

## ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 12th January 2016

#### 2016/01 Attendance and Apologies

##### Those present:

Mr L Hart (Chair)  
Mr D Amor (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)  
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)

##### Apologies

Mr C L Hardy (County Councillor)

##### In Attendance

1 member of the public

#### 2016/02 Visitors and Public Voice

A member of the public attended the meeting to ask if there is anything the Parish Council can do regarding a large vehicle which parks on the pavement near Miniatures Nursery. The vehicle obstructs the pavement and forces pedestrians to walk into the road to pass. The Clerk was asked to contact the owners of the vehicle. **ACTION - The Clerk**

#### 2016/03 Report by County Councillor

The County Councillor's usual monthly report was circulated by email and there were some hard copies available.

#### 2016/04 Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on Tues 15th Dec 2015

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

#### 2016/05 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

- (a) Minute 2015/180 - Bus Consultation - An email was sent to the County Councillor regarding the possible loss of the last bus from Taunton and the lack of co-ordination because the Slinky Bus for Ilminster runs on a Thursday which is Ilminster's early closing day. There are no practical alternatives for Ilton residents without a car.
- (b) Minute 2015/182 - Notice Board - This will be taken to the carpenter in Isle Abbots for repair. **ACTION - Village Hall Officer**
- (c) Minute 2015/193(e) - Handyman Services - Mr Mico snr has agreed to work for the parish council on a needs basis. Aon UK have confirmed that he will be covered under the Parish Council's insurance policy for public liability and employers liability. SSDC have advised that this is not a pecuniary interest but a personal one and that Mr Mico jnr can speak on the matter and then withdraw from the meeting. If Mr Mico jnr is paid by his father for work undertaken for the Council, this would become a pecuniary interest and must be declared on the Register of Interest Form.

#### 2016/06 Highways

- (a) SIDs - SCC will look at installing an extra SID in Main Street as a one-off installation. If the results show a speed issue this location can become a permanent location in addition to Church Road. Currently a number of SIDs are being repaired so it is on the waiting list.
- (b) Frost Lane signs have been cleared and are now visible. Highways will consider a new Ford sign on leaving the village.

- (c) Old Orchard and Penny's Mead signs have been reported to the district council and will be followed up. **ACTION - Village Hall Officer**
- (d) Salt - The newly collected salt has been stored at Drakes Farm.
- (e) Street lights - The three broken lights in Copse Lane have been reported.
- (f) Flooding at Old Railway Bridge - This area is still flooding after heavy rain. The Ashill side seems to be OK but the water does not drain away on the Ilton side. It has improved since the work was done but there still appears to be a blockage. The Clerk to contact Highways. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (g) Flooding at Ilford - Water is lying across the road on the Isle Abbots to Cad Road road opposite Chapels Farm. The Clerk to report it. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (h) Copse Lane - A blocked drain to be reported. **ACTION - Village Hall Officer**
- (i) Ford - The sign at the Ford is not properly calibrated to the deepest part of the water. It recently read 1 foot but was waist-high to a motorcyclist who drove through the water and broke down. **ACTION - Village Hall Officer**

#### **2016/07 Brook Green**

Bridge Across Road - The damage has been reported and has been added to the list of repairs but no date has been set. Councillors were asked to report it again if it gets worse.

Otherwise everything is looking good and the dog bin has been emptied.

#### **2016/08 Footpaths**

The two damaged stiles have been reported.

#### **2016/09 Cemetery / Churchyard**

- (a) Condition - Councillors have walked around the Cemetery and Churchyard and no problems have been reported. Everything is looking nice.
- (b) Fir Tree Stumps - The Clerk was asked to follow up with SSSC the job of grinding out the fir tree stumps. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (c) Access Gate into Cemetery - A letter has been received from a resident of Copse Lane whose garden backs onto the Cemetery requesting that the Parish Council approve the installation of a gate at the back of the property to allow access for the fuel suppliers to refill the oil tank. Suppliers will no longer bring the hose through the house because of health and safety concerns and the particular resident has no back access. Other houses in this area have alternative means of access. Councillors agreed to grant the request provided that the chain link fencing is made good after installation of the gate and provided also that any future resident must apply again to the Parish Council to use the gate as access so that a right of way is not obtained. **ACTION - The Clerk**

#### **2016/10 Recreation Ground**

- (a) Inspections - The hole in the grass area has been filled in. The Recreation Ground Officer cannot find the damage to the grass mat and suggested an on site meeting with the Inspector. The Clerk to arrange. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (b) New Benches - The Recreation Ground Officer is chasing up the manufacturer. **ACTION - Recreation Ground Officer**

*Mr Hart declared an interest in the next item and left the room.*

- (c) Yarlington - Yarlington have replied with a list of charges for leasing the two footpaths to the Parish Council along with the need for a valuation to set an annual fee. The Parish Council already has an easement to pass and re-pass over the paths with or without a vehicle under the terms of the conveyance of the land. The current proposal by Yarlington would mean an outlay of at least £1,500 plus the Parish Council's own legal costs. Councillors felt that this sort of expenditure is not a good use of public

money, particularly when the Parish Council wish to ensure that the paths are properly maintained which will save Yarlington money. The Vice Chairman will contact Yarlington to set out the Parish Council's case for taking ownership of the paths and the concern about the amount of money being quoted for the transfer.

**ACTION - Vice Chairman**

*Mr Hart returned to the meeting.*

### **2016/11 Recreational Development / Playing Field**

A new one-year lease for the football area was signed by the Chairman.

Following contact with the Warren Trust by the Chairman, the lease for the playing field is progressing.

It has been clarified that if the Warren Trust is dissolved, Ilton Parish Council would continue to hold the lease for the land which would pass to any new owner.

SSDC have confirmed that they will hold the money for the new playing field and either transfer money to Ilton Parish Council as necessary or pay direct for work and / or equipment. Interest will be paid on the money held.

### **2016/12 Planning Applications**

App No 15/05013/S73  
Description Vary conditions 5 and 11 of planning approval 15/00139/FUL  
Location Ilford Farm, Ilford Lane, Ilton

The above application has been approved subject to conditions.

App No 15/05331/FUL  
Description Erection of two storey extension  
Location Hill Farm, Cad Rd, Ilton

The above application has been approved subject to conditions.

### **2016/13 Correspondence**

(a) Additional bins - SSDC have offered to empty another 1 or 2 bins in the parish. The Parish Council will be responsible for buying and installing the new bins. It was agreed to request one new bin by the new playing field and one to go in the new car park in Copse Lane. For the time being the car park bin can go by the cemetery.

**ACTION - The Clerk**

(b) RNAS Yeovilton - 2016 Parish Notice.

(c) RNAS Yeovilton - Merryfield Airday 2016 has been cancelled because of increased security measures which require every unaccredited vehicle to be searched. In 2015 over 600 vehicles visited the Open Evening and it would be impossible to search every one. The Clerk was asked to write to the Commodore expressing regret and hoping that the visits from Father Christmas can continue and that the Open Evening can resume when the security risk lessens.

(d) Police report show 97 investigated crimes for December and 25 arrests with 23 reports of ASB for Area North.

(e) Somerset Choices - an article for the website.

(f) School Admissions Policy 2017-18 - SCC consultation

(g) Clerks and Councils Direct

### **2016/14 Accounts**

(a) The Revenue Support Grant which comes from the Government to the District Councils and is paid by SSDC to towns and parishes is to be phased out. This means that the Ilton Grant will be as follows: 2016/17 - £1,470 as already advised; 2017/18 - £490; 2018/19 - £170; 2019 / 20 - Nil

- (b) Referendum on precept - The Government have announced that the referendum principles will not apply to the parish sector in 2016-17. However the Government have stated that they expect town and parish councils to behave responsibly and protect their taxpayers from excessive precept increases. If parishes fail to do so, the government has the option of making them subject to the referendum principles in the future.
- (c) Balances as at 31/12/15 - Treasurers Account = £33,277.45 / 30 Day Account = £597.27
- (d) The following amount was received - Wayleave Payment from Western Power Distribution - £24.69
- (e) The following cheque is to be drawn:  
000894 - £ 157.92 - Salary & Admin Expenses

#### **2016/15 Post Christmas Social Meeting**

Councillors agreed that it is a good idea to have a social meeting and agreed to book a meal at the Wyndham Arms to include partners.

#### **2016/16 Matters and items to report**

- (a) Village Agent - No one knew the name of the Village Agent, or whether there is one in post. There has been no contact since the previous Village Agent resigned. The Clerk to contact Somerset Community Council. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (b) Christmas Tree - The Clerk was asked to contact the Church Warden to request removal of the tree from the Village Green. **ACTION - The Clerk**

#### **2016/17 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at Merryfield Hall.

The meeting finished at 9.00 p.m.

Lee Hart - Chairman