

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

2016/50 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 I Sherwood
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)

Apologies

Mr D Mico
Mr C L Hardy (County Councillor)

In Attendance

1 member of the public

The Chairman reported that Mr Trahar has reluctantly decided to step down as a Councillor. Mr Hart expressed his thanks to Mr Trahar for all his work on the Council. The Clerk was asked to advertise the vacancy in the appropriate way.

ACTION - The Clerk

2016/51 Visitors and Public Voice

(a) Ilton Talking

A question was asked about Ilton Talking and whether it could continue to be published. A lot of people have been asking and saying they would still like to receive it. The Vice Chairman said he is happy to continue publishing it and Mrs Bennett said she is happy to continue to deliver it. The Parish Council have budgeted for the printing and a local printer is ready to do the work. The problem has been that there was nothing being submitted and as a result publication had ceased for want of any information to include. It was suggested that it is published three times a year, in the summer, at Christmas and at Easter. This would give people a definite deadline for publishing details of events and any other information they might wish to contribute. This year there is a lot happening in June and it was agreed to produce a copy for May with the deadline the first week in May.

(b) HM Queen's Birthday celebrations

The Church, Village Hall, School and Cricket Club are arranging a joint celebration on 11th June with a cream tea in the Village Hall in the afternoon and a barbecue in the evening at the Cricket Club. Flags and bunting will decorate the village. The Parish Council were asked if they could contribute something towards the event. After discussion, Mr Hart proposed the Parish Council promise a grant of £100. The proposal was carried with 6 votes in favour and 1 against.

2016/52 Report by County Councillor

This had not been received by the time of the meeting.

2016/53 Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council held on Tues 8/03/2016

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

2016/54 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

There were no separate matters arising not on the agenda.

2016/55 Highways

(a) The Ford

Somerset Drainage Board have inspected the Ford and culvert and noted that the last rain brought down a fresh lot of debris which blocked the pipework. The blockages were removed

and the length of the channel upstream was walked. There is little silt but there are shingle banks in a couple of places. The shingle could be removed but would probably not have a major effect on the water due to its shallow nature. Making changes upstream could make the situation at the crossing worse. There was some timber and branches upstream brought down by the high flows and these will be removed. There was plenty of evidence of flytipping and some of the rubbish probably finds its way into the water. It was suggested that the Parish Council could ask SSDC to monitor the area and cut down on the rubbish. Local farmer Chris Matravers was thanked for removing a tree.

(b) Meeting with Highways

No meeting has taken place with Highways to discuss the extra maintenance of drains and gullies. Councillors noted that the area by Cooker King floods very quickly. Although this is in Ashill Parish it affects Ilton. The clerk was asked to contact the County Councillor regarding the extra maintenance discussed at the last meeting. **ACTION - The Clerk**

(c) Cad Road

The roundels will be painted on the road when the weather improves.

(d) Old Orchard Close

The road sign has still not been replaced despite a promise some time ago that it would be done. The Vice Chairman to chase this up. **ACTION - Vice Chairman**

2016/56 Brook Green

Everything is looking very nice. Grass cutting has begun. The area can be tidied in spring.

2016/57 Footpaths

(a) The damaged stile has been reported again.

(b) A finger post along Cad Road has been knocked over. Footpath Officer to report.

ACTION - Footpath Officer

2016/58 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 - More work has been done in this area which has been seeded and the brambles removed. It is still uneven and has not been levelled off and left ready to mow. The Chairman to contact SSDC. **ACTION - Chairman**

2016/59 Recreation Ground

(a) Inspection Reports

The second spring on the seesaw has broken. Hags - SMP have been contacted and have engaged a contractor who can fit a new spring in the next two weeks. Meanwhile the seesaw has been cordoned off with orange plastic netting. Hags - SMP have said that the springs are classed as a consumable item and are guaranteed for 2 years so they are inside the period of guarantee, however to be aware that the rate at which they need replacing is very much dependant on the level of use. The Clerk to reply that Ilton is a small village so usage will not be high and to enquire if each new spring will be guaranteed for a further two years from installation. **ACTION - The Clerk**

(b) New Benches - these have been fitted.

(c) Yarlington

Have offered a lease for the two footpaths at a peppercorn rent. However concerns have been raised about the lease which stipulates that footpaths may only be used as a means of pedestrian access to a community recreational facility. The conveyance on which the Council holds the recreation ground gives the Council unfettered access along the paths either by foot or by vehicle and a new lease cannot be accepted which limits this use. The Vice

Chairman to go back to Yarlington on this point. The Clerk to check with SSDC if they will act for us in the matter of the lease. **ACTION - Vice Chairman / The Clerk**

2016/60 Recreational Development / Playing Field

Lease - A draft lease has been submitted and a number of comments made. A plan showing the access corridor has not yet been sent.

2016/61 Planning Applications

App No 15/04037/FUL
Proposal Erection of a terrace of 4 dwellings
Location Wyndham Arms, Ilton

Ilton Parish Council considered the above application and have noted the additional information and extra parking.

2016/62 Correspondence

- (a) Police Report - 185 investigated crimes reported for Area North in March with 32 arrests and 16 reports of ASB.
- (b) Planning Training for Town and Parish Councillors - SSDC are running this again on 12th and 24th May. Mr Hart to attend on 12th May.
- (c) Bus Services - David Warburton MP has replied to the Clerk's letter regarding local bus services and said that he has been actively campaigning for better infrastructure throughout the West County and is very disappointed to hear about Ilton Parish Council's lack of success with the County Council. Ilton is not the first constituent to contact him with similar concerns and he will be writing again to the County Council to try to exert some pressure regarding the situation in Ilton.
- (d) Somerset Waste Partnership monthly briefing April.

2016/63 Accounts

- (a) Balances as at 31/03/2016 - Business Account = £597.34 / Treasurers Account = £31,681.29.
- (b) The following amounts were received - £18,470 precept and grant / £500 from Somerset County Council Health & Wellbeing budget to consider community transport options.
- (c) The following cheques are to be drawn:
 - 000901 - £ 193.43 - Salary & Admin Expenses
 - 000902 - £ 211.69 - SSDC Playground Inspections
 - 000903 - £ 768.00 - Play UK Playgrounds Ltd - fitting new benches
 - 000904 - £ 8,884.32 - SSDC Grass cutting 2016
 - 000905 - £ 9.16 - Parrett Internal Drainage Board
 - 000906 - £ 132.00 - Merryfield Hall - hire of hall
 - 000907 - £ 520.00 - Romanian Children's Homes donation litter picking at Rec
 - 000908 - £ 180.00 - D Hart - litter picking at Rec
 - 000909 - £ 193.86 - T Mico - repairs at Brook Green and Cemetery

2016/64 Review of Governance

The annual review of governance was completed and the form signed by the Chairman.

2016/65 Approval of Annual Accounts

Annual accounts to 31/03/2016 were presented by the Clerk with copies of the accounts distributed to all Councillors. A number of questions were asked. The accounts were agreed by all Councillors and the form signed by the Chairman.

2016/66 Matters and items to report

- (a) MP surgeries - The District Councillor will try to arrange for a Saturday am MP's surgery in Ilton, particularly as there is no longer any public transport in Ilton on a Saturday.
- (b) Damage to verge - A verge has been damaged by a skip lorry. The Clerk to ask Highways if they can repair it. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (c) Frost Lane manhole - water is pouring out of the manhole cover. The Chairman to report it. **ACTION - Chairman**
- (d) Shop - There is a very good community shop in Kingsbury and the lady there would be willing to help set one up in Ilton. They had a lot of grants including from SSDC. It was noted that not all village shops are doing so well and some are struggling. Approximately 40 volunteers are needed to keep it running. It is not something the Parish Council can run. It was suggested that the Clerk contact the lady and arrange a suitable date in June for her to come to Ilton and talk to volunteers. The date to be advertised in Ilton Talking. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (e) A Councillor reported that a property on Cad Road had flooded 3 - 4 weeks ago during the storm.

2016/67 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of Ilton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at 7.40 p.m. at Merryfield Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting finished at 9.15 p.m.

Lee Hart - Chairman