

## ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 8th March 2016

#### 2016/34 Attendance and Apologies

Those present:	Apologies	In Attendance
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)		
Mr C L Hardy (County Councillor)		
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)		

#### 2016/35 Visitors and Public Voice

There were no visitors present.

#### 2016/36 Report by County Councillor

The County Councillor's usual monthly report was circulated by email and there were some hard copies available. The County Councillor arrived towards the end of the meeting and spoke about the devolution prospectus which has been submitted and also the extra money from Government for maintenance of drains and gullies. This was discussed under the Highways agenda item 6 (see minute 2016/39(c) below). The County Councillor agreed to arrange a meeting with Highways for this purpose. **ACTION - County Councillor**

The Health and Wellbeing grant for £500 has been approved. It will be an opportunity to work with volunteers from other nearby parishes to enhance the community bus service. Volunteer community bus service groups are very strong in West Somerset but have not been so effective in South Somerset. The grant money should help to address this.

It was noted by Councillors that the South Somerset part of the community bus service is up for renewal and there is a need to liaise with County to ensure agreement on any decisions.

#### 2016/37 Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on Tues 9/02/2016

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

#### 2016/38 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

- (a) Minute 2016/05(b) - Notice Board - this has been mended and is now back in position. Councillors complimented the work which has been done to a high standard.
- (b) Minute 2016/32(b) - Letter to MP - The Clerk is waiting for a reply to the letter.

#### 2016/39 Highways

- (a) Ford water gauge

This has been checked by two Councillors who found that at the point at which it is sited it is accurate but out by 6 inches from the middle of ford. Whilst at the ford, the culvert under the ford was cleared by a local resident as it was blocked by debris, and within 5 minutes the level of water had dropped sufficiently to clear the road. It was suggested that we ask Somerset Drainage Board to come and clear the silt from the upstream side as it is blocked by at least 50% capacity. **ACTION - The Clerk**

(b) Public information event re A303/A358

Several Councillors attended one of the recent information events regarding the plans for the A303/A358. They reported that in the next 5 years, of a total of 9 schemes, 3 will be done. These are the A303 at Stonehenge, the A303 Sparkford to Podimore and the A358 Ilminster to Taunton. There are several options for each scheme and these will go to public consultation in approximately October this year. When a preferred route has been identified it will be considered further and there will again be an opportunity for local concerns to be raised. This can take up to 2 years and will end with a decision by the Secretary of State. If approved the work on all 3 schemes would start in 2020. Ilton will have two opportunities to make comments on the scheme. The intention for the A358 is to create an Expressway which will be as close to a motorway as possible with a closed central reservation and limited points of access. The eventual intention is to have an Expressway along the entire stretch of the road from London.

At Henlade Taunton Deane are looking to build a second roundabout at junction 25 for the M5. This work is likely to go ahead before the work on the A358.

The Ilminster bypass is not currently being considered. This, if it happens, will be at a much later date. Although the Blackdown Hills A303 is not on the list, it could still be considered in the future.

(c) Extra funding from Central Government

An additional £150,000 has been allocated to road side gully and drainage clearance. Councils have been asked to identify any key locations where this work is urgently needed along with a grid reference for the centre of each location. Councillors highlighted a number of areas: (1) the drain by the old railway bridge where an area around the drain should be cleared and a concrete barrier erected to stop debris being washed down the drain; (2) at Cooker King where the pipes are below the bed of the stream; (3) the end of Frost Lane by Cad Road; (4) Oldway Gate to the right along the Ilminster Road which was cleared about 4 years ago but which has started to flood again; (5) Rapps where the road has kerbing on both sides with no outlet for the water to drain away. A meeting with Highways was suggested. The County Councillor agreed to arrange the meeting (see minute 2016/36 above).

(d) SID location - the request to locate a SID along Main Street between Kings Lear and Spurwells is being investigated.

(e) Orchard Close signs - these have not been replaced yet but we were told on 12th February that they would be done within a month or so.

(f) Cad Road 40 mph Circles - A councillor asked when we can expect Highways to paint the 40 mph circles on the road. **ACTION - The County Councillor**

(g) Street Lights - The bulbs have been replaced. They had been shot with an air gun.

**2016/40 Brook Green**

(a) Bridge Across Stream - the repairs to the first bridge were completed very nicely.

(b) 2nd Bridge Across the Stream - the second bridge was damaged and the Clerk authorised Mr Mico to repair it as an emergency under the terms of Ilton's Financial Regulations. The Brook Green Officer reported that the work on this bridge has also been completed very well.

**2016/41 Footpaths**

On footpath CH15/12 a bridge has been moved by the force of water. This has been reported along with another couple of maintenance issues.

**2016/42 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 - These appear to have been partially ground out. The work was supposed to leave the area clean so that it can be grassed over and mowed. The Clerk to contact SSDC and arrange a meeting with the Recreation Ground Officer to discuss the work we would like done. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (c) Gate into Cemetery - The repairs to the gate have been completed and the gate is now stable.

**2016/43 Recreation Ground**

- (a) Inspection Reports - nothing new or urgent reported.
- (b) New Benches - these have been delivered. It was agreed to ask Play UK to fit them. The Clerk to liaise with the Recreation Ground Officer. **ACTION - The Clerk / Recreation Ground Officer**
- (c) Yarlington - Two paths into the Rec - Following a meeting with Yarlington, they have agreed to draw up a lease to enable Ilton to take over the management of the paths. The lease is to be a 100 year lease so the Parish Council has control of the management of the path. Yarlington will not be making a charge for the lease. All Councillors were in agreement with this proposal.
- (d) Yarlington - surplus path into the Rec - The Vice Chairman confirmed that Ilton Parish Council has no objections to the extra path, which is owned by Yarlington, being closed and incorporated into residents' gardens. This path was never on the original plans and should have been closed at the time the new houses were built.

**2016/44 Recreational Development / Playing Field**

- (a) Lease - There is now a clear picture and clarity over the terms of the lease. The only hold-up is the solicitors acting on behalf of the Warren Trust and a meeting will be arranged.
- (b) Section 106 agreement - this is being drafted.

**2016/45 Planning Applications**

No new applications or approvals have been received.

**2016/46 Correspondence**

- (a) Somerset Day 2016 on Wednesday 11th May - a letter asking if any village events will be planned for that day or weekend. This is a new initiative which started last year. Councillors have no plans to organise anything for that day or weekend.
- (b) Commemorative Medal for Schools and Councils for HM Queen's 90th Birthday - these are available at £1.99 each plus carriage for large orders. Smaller orders would be more expensive. Councillors agreed not to order any.
- (c) Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter
- (d) Clerks and Councils Direct
- (e) Police Report - In Area North, there have been 119 investigated crimes reported for the month of February 2016 and there were 29 arrests. There have been 25 reports of ASB

**2016/47 Accounts**

- (a) Balances as at 29/02/16 - Business Account = £597.32 / Treasurers Account = £32,142.98
- (b) The following amount was received - £826 in respect of an interment of a non resident.
- (c) Ilton is to receive a grant of £500 from the Health & Wellbeing Budget.

- (d) The Grass cutting invoice was received but the amount was incorrect and SSDC have been asked to issue a new invoice.
- (e) The following cheques are to be drawn:
  - 000897 - £ 157.92 - Salary & Admin Expenses
  - 000898 - £ 106.80 - HMRC - PAYE
  - 000899 - £ 72.97 - Repairs to notice board
  - 000900 - £1,450.00 - Barrington Hill Forge, new benches and tables in rec

**2016/48 Matters and items to report**

- (a) Fete in aid of St Margaret's Hospice - on Saturday 4th June from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Drakes Farm. Car Parking in Podgers Lane. Posters have been put on the notice board.
- (b) Ilton Talking - some people have asked why Ilton Talking is no longer being produced. The reason is that very little information is provided for the newsletter. Some organisations are now contacting people by email or putting it on Facebook and it had become more and more difficult to produce a newsletter without support. It may also be difficult to find people to deliver it if information is being circulated electronically.
- (c) Village Hall heating - A councillor said that heating should be set on a timer so that the hall is not freezing at the beginning of meetings. The Village Hall Officer will inform the Village Hall Committee.
- (d) PCSO Visit to Youth Club - One of the local PCSOs made a recent visit to the Youth Club to meet the members.

**2016/49 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at Merryfield Hall.

The meeting finished at 9.05 p.m.

Lee Hart - Chairman