

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 14th April 2015

2015/53 Attendance and Apologies

Those present:	Apologies	In Attendance
Mr D Amor (Chair)	None	None
Mr L Hart (Vice Chair)		
Mrs K Board		
Mrs R Burt		
Mr G Mackenzie-Green		
Mrs P Matravers		
Mr D Mico		
Mr I Sherwood		
Mr L Trahar		
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)		
Mr C Le Hardy (County Councillor)		
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)		

2015/54 Public Voice - No members of the public were present.

2015/55 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2015

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

2015/56 Matters arising from the minutes - None not on the agenda.

2015/57 Report by County Councillor

Councillor Le Hardy's monthly report was circulated. Issues were dealt with under Highways at minute 2015/58 below.

2015/58 Highways

(a) Cad Road Speed Limit Reduction

The Parish Council were informed by the County Councillor before the meeting that Highways have agreed to put in fog lines immediately in the current budget but that a speed reduction would mean an SIS scheme. This would take time because no new SIS schemes are being considered at the moment. The Clerk informed Highways that the Parish Council had not agreed to fog lines but they did want a speed reduction for safety reasons. Cad Road is a busy road bordered by a many residential properties and with no pedestrian walkway.

During the meeting Councillors expressed great disappointment that despite holding a meeting last June at which a petition of Cad Road residents asked for a speed reduction and to which a Highways representative brought a map showing a speed reduction along the length of Cad Road, that nothing had been done to facilitate the speed reduction or to make any progress at all in this direction. The Parish Council have consistently expressed concern about fog lines and whether they would cause rather than prevent accidents. Councillors have asked both Highways and the County Councillor on several occasions for any evidence or advice that they would work on a road such as Cad Road with a national speed limit. No such evidence or professional advice has been received. On that basis Councillors unanimously rejected the idea of fog lines and requested that their Council Councillor put forward their request for a reduction in the speed limit to 40 mph along the length of Cad Road from the A358 to the B3168 as proposed by Highways in June 2014, as a matter of urgency before

there is a serious accident or fatality along Cad Road. It was also remarked that since the closure of the village shop, a lot more children are cycling or walking to the garage along Cad Road to buy sweets.

ACTION - County Councillor

(b) Road Resurfacing

A question was asked about whether there is a threshold for resurfacing a road. There are two levels of resurfacing: (i) strip the surface and replace or (ii) put chippings and tar on top. There have been complaints about Copse Lane and it was suggested that it is a good idea for a Highways Officer to come and walk around occasionally.

(c) Poggers Lane - hedge cuttings

A land owner has dumped a load of hedge cuttings in ditches on both sides of the road, some belonging to other adjacent land owners. Highways will write to the land owner asking him to clear his and his neighbour's ditches of his rubbish.

Councillor Le Hardy left the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

2015/59 Brook Green

(a) A great deal of damage was done at Brook Green by vandals, probably on Saturday night. The bug hotel was damaged, the children's seat burnt, bottles stuck into the ground and broken off, aerosol cans exploded in a fire. The bear was pulled lose but not damaged. The area has been cleared up and the damage removed. It was emphasised that this must be reported to the Police. Subsequent to the meeting the vandalism was reported - crime number is 38132/15.

(b) The dog bin is overflowing again. The Clerk to report to Streetscene.

ACTION - The Clerk

2015/60 Footpaths

(a) The Footpath Officer has asked for an update at the MOD end of Penny's Mead footpath.

(b) There are no issues on the other footpaths.

2015/61 Cemetery / Churchyard

(a) The Cemetery and Churchyard have been visited regularly. Another of the older gravestones at the Churchyard was found to be loose and was pushed over to lie flat.

(b) A resident adjacent to the Churchyard asked the Council to replant the shared hedge with the Church because there are gaps after the resident had cut it back. The hedge is maintained by the Parish Council on the Church side. Councillors agreed that there is no need to replant the hedge because it should grow back in time, and to monitor it.

(c) The Cemetery bin has not been emptied. Only the liner is left and it was agreed to order a new bin. The Clerk to inform Streetscene that the bin has not been emptied and order a new bin.

ACTION - The Clerk

(d) The non domestic Rate Bill for the Cemetery has been received with full discount. This is to be reviewed for next year.

2015/62 Recreation Ground

(a) Inspection Reports - A Flag Pole is broken on the Multi Unit and needs to be removed.

ACTION - Recreation Ground Officers

(b) Litter - it was agreed to pay £10 a week for litter picking. A notice to go on the notice board.

(c) Phase 2 - Planting - SSDC have started preparing the ground for planting.

- (d) Tower System netting - The supplier has replaced the netting with a smaller mesh. There is no charge.

2015/63 Recreational Development / Playing Field

- (a) Planning Permission - has been granted with unanimous approval.
- (b) Car Park - This is a priority.
- (c) Steering Group meeting - the next one will be Tuesday 21st April.
- (d) Sleepers - There are a large number of sleepers which will be given to the Parish Council. It was suggested they could be used to build a Youth Shelter or for seats.
- (e) Goal Posts - The Village Hall Officer offered to paint the goal posts.

ACTION - Village Hall Officer

2015/64 Planning Applications

- (a) App No 14/04158/OUT
Proposal Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 47 dwellings etc
Location Land at Court Farm, Ilton

Application approved.

- (b) App No 15/00481/FUL
Description Erection of part single storey, part two storey extensions to cottage etc
Location Cross Keys Cottage, Cad Green, Ilton

The above application has been approved with conditions.

- (c) APP /R3325/C/15/3003924
Site at: Land OS 1074, Cad Road, Ashill
Appeal start date: 27/2/15

An Enforcement Appeal has been lodged in respect of the above. It is to be decided on the basis of informal hearing and a site visit by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The alleged breach of control is without planning permission, the operational development and change of use of the land from agricultural to residential, the siting of 7 residential mobile homes and other domestic items on the land and the laying out of an internal access road on the land.

2015/65 Correspondence

- (a) Somerset Waste Partnership monthly briefing
- (b) List of cycle events at Merryfield this year.
- (c) Police Report for Area North in March - 26 arrests in the whole area.
- (d) Mobile Library - confirmed that no public access at the School and the other stops are to be removed because Ilton is within 3 miles from Ilminster library, although it is considerably more by road. The Chairman to contact the library service.

ACTION - Chairman

- (e) Saturday N6 service to be withdrawn from 30 May 2015. Monday to Friday service unchanged. This to be taken up with the County Councillor to see if the Saturday service can be retained.

ACTION - The Clerk

- (f) Consultation on the closure of the Barrington base of St Mary & St Peter's Primary School. There are currently just 5 children with 4 leaving. It was agreed to make no comments to the consultation.
- (g) Village Hall Trustee - a letter received from the Village Hall Committee to say that the Parish Council can nominate a trustee on the Village Hall Committee. It was noted that two of Parish Councillors are already Village Hall trustees.

2015/66 Accounts

- (a) Balances @ 31/3/15 - 30 day account = £597.05 / Treasurer's account = £29,144.50.
- b) Received £233.00 in respect of the Cemetery Exclusive Right of Burial and £17,395 precept and grant.
- (c) The following cheques are to be drawn:
 - 000840 - £407.10 - SSDC Playground Inspections Q3 & Q4
 - 000841 - £ 14.07 - Admin expenses part March / April
 - 000842 - £155.42 - Salary
 - 000843 - £ 21.74 - L Hart re Bradfords invoice for chipper for Cemetery trees
 - 000844 - £ 35.92 - R Burt for planter
- (d) Year End Accounts and Bank Reconciliation were distributed and approved and signed by the Chairman.
- (e) Year End Governance Review completed and signed.
- (f) Audit form signed by the Chairman.

2015/67 Elections in May

In an uncontested election the following councillors were elected: David John Amor, Kim Elaine Board, Rosemary Maud Burt, Lee Trevor Hart, Grahame Mackenzie-Green, Patricia Violet Matravers, Daniel Mico and Ian Christopher Sherwood. There will be one vacancy from 11th May 2015.

2015/68 Matters and items to report

- (a) Councillors remarked that the planter is looking lovely and thanks were expressed to the Councillor responsible for planting and maintaining it.
- (b) The Youth Club numbers are still down, probably as a result of the nice weather.
- (c) There is a road closure sign at Rapps but there has been no notification of a road closure. The Village Hall Officer to investigate and contact Highways.
ACTION - Village Hall Officer
- (d) Litter in the village was discussed and whether a formal litter pick should be arranged.
- (e) Some flytipping was report.

2015/69 Date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday 12th May 2015 at Merryfield Hall immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m..

The meeting finished at 9.40 p.m.

Dave Amor (Chairman)