

## ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

#### 2015/36 Attendance and Apologies

Those present:	Apologies	In Attendance
Mr D Amor (Chair)	Mr L Trahar	Mr K O'Donnell (South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau)
Mr L Hart (Vice Chair)	Mr C Le Hardy (County Councillor)	
Mrs K Board		
Mrs R Burt		
Mr G Mackenzie-Green		
Mrs P Matravers		
Mr D Mico		
Mr I Sherwood		
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)		
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)		

#### 2015/37 Public Voice - Presentation by South Somerset CAB

A short presentation was given by SSCAB explaining the work of the local CAB and how people can get involved as volunteers in the work of the CAB. At the present time the work of the Bureau is increasing with more people asking for help, particularly in the area of debt management. Leaflets for the notice boards and for inclusion in any local magazines or newsletters were left.

*Mr O'Donnell left the meeting at 7.20 p.m.*

#### 2015/38 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2015

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

#### 2015/39 Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 2015/02(a) - Defibrillators - It was reported that SW Ambulance Service have been successful with their funding bid but it will be the funders themselves who will set the criteria for where the defibrillators will be placed. There is only enough funding for a relatively small number. Some parishes have been successful in bidding for grants for defibrillators - refurbished ones from the Red Cross cost £715. It was noted that people will need to be trained to use the defibrillator which will need to be stored accessibly outside connected to a power supply. There is a first responder who lives in the village who would be the obvious choice to use a defibrillator. It was agreed not to follow this up any further.

Minute 2015/32 (e) - Community Flooding Event - Ilton's interest has been registered and we are waiting for more information on the date.

Minute 2015/32 (f) - St Mary & St Peter's School - sent a letter thanking the Council for the grant towards swimming.

Minute 2015/34 (b) - Grass Cutting - SSDC sent a revised quotation which has now been accepted. The total cost of regular grass and hedge cutting will be £6,721 per year as against £4,406 for the previous three years. There is also likely to be some extras such as work in the overspill car park or other hedging work which is not quoted for as part of the regular work. This represents a large increase but is still considerably cheaper than the other quote received.

**2015/40 Report by County Councillor**

Mr Le Hardy's monthly report was circulated. There were no questions or comments.

**2015/41 Highways**

- (a) Highways have emailed to say that the speed reduction in Cad Road would have to be an SIS scheme for consideration amongst many others. The edge lining would be a separate issue which would need to go through Traffic Management and on which there seems to be widely differing views on the benefits of such markings. Nothing seems to have been done following the meeting to discuss the issue of safety along Cad Road. The Clerk to contact the County Councillor. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (b) Depth Gauge - This has been repaired.
- (c) Pot holes - a number of the deeper ones have been circled for repair.

**2015/42 Brook Green**

- (a) A railway sleeper has been sourced to repair the bridge which will be done as soon as possible. The river has been dredged and everything is looking good.
- (b) Western Power have arranged to cut back the trees around the power lines.

**2015/43 Footpaths**

- (a) A complaint has been forwarded from SCC re an obstruction over a footpath which does not seem to be on the map. The Footpath Officer will contact Rights of Way Team. **ACTION - Footpath Officer**
- (b) There have been reports that some of the paths are muddy particularly by the gates. It was commented that because it is winter nothing can be done.
- (c) Footpath to Ilminster - The best one to re-open would be the one which runs to Cemetery Hill from behind the houses at the entrance to the village. The time to do this would be when the A303 by pass is improved. It was agreed to look at this again when and if the promised road improvements are agreed.

**2015/44 Cemetery / Churchyard**

- (a) The Cemetery and Churchyard have been visited regularly and there are no issues.
- (b) The cemetery bench has been repaired and will have some more coats of preserver.
- (c) The conifers have been taken down. Some of the laurel has died and will be replaced. There have been a lot of positive comments about the removal of the conifers. The two Councillors who did the work were thanked by the Chairman.

**2015/45 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. There is nothing new or urgent.
- (b) Litter is an ongoing issue and it was agreed to check that the resident who did the litter picking if she wishes to continue and if not to advertise on the notice board and in Ilton Talking.

- (c) Annual Inspection Offer (£48.00) and Playground Risk Assessment Service (£30.50) which is almost the same price as last year. It was agreed to carry on with SSDC doing the inspections. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (d) Somerset Playing Fields Association are moving to Somerton.
- (e) Phase 2 - Planting - Two quotes have been received. SSDC are the cheapest and it was agreed to accept their quote.
- (f) Phase 2 - Equipment - The Vice Chairman to contact SSDC re the equipment and final quotes. **ACTION- Vice Chairman**
- (g) Tower System netting - The supplier has agreed to put in netting with a smaller mesh.
- (h) Gates - The quotes included two gates at the entrances, one green and one yellow. It was agreed to request both gates in green. The third entrance will be left open. **ACTION - Vice Chairman**

It is hoped that the next phase will be completed by June so that an official opening day can be arranged.

#### **2015/46 Recreational Development / Playing Field**

- (a) Grass Football Pitch - SSDC strongly support the project and are keen that the pitch is done properly to a good standard. They have quoted a total of £828.88 to fill in the furrows and seed the area. They will not charge for the first grass cut. Mr Amor proposed the quote is accepted, seconded by Mrs Board. There were no objections and the Clerk was asked to accept the quote on behalf of the Council. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (b) Drains - A trench will be put in for drains and the lights.
- (c) Lease - The land will be transferred on a 999 year lease when outline planning permission is agreed. The Vice Chairman to ask for more information about the transfer and about funding available. He will stress that the Parish Council must be free to decide what facilities are to go in the field. **ACTION - Vice Chairman**
- (d) Planning Application - All the surveys and reports have been done. There is a low risk of flooding and the Environment Agency has withdrawn its opposition.
- (e) Car Park - The Warren Trust will provide the car park which will be a big benefit to the village immediately. The final location is still being discussed with the Cricket Club.

The Chairman thanked the Vice Chairman for the huge amount of work he has done towards refurbishing the existing recreational facilities and taking forward the project for the new field.

#### **2015/47 Planning Applications**

App No	13/04848/FUL
Proposal	Change of use of land to private gypsy caravan site etc
Location	Land OS 1074, Crosskeys, Ashill, Ilminster

Advice of Appeal in respect of application decision. An informal hearing will be held. A copy of appellant's grounds of appeal and the application decision notice can be seen on SSDC's website. SSDC's Statement of Case will be available from 10th April 2015.

App No	14/03990/FUL
Description	Divide an existing 4 bed house with garage into two dwelling units.
Location	1 Pennys Mead, Ilton

Permission granted with conditions including condition 05 in respect of the public right of way that passes through the site. The Footpaths Officer to contact the Rights of Way Team regarding clearing the existing obstruction of the footpath. **ACTION - Footpaths Officer**

#### **2015/48 Correspondence**

- (a) Somerset Local Authorities Civil Contingencies Unit - would like to develop a database of Somerset Emergency Community Contacts to be used as a first point of contact in case of emergency. **ACTION - Agenda Item May Meeting**
- (b) St John Ambulance - request for a grant. This was considered and not granted.
- (c) A New Leisure Play and Youth Strategy for South Somerset Consultation Event Invitation to seek your views - various dates and venues. Two of the Recreation Ground Officers will attend.
- (d) Police Report - There were 57 investigated crimes for February across the whole of the wider area with 14 arrests and 20 reports of ASB. No specific reports for Ilton.
- (e) Wessex Water Grid Community Fund - grants are available for community-based conservation projects.
- (f) Somerset Library Services Review and Consultation - a report of the outcome and list of the next steps. For Ilton this means withdrawal of the public mobile library service.
- (g) Garden Waste Collection - posters advertising the service placed on the notice board.

#### **2015/49 Accounts**

- (a) Balances @ 28/2/15 - 30 day account = £597.03 / Treasurer's account = £35,623.24
- (b) The following cheques are to be drawn:
  - 000836 - £ 6.97 - Admin expenses part Feb / March
  - 000837 - £ 149.94 - Salary
  - 000838 - £ 1 02.60 - HMRC - PAYE
  - 000839 - £5,787.23 - SSDC - Grass and hedge cutting 2014

#### **2015/50 Matters and items to report**

- (a) The Local Plan has been approved.

#### **2015/51 Nominations for elections in May**

Notices are to be put up on 18th March. Nominations are to be Hand Delivered to SSDC from 19th March until the last day 9th April. Each nomination needs to be proposed and seconded by a local elector, and witnessed. A number of Councillors completed their nomination papers which will be delivered to SSDC by the Clerk. **ACTION - The Clerk**

#### **2015/52 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

Date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14th April 2015 at Merryfield Hall at 7.30 p.m..

The meeting finished at 10.15 p.m.

Dave Amor (Chairman)