

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 11th October 2016

2016/143 Attendance and Apologies

Those present:	Apologies	In Attendance
Mr L Hart (Chair)	Mrs P Matravers	
Mr D Amor (Vice Chair)	Mr I Sherwood	
Mrs K Board	Mr C L Hardy (County Councillor)	
Mrs R Burt		
Mr G Mackenzie-Green		
Mr D Mico		
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)		
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)		

2016/144 Visitors and Public Voice

There were no visitors.

2016/145 Report by County Councillor

The County Councillor's report was circulated by email and hard copies were available. There were no questions or comments.

2016/146 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tues 13/09/2016

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

2016/147 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - There has been no response to the advert.

Whetstones Almshouses - The Clerk checked the Charity Commission website and wrote to the local resident to explain who the trustees are.

Soil on pavement - The Clerk to write to the owners of the house on the corner of Copse Lane to ask them to prevent soil from their garden covering the pavement, particularly after rain.
ACTION - The Clerk

2016/148 Highways

SID Location - Ilton will have two SID installations in October, one in Church Road for the week beginning 3rd October and one in Cad Road, east bound, for week beginning 17th October.

2016/149 Brook Green

- (a) Everything is looking very nice.
- (b) The coping stones on the road bridge on Isle Abbots Road have not been repaired. The Clerk to report this again. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (c) A post has been put on Facebook about the bear.
- (d) Poppy seeds have been scattered and three rose bushes have been planted.

2016/150 Footpaths

The two broken stiles have been reported again but so far there has been no response. The Footpath Officer has cut back vegetation and the paths are clear.

2016/151 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 - The Chairman met the officer from SSDC who felt that the way to level the ground is to keep mowing it and over time it will level off.
- (c) Hedges - The hedges have been cut really well and are looking very nice. The cherry tree has been trimmed but is not looking very healthy. The hedge has been cut back where it had buried several headstones, which are now visible again.
- (d) Cemetery Training - The District Councillor has arranged with SSDC to run a training session for the clerk and the clerk from a neighbouring parish.
- (e) Cemetery Rules - The clerk was asked to draft some Rules for the Cemetery based on Ilminster's rules. A copy will be given to everyone who arranges a burial or buys a plot. A notice will go into Ilton Talking. A copy should also be put on a notice board just inside the cemetery gate. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (f) Trees planted in Cemetery - It was noted that two trees and a rose bush have been planted in the cemetery. No-one could remember approval being given for planting trees. The Clerk to check and contact the family. It may be possible to have a dedication area with trees and a plaque. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (g) Interment of ashes to take place on 18th October.
- (h) Application to erect a memorial - two applications have been received and were approved.

2016/152 Recreation Ground

- (a) Inspection Reports - there has been no response from SSDC regarding the reported damage. (Since the meeting an email has been received from SSDC to say there are two missing half tiles which SSDC will replace free of charge.) There are no other issues on the inspection reports.
- (b) Yarlington lease - There has been no progress. The Vice Chairman will write to the head of legal at Yarlington to ask what their intentions are. **ACTION - Vice Chairman**
- (c) Maintenance Money - This is being held by SSDC and could be used to sort out the planting. **ACTION - The Chairman**
- (d) Annual Playground Inspection and Playground Risk Assessment - This shows that all is in order and there are no problems or faults.
- (e) Silver Award - The Recreation Ground was awarded a silver award by Somerset Playing Fields Association. This included a cheque for £50.

2016/153 Recreational Development / Playing Field

Lease - The Chairman will continue to chase this. The housing application is linked to the 106 agreement. **ACTION - The Chairman**

2016/154 Planning Applications

App No 16/03648/FUL
Proposal Erection of a one bedroom bungalow
Location 1 Pennys Meade, Ilton

Councillors commented as follows: The proposed dwelling being built in the garden of an existing dwelling is out of character with other existing dwellings, is overlooked by existing dwellings and is not needed in the community given the 12.5% growth in dwellings already in the planning pipeline. Concerns were raised about dividing the existing property into two dwellings thereby already increasing the number of dwellings on the plot to which this application would add another dwelling. It appears that the footpath has been shortened and should meet the highway.

App No 16/04404/FUL
Proposal Erection of 12 metre shortwave amateur radio mast and antenna
Location 12 Cottage Corner, Ilton

There were no objections to this application.

2016/155 Christmas Tree

The Vice Chairman sourced some lights which should be suitable for the tree. Councillors approved the expenditure of £41.00 for four sets which will give 800 small white lights and stay on for 6 hours. **ACTION - Vice Chairman**

The Clerk reported that Four Lanes Farm can provide trees which are grown on the Blackdowns. It was agreed that the tree should be between 18' - 20'. the Clerk to make some more enquiries. **ACTION - The Clerk**

The Clerk to check the Council's insurance. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2016/156 Correspondence

- (a) Details of SSDC printing services. These are more expensive than the local option.
- (b) Careline Service Report - circulated by email.
- (c) Police Report - 130 investigated crimes for Area North for September with 19 arrests and 32 reports of ASB.
- (d) Pensioner Information and Advice Fair hosted by Marcus Fysh MP at Yeovil Baptist Church on Saturday 15th October.
- (e) Somerset Waste Partnership September Briefing.
- (f) Appeal for donation and volunteers from Somerset Community Justice Partnership. Placed on the notice board.

2016/157 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement Consultation Paper

There is a proposal to extend the referendum principles to all local councils including small parish councils. Fivehead have sent an email to David Wharburton MP who has replied that he supports the objections to this proposal and that he and several other MPs will be seeking to persuade the Government to desist. The Clerk to draft a response. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2016/158 Accounts

- (a) Balances @ 30/9/2016 - Business a/c = £597.50 / Treasurers Account = £44,390.88.

(b) The following amount has been received - £29 + £200 for Cemetery

(c) The following cheques are to be drawn:

000925 - £ 200.15 - Salary and Admin expenses October

000926 - £ 94.20 - SSDC - Annual Playground Inspection

2016/159 Matters and items to report

Parked cars - Some obstructive parking was noted. A councillor to speak to the owner.

2016/160 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

The next ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 8th November at 7.30 p.m. at Merryfield Hall.

The meeting finished at 9.00 p.m.

Lee Hart - Chairman