

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 14th June 2016

2016/92 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 C L Hardy (County Councillor)
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)

Apologies

Mr I Sherwood
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)

In Attendance

2016/93 Report by County Councillor

(a) Community Transport

The County Councillor liaised with SSCVA and circulated a report setting out ways to create enhanced Community Transport for the village. There is a very successful scheme in West Somerset and various small schemes in other parts of South Somerset but nothing locally. Drivers would be volunteers and be paid mileage. Users would be charged sufficient to cover mileage and an administrative charge to keep the scheme running. There is an established scale of charges used in other areas.

The first steps would be to circulate a letter and questionnaire to residents asking them if they need the service, where would they want to go, can they volunteer as a driver? Volunteer co-ordinators would also be required to liaise with the drivers and users.

Questions were asked about the insurance volunteer drivers would need to carry. Questions were also asked about whether volunteer drivers would need to have CRB checks, how payment would be made and about the hospital transport system and whether this would clash with any new scheme.

The County Councillor will get answers to these questions from the SSCVA. It was also suggested that a representative from the SSCVA could come and talk to the Parish Council.

ACTION - County Councillor

It was suggested that once we have more information a survey could be carried out.

(b) Grass Verges

These are the responsibility of SCC and currently are not being cut. As a result visibility at corners is very bad in places, particularly Frost Lane, Merryfield Lane and Church Road.

ACTION - County Councillor

(c) Adult Social Care

A question was asked about why it takes such a long time to obtain an order from the Court of Protection for vulnerable people where there is no Power of Attorney in place. The answer was that the department is overwhelmed with applications and very far behind. The County Councillor will investigate.

ACTION - County Councillor

(d) Potholes in Frost Lane

These are considered not deep enough to fill but potholes in Taunton which are not so deep have been marked for repair. The County Councillor will report to Highways.

ACTION - County Councillor

2016/94 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tues 10/05/2016

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

2016/95 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

- (a) Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - There has been no request for an election and the Council can now co-opt a new Councillor. There have been no applications for the vacancy.
- (b) Chubbards Cross - Confirmation from SSDC that 24/7 security at the front entrance will continue until further notice.
- (c) Village Hall Committee - The Chair of the Committee has written to confirm that Mr Mico will be kept informed of committee meetings and can, if he wishes, become a member of the committee and a trustee of the Village Hall.

2016/96 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tues 10/05/2016

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2016/97 Highways

- (a) Frost Lane manhole cover - This appears to have been a problem with a hydrant which is no longer leaking.
- (b) Sign at corner of Church and Cad Road - The sign has been removed.
- (c) SID report - This shows median speed for May at 30 mph and June 31 mph. 85% for both May and June was 35 mph which is 1 mph below the intervention limit of 36 mph. It was agreed to ask for the next SID to be located along Cad Road or Main Street.
ACTION - The Clerk

2016/98 Brook Green

- (a) Removal of dead tree - This has now been cut down.
- (b) Grass has been cut and the Brook Green Officer has strimmed the area and cut the footpath. Everything is looking nice.

** Mr Hart declared an interest in the next item but was not asked to leave the meeting because it was not a financial interest.*

- (c) Camping at Brook Green - A letter has been received requesting permission to camp overnight with children at Brook Green during the school holidays. All rubbish and human waste will be taken home. Councillors felt that this is a good use of the area and if it works well it will show how this can be done properly. It was suggested that this sort of activity could be promoted in Ilton Talking, asking people who wish to use it for overnight camping to contact the Clerk.

A vote was taken on whether Brook Green can be used by families for overnight camping. Mr Hart abstained because of his declared interest. All other Councillors voted in favour of agreeing to the request. The Clerk to write to give consent to camping for up to two nights at a time on up to two occasions. Any further use to be agreed beforehand with the Clerk.
ACTION - The Clerk

2016/99 Footpaths

Footpaths have been strimmed by the Footpaths Officer who was thanked for doing the work. They are looking very nice. The finger post along Cad Road has been reported but not yet repaired.

2016/100 Cemetery / Churchyard

- (a) Condition - Councillors have walked around the Cemetery and Churchyard and no problems have been reported. Everything is looking nice.
- (b) Work to level ground - This has now been done and the invoice can be paid.
- (c) Bench - This will be given another coat of sealant.
- (d) Churchyard Entrance - The Footpaths / Brook Green Officer strimmed the entrance.

2016/101 Recreation Ground

- (a) Inspection Reports highlight damaged and missing mats. **ACTION - Chairman**
- (b) Chestnut fencing - This has been removed and advertised on Facebook but no-one wanted it.
- (c) Playdays are booked for 1st August 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 17th August 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Village Hall has been booked for the same times.
- (d) Yarlington lease - SSDC will act for the Council. No further progress on the lease has been made. The Vice Chairman will chase the solicitors. **ACTION - Vice Chairman**

2016/102 Recreational Development / Playing Field

Lease - The last four points have been agreed. These were the access corridor, the repair obligations, the restriction on alterations and the costs of a new lease. The Chairman will liaise with the Chairman of the Cricket Club and a Steering Group committee meeting will be arranged. **ACTION - Chairman**

2016/103 Planning Applications

- (a) App No 15/04037/FUL
Description Erection of a terrace of 4 dwellings
Location Wyndham Arms, Ilton

This application is approved with conditions.

- (b) Changes to Section 106 Contributions Policy - There will no longer be contributions from building sites of fewer than 10 homes. This will have an impact on small developments within Ilton.
- (c) Modifications to Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule - This appears to refer to retail property which will not affect Ilton.

2016/104 Correspondence

- (a) Centenary Fields Programme - To secure recreational spaces in perpetuity in honour of the memory of the people who lost their lives in the Battle of the Somme.
- (b) Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Action Fund - awards grants of up to £5,000 to voluntary organisations.
- (c) Fly the Flag on Armed Forces Day - Saturday 25th June 2016.
- (d) Somerset Waste Partnership monthly briefing June.

2016/105 Accounts

- (a) Balances @ 31/05/2016 - Treasurer's Account = £38,327.36 / 30 Day Account = £597.39

(b) The following cheques are to be drawn:

000914 - £ 15.00 - Somerset Playing Fields Association
000915 - £ 109.00 - HMRC - Paye
000916 - £ 170.44 - Salary and Admin expenses
000917 - £ 75.00 - Mac Printing (Ilton Talking)

2016/106 Matters and items to report

- (a) Use of Village Hall - The Village Hall has asked for times of finishing of the monthly meetings. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (b) Grass Cutting - The standard of grass cutting on the new playing field is very bad and throughout the Village it is not very good. The Chairman to speak to SSDC. **ACTION - Chairman**
- (c) Grass Verges - Yarlington have previously cut the verges in places along Main Street. The path through the playing field from Bradleys is also very bad. **ACTION - the Clerk**
- (d) Ilton Talking - A Councillor would like to advertise his business in Ilton Talking for a fee. It was agreed to put the advert in the next issue and to include a note to other potential advertisers asking if they would also like to advertise in the Newsletter. **ACTION - Vice Chairman**
- (e) Village Fete in aid of St Margaret's Hospice - This was held last Saturday and was a great success, raising a lot of money for the Hospice. It was agreed that it would be a good thing to do again. Mr Mico was congratulated on the success of the fete.

2016/107 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

The next ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 12th July at 7.30 p.m. at Merryfield Hall.

The meeting finished at 9.20 p.m.

Lee Hart - Chairman