

## ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

#### 2016/108 Attendance and Apologies

##### Those present:

Mr D Amor (Vice Chair)  
Mrs R Burt  
Mr D Mico  
Mr I Sherwood  
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)  
Mr C L Hardy (County Councillor)  
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)

##### Apologies

Mr L Hart (Chair)  
Mrs K Board  
Mr G Mackenzie-Green  
Mrs P Matravers

##### In Attendance

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman took the chair.

#### 2016/109 Report by County Councillor

##### (a) Community Transport

The County Councillor confirmed that the Nippy bus service would not be cut further if a successful community transport scheme is set up.

It was agreed that the first thing is to gauge the demand for the service and whether there are any volunteers to run it. A notice can be put in Ilton Talking in October.

**ACTION - Vice Chairman**

It was felt that early September would be the best time to arrange a meeting with representatives from other interested Parishes. Once there is some idea of the direction it will be necessary to involve experts. The County Councillor will arrange a joint Parishes meeting in early September.

**ACTION - County Councillor**

##### (b) Barrington School

There is a proposal for the School building to be retained as a School and run by Hambridge as part of an Academy.

##### (c) Superfast Broadband

Ilton already has this but some other villages do not.

#### 2016/110 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tues 14/06/2016

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

#### 2016/111 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

(a) Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - There has been no response to the advert. An advert will be put in the local press in August and on the Facebook page.

**ACTION - Vice Chairman**

(b) Grass Cutting - SSDC have been contacted and the standard of cutting has improved.

(c) Grass Verges - These have been cut and are due to be done again.

#### 2016/112 Highways

(a) Roundels in Cad Road

Highways have confirmed that they will put one at each end of the 40 mph limit and one or two in the middle.

(b) Travellers on the old road by the by-pass

A group of travellers have moved onto this land which is part of the old road to Ilminster. They cannot be seen from the road. It is not clear who owns the land. Damage is being done to nearby fields.

**ACTION - County Councillor**

(c) Oldway Gate

This is very overgrown.

**ACTION - Planning Councillor to speak to owner of Conquest Business Park.**

(d) SID Location

There were four choices of location for the SID in August and October. They were the 'Not Suitable for Heavy Vehicles' sign on the junction of Frost Lane to record traffic coming from the B3168 Langport Road direction, the 40mph repeater sign more or less on the Podgers Lane junction; the 'Elderly People' sign just past the garage travelling towards Frost Lane; and the straight ahead priority sign '100 yds' adjacent to the old Almshouses. All three of the last locations could be used to record traffic from either direction.

It was agreed that the location for August should be the 'Elderly People' sign, facing towards Frost Lane / Oldway Gate to record speeds coming from that location towards the village. The one for October should ideally be facing the other way and a decision will be made once the results of the August location have been received.

**ACTION - The Clerk**

**2016/113 Brook Green**

Everything is looking very nice. There was nothing to report.

**2016/114 Footpaths**

There was nothing to report.

**2016/115 Cemetery / Churchyard**

(a) Condition - Councillors have walked around the Cemetery and Churchyard and no problems have been reported. Everything is looking nice.

(b) Levelling of the ground - There was some concern that this has still not be done satisfactorily. The Recreation Ground Officer to liaise with the Chairman.

**ACTION - Recreation Ground Officer / Chairman**

(c) Request to approve memorial - This was approved.

**2016/116 Recreation Ground**

(a) Inspection Reports highlight damaged and missing mats. Councillors cannot identify the problem. The Vice Chairman to contact SSDC. **ACTION - Vice Chairman**

(b) Playdays are booked for 1st August 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 17th August 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Posters have not been received. The Clerk to chase. **ACTION - Clerk**

(c) Playdays - The hedge needs to be cut and the parking area mowed. The Recreation Ground Officer to arrange. **ACTION - Recreation Ground Officer**

(d) Yarlington lease - This is still ongoing.

**ACTION - Vice Chairman**

**2016/117 Recreational Development / Playing Field**

Lease - Work on the lease is still ongoing and a meeting is to be arranged with Area North.

**ACTION - Chairman / District Councillor**

**2016/118 Planning Applications**

There were no new or agreed applications.

**2016/119 Correspondence**

(a) SSDC Gold Star Awards 2016 - for a young person doing something special in the community. It was suggested that this is emailed to the Cricket Club who may have someone they wish to nominate. **ACTION - The Clerk**

(b) SCC's Chairman's Awards for Service to the Community 2016

(c) Somerset Playing Fields Association can make loans up to £10,000 for parish councils.

(d) David Warburton MP Surgery dates - placed on the notice board.

(e) A resident has written with a request to buy part of the Copse Lane overflow car park to extend her and her neighbour's gardens. Councillors do not wish to sell any of the land. **ACTION - The Clerk**

(f) Clerks and Councils Direct.

**2016/120 Accounts**

(a) Balances as at 30/06/2016 - 30 Day Account = £597.42 / Treasurer's Account = £37,447.92

(b) The following amount has been received: £110.00 for a memorial in the Cemetery.

(c) The following cheques are to be drawn:

000918 - £ 350.00 - Stuart Talbot for extra Playday activities  
000919 - £ 336.54 - Salary July and August and Admin expenses

**2016/121 Matters and items to report**

(a) Village Hall - The Parish Council representative has passed his details to the Village Hall Committee. The grass around the Hall needs to be cut. The Hall has some new spotlights.

(b) Christmas Tree - It was agreed to discuss this in October. It will need much better lights than last year. **ACTION - October Agenda**

**2016/122 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

The next ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 13th September at 7.30 p.m. at Merryfield Hall.

The meeting finished at 8.45 p.m.

Lee Hart - Chairman