

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

2016/161 Attendance and Apologies

Those present:	Apologies	In Attendance
Mr L Hart (Chair)	Mrs P Matravers	2 residents
Mr D Amor (Vice Chair)	Mr I Sherwood	
Mrs K Board	Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)	
Mrs R Burt		
Mr G Mackenzie-Green		
Mr D Mico		
Mr C L Hardy (County Councillor)		
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)		

2016/162 Visitors and Public Voice

Two residents who back onto the Recreation Ground came to ask questions about the ownership of the old entrance to the Recreation Ground. South Somerset District Council have confirmed that the path is not a public right of way. The path is owned by Yarlington Housing Association. The plans at the time the new houses were built show the path being incorporated into the neighbouring gardens but this has never happened. At the time the Parish Council objected to the plans, but only because by closing off that path there would be no entrance to the Recreation Ground at that location. For that reason a new path was created but action was never taken over the old path. Some months ago Yarlington suggested that the path would be closed and given to local residents and the Parish Council made no objections to this plan. The two residents have already approached Yarlington but said they have had no response from them. One Councillor still has the original plans and will let the residents see them. The two residents were advised to contact the District Councillor and to write to the SSDC planning officer to say that the path was never closed off in accordance with the plans.

2016/163 Report by County Councillor

The County Councillor's report was circulated by email and hard copies were available. The County Councillor highlighted a number of issues including health and social care which are being brought together. He hopes that a representative from SSCVA will come to the December meeting to talk about community transport. Councillors were asked if there are any projects connected with roads and safety improvements that they would like to put forward for the Small Improvement Scheme. Councillors mentioned possible resurfacing and drainage in Copse Lane and the high number of poorly maintained pot holes in Frost Lane which are very bad.

2016/164 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tues 11/10/2016

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

2016/165 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

- (a) Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - There has been no response to the advert.
- (b) Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18 consultation - Ilton Parish Council sent a response objecting to the proposal in the consultation to extend the referendum principles to all local councils, including small parish and town councils. Councillors believe that to extend the referendum principles to small councils such as

Ilton would be very detrimental to local services because the costs of running a referendum would represent such a large percentage of the precept as to make it impossible. Because of the prohibitive costs of a referendum in such a small community, it would not be possible to increase the precept even if there were a good reason to do so, hence local democracy, accountability and choice would be severely restricted.

2016/166 Highways

- (a) SID Results on Church Road - Median speed was 30mph and the 85% percentile speed was 35mph which is 1mph below the intervention limit of 36mph. The speed recorded represents approach speed and does not reflect the 'adjusted' speed which motorists may switch to on being reminded of the posted speed. Where this has been measured in other locations it has been found that there is an average reduction in speed between the approach speed and the adjusted speed of approximately 4-5mph.
- (b) Winter grit collection and refills - Grit can be collected from Yeovil Depot on Saturday 3rd December from 9 a.m. to 13.00. Grit can be stored at Drakes Farm.
ACTION - Chairman and Brook Green Councillors
- (c) A358 upgrade - A local consultation is to be arranged in the week commencing 21st November.

2016/167 Brook Green

- (a) The damaged coping stones on the road bridge on Isle Abbots Road have been reported again. Highways have forwarded it to the correct team.
- (b) Broken Handrail - This was damaged and left in a dangerous condition. The centre post was knocked out. An immediate repair was authorised by the Clerk. A new post and new handrails have been fitted.

2016/168 Footpaths

There has been no action following the reports of the two broken stiles.

2016/169 Cemetery / Churchyard

- (a) Condition - Councillors have walked around the Cemetery and Churchyard and no problems have been reported. Everything is looking nice.
- (b) Cemetery Training - The Clerk met with a representative from SSDC at the Cemetery to discuss Cemetery management. He is happy to advise when required.
- (c) Cemetery Rules - Draft rules were emailed and circulated. One amendment was suggested to the planting paragraph "No shrubs or tall growing plants may be planted on any grave space or anywhere else within the boundary of the cemetery." to make it clearer. The Rules were agreed by Councillors. The Rules will be laminated and displayed on a new board at the entrance to the Cemetery. They will also be circulated to undertakers for distribution when an interment is arranged at the Cemetery.
ACTION - The Clerk
- (d) Cemetery Notice Board - Mr Mico snr provided two quotes for a new notice board. It was agreed to make the new board a simple one without glass, A3 size with a weather strip at the top and sides as protection and to ask Mr Mico to make the board.
CTION - The Clerk

- (e) Trees planted in Cemetery - Mrs Oliveros was given verbal permission to plant a tree and a rose bush in the cemetery in memory of her late husband on 3rd November 2008 when she met Mike King, the former Clerk, at the Cemetery to discuss the planting and where to put it. This is recorded in her diary. We have no written records and it seems that the plot was not purchased because Mrs Oliveros did not record this in her diary. Mr Oliveros' ashes are scattered there. Mrs Oliveros' are not. The family did not obtain permission to plant the second tree, a Salix, in the same plot. That tree has now died and will be removed. The original planting is a miniature flowering almond and a rose bush. Councillors agreed to give the family permission for the original tree and rose bush to remain along with the plaque to Mr and Mrs Oliveros. The Salix will not be replaced. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (f) Hedge - It was agreed that the hedge should be cut twice a year to keep it in good condition.

2016/170 Recreation Ground

- (a) Inspection Reports - The fault indicated on the inspection reports is two missing half tiles at the edge of the surfacing. The grass has grown over the area making it hard to see. SSDC will install the two missing half tiles at no charge as a good-will gesture. There are no other outstanding issues on the inspection reports.
- (b) Yarlington lease - The solicitors acting for Yarlington have sent an invoice. We have an email from Yarlington in which they agree to pay their legal fees. The Clerk to forward this to their solicitors and ask for a copy of the proposed lease / transfer document. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2016/171 Recreational Development / Playing Field

Negotiations are ongoing about an initial transfer of funds 3 months after outline planning is granted with the remainder being transferred when the development goes to market. There are protocols to follow and a meeting is being arranged with the Trust to resolve it. The scheme is going ahead and there is a developer who is very keen. **ACTION - The Chairman**

As soon as planning has been finalised and a timetable set for progress, the first thing will be to decide on the items to be included and to instruct a professional landscape architect to draw up plans. These will then be put out to tender.

2016/172 Planning Applications

No new applications have been received.

2016/173 Christmas Tree

Applewood Nurseries in Ilminster can supply a 20ft Norwegian Spruce Christmas Tree for £175.00 delivered. Last year the tree cost £300.00 for a 15ft tree delivered. The nursery required an immediate decision so that the tree could be ordered and it was authorised by The Clerk and The Chairman. The tree will be delivered on 29th November and put up on the Village Green the weekend of 3rd December.

The Council's insurers have confirmed that the existing policy will cover a Christmas Tree.

2016/174 Correspondence

- (a) Thank you from Ilton Friendship Club for the £250 cheque towards the Christmas lunch.

- (b) Police Report - 111 investigated crimes with 11 arrests and 22 reports of ASB in Area North for October.
- (c) A resident wrote to Rights of Way at SCC and copied to the Clerk. regarding the public right of way from Frost Lane to the Churchyard behind his property in which the trees have become large. Email forwarded to the Footpath Officer.
- (d) Centre for Sustainable Energy are offering to do a presentation to residents and councillors on smart meters. The email was put on the notice board to see if there is any local interest.
- (e) Somerset Waste Partnership monthly briefing for October.
- (f) Recycling and Rubbish collection schedule for Christmas holidays.
- (g) Clerks and Councils Direct

2016/175 Accounts and Precept

- (a) Balances @ 31/10/16 - Treasurers Accounts = £44,430.53 / 30 Day Account = £597.53
- (b) Expenditure to date and a draft budget were circulated to all Councillors. The precept to be decided at the December meeting. **ACTION - Agenda Item December**
- (c) The following cheques are to be drawn:
 - 000927 - £ 170.28 - Salary and Admin expenses November
 - 000928 - £ 423.38 - SSDC - Playground Inspections Q1 and Q2
 - 000929 - £ 757.50 - T Mico - hedge cutting at Cemetery & Rec & bus shelter repair
 - 000930 - £ 175.00 - Applewood Nurseries - Christmas Tree
 - 000931 - £ 75.00 - Macs Printing - Ilton Talking

2016/176 Matters and items to report

There were no further matters to report.

2016/177 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

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

The meeting finished at 8.50 p.m.

Lee Hart - Chairman