

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 8th September 2015

2015/130 Attendance and Apologies

Those present:	Apologies	In Attendance
Mr L Hart (Chair)		
Mr D Amor (Vice Chair)	Mr L Trahar	
Mrs K Board	Mr C L Hardy (County Councillor)	
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)		

2015/131 Report by County Councillor

The County Councillor's report was circulated by email and there were some hard copies available. There were no questions by Councillors regarding the report.

2015/132 Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th July 2015

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

2015/133 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

Minute 2015/125(c) - Free Planning Training - Places have been booked for two councillors for Thursday 24th September 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at SSDC Council Offices.

2015/134 Highways

Signs - The need for a sign at Podgers Lane and a replacement sign for Penny's Mead and Isle Abbots have been reported to Highways. The Penny's Mead sign may either be replaced or repaired.

Signpost at the Bradleys/Copse Lane junction - This needs to be tightened. The Clerk to report to Highways. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2015/135 Brook Green

- (a) Benches no longer required by the closed Barrington Base of the local school have been re-varnished and will be installed at Brook Green. A budget of up to £100 was agreed for the necessary materials. **ACTION Brook Green Officers**
- (b) Drainage Board - In August the Drainage Board maintenance team were unable to access the Cad Brook water course to carry out routine maintenance of removing the silt and weed because the trees had been planted too close to the stream and were now too large to allow the equipment to pass. The options were that the Parish Council arrange for the work to be done by hand or that they allow up to 8 trees to be removed so that the Drainage Board can carry out the work. In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, the District Councillor agreed that the trees should be removed and the Clerk gave the Parish Council's consent to the removal of the trees.
- (c) It was noted that the water course on the other side of the road has not been dredged and the Clerk was asked to contact the Drainage Board. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (d) The Clerk to arrange for the removal of the cuttings. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2015/136 Footpaths

The paths have been strimmed and cut back. The one by the Ilminster by-pass is being investigated.

2015/137 Cemetery / Churchyard

- (a) Councillors have walked around the Cemetery and Churchyard and no problems have been reported. Everything is looking nice.
- (b) Burial at Cemetery - A burial will take place in the Cemetery on Friday.
- (c) Benches at Cemetery - These have been repaired and re-varnished.
- (d) Fir Tree Stumps - SSDC have quoted £500 for grinding the tree stumps and back filling with soil and seeding. Councillors agreed to accept the quote.

2015/138 Recreation Ground

- (a) Inspections - The latest reports show nothing new or urgent. Some monitoring is advised. The frequency of inspections was discussed. The District Councillor will check with SSDC about the requirements and the Clerk will enquire of a neighbouring council. **ACTION - District Councillor / Clerk**
- (b) The Annual Inspection Report and Risk Assessment has been received and passed to the Chairman.
- (c) Two Play Days were held in August. On the first day, Saturday 15th August, the refurbished rec was officially opened by the District Councillor who was thanked for stepping in at the last moment to do the opening speech. The morning was very well attended with up to 150 people. The second play day was unfortunately very wet but there was still a good turnout.
- (d) Bronze Award - An Award was won at the Somerset Playing Fields Association AGM. A photo will go into their newsletter. A cheque for £25 came with the award.
- (e) New benches will cost approximately £500 each to include galvanizing. It was agreed to order three and set them on concrete pads.
- (f) The path from Bradleys is overgrown from both sides. The path is owned by Yarlinton. It was suggested that a good solution would be for the Parish Council to take over ownership of the path from Yarlinton for a peppercorn. The Clerk was asked to write to Yarlinton to suggest this. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2015/139 Recreational Development / Playing Field

There are no new developments to report. The lease conditions are being worked out between SSDC and the Warren Trust solicitors.

2015/140 Planning Applications

App No	15/03411/FUL
Proposal	Removal of Vodafone 17.3m mast housing 3 antennas and replacement with 17.5m mast housing 6 antennas, 1 x 0.3m dish, 2 x 0.6m dishes
Location	Land at Burleaze Farm, Cad Road, Ilton

This application was considered in August. Councillors made three comments: (1) that a joint communications infrastructure strategy would make better use of tower locations rather than erection of multiple single provider towers to cover a cell; (2) replacing what appears to be mostly like for like appears to present no issues so long as the location of the new tower and cabinets does not impact on residential property amenity or road/driveway visibility; (3) this

should be an opportunity to improve the existing mobile coverage for Ilton as the existing concentration of the antennas is designed to give coverage to the south, ie Ilminster and A303.

App 15/02837.PAMB
Description Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural buildings to 2 no dwellings.
Location Hill Farm, Cad Road, Ilton

Prior approval granted.

App 13/04848/FUL
Proposal Change of use of land to private gypsy caravan site consisting of 6 pitches etc
Location Land at OS 1074, Crosskeys, Ashill

Informal hearing to be held in the Main Committee Room, SSDC Council Offices on 15th Sept at 10.00 a.m.

App No 15/03970/FUL
Proposal The erection of an agricultural building
Location Frost Farm, Frost Lane, Ilton

Councillors had no comments or objections.

App No 15/03822/FUL
Proposal Erection of a two storey extension to dwellinghouse
Location Hill Farm, Cad Road, Ilton

Councillors had no comments or objections.

2015/141 Correspondence

- (a) Police Report - 107 crimes investigated in Area North with 25 arrests and 30 reports of ASB.
- (b) Flood Risk Management Event being held at SSDC offices on 28th September at 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
- (c) Recycling and Refuse Collections Bank Holiday Changes
- (d) Somerset Waste Partnership Briefing September 2015.
- (e) Thank you letter from Ilton Friendship Club for the £250 grant.
- (f) Furnicare leaflets promoting their work.
- (g) SCC information about The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) focusing on health and wellbeing. It was noted that there are grants for between £250 to £1,000 from the fund for health related initiatives, particularly for older people. Details will be passed to the Coffee Pot organisers.
- (h) Clerks and Councils Direct
- (i) Somerset Choices - re choosing care and support

2015/142 Accounts

- (a) Balances at 30/8/15 - Treasurers Account = £33,666.06 / 30 Day Account = £597.18.
- (b) The following cheque was drawn before the meeting:

000871 - £1,409.00 - Play UK Playgrounds Ltd for the trim trail and benches at the Recreation Ground, drawn on 4/8/15.

(c) The following cheques are to be drawn:

000872 - CANCELLED

000873 - £ 94.20 - SSDC - Annual Playground Inspection

000874 - £ 22.58 - Admin expenses

000875 - £ 155.42 - Salary

000876 - £ 106.80 - HMRC - PAYE

000877 - £ 78.60 - Mr G Mackenzie-Green - materials for repairs to cemetery benches.

2015/143 Matters and items to report

- (a) A Councillor asked whether there is a set time for lighting bonfires. Provided it is not a nuisance and commercial waste is not being burnt there are no set times. If fires are frequent and smoky the environmental health team can be contacted.
- (b) A query has been raised about the grass on the BMX tracks and whether it should be removed. It was agreed to wait until the new Playing Field is laid out when a track can be provided for the older children and then to consider what is best for the existing BMX track in the Rec. SSDC can advise.
- (c) Drakes Farm have cleared their ditches to alleviate the possibility of flooding. The Chairman thanked them for their hard work.
- (d) The Local Plan is no longer in force because the District Council do not have the required 5 year supply of land.

2015/144 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at Merryfield Hall

The meeting finished at 8.50 p.m.

Lee Hart - Chairman