approved.

2015/30 Planning Applications

App No 15/00139/FUL
 Proposal Conversion and change of use of barn into single detached dwellinghouse etc
 Location Ilford Farm, Ilford Lane, Ilton

Councillors had no objections to the proposal.

App No 15/00481/FUL
 Proposal Erection of part single storey, part double, to cottage & erection of garage
 Location Cross Keys Cottage, Cad Green, Ilton

This is a minor change to application 14/04450/FUL which was considered in October and November with additional information, and noted as being approved in December. The new application represents only minor changes, mainly to the single storey extension at the end.

Councillors had no objections to the proposal.

2015/31 Planters

It was agreed to continue with just the existing planter for the time being. The Councillor responsible for maintaining the planter was thanked for all the work this involves.

2015/32 Correspondence

- (a) Police Report - In Area North there have been 57 investigated crimes reported for the month of January 2015, 24 arrests and 17 reports of ASB.
- (b) Somerset Waste Partnership February newsletter - it was noted that people are putting food in their main black bin rubbish rather than in the recycling caddies. This makes it more difficult to recycle the contents of the black bin.
- (c) Free Microchipping at Yeovil Country Park by Dogs Trust on Wed 4th & Fri 20th Feb.
- (d) Tree Planting at Ham Hill on Sat 14th Feb.
- (e) SSDC and Somerset Rivers Authority are arranging a community event in April to discuss flooding. The Village Hall Councillor would like to attend.
- (f) St Mary and St Peter's Primary School in Ilton wrote asking for a grant of £200-£300 towards school swimming which will benefit the whole School. Mrs Board proposed a grant of £300, seconded by Mr Hart. All Councillors agreed with the proposal.

2015/33 Accounts

- (a) Balances as at 31/01/15 - 30 Day a/c = £597.00 / Treasurers a/c = £35,781.86
- (b) Received - £8,689.62 grant from SSDC for the recreation ground.
- (c) The following cheques are to be drawn:
 - 000831 - £ 2.50 - Admin expenses part Dec / January
 - 000832 - £ 149.94 - Salary
 - 000833 - £ 132.00 - Merryfield Hall - monthly hall hire Jan - Dec 2015
 - 000834 - £ 6.18 - Bolts to repair cemetery bench
 - 000835 - £ 300.00 - St Mary & St Peter's School - Grant towards swimming
- (d) SALC have confirmed that because total income will be above £25,000 this year, Ilton will have an external audit in the usual way. There are no other requirements.

2015/34 Matters and items to report

- (a) Citizens Advice Bureau - A representative is coming to talk to the Parish Council on 10th March as part of their general programme of meeting parish councils.
- (b) Grass Cutting quotation - Quotes have been received from Greenacres and SSDC. The quote from SSDC is not complete and needs to be amended. The one from Greenacres was considerably more expensive and the quote from SSDC represented better value for money although the cost has also increased substantially. Ilton's requirements should be amended with the need to take away the grass clippings removed. It was agreed to stay with SSDC but not to finally accept the quote until it has been corrected. The Chairman will speak to SSDC and the Clerk will email the amended requirements to SSDC. **ACTION - Chairman and Clerk**
- (c) Youth Club - This is not running at the moment because of a drop in numbers during the cold weather. It will start again after half term.

2015/35 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10th March 2015 at Merryfield Hall at 7.30 p.m..

The meeting finished at 10.15 p.m.

Dave Amor (Chairman)