

could grow too big and become a problem in the future. It was agreed not to plant a living tree.

2017/06 Highways

- (a) SID locations in January - The SID due to be installed at Church Road week commencing 16/1/17 will now be installed week commencing 27/2/17 and the SID for Cad Road (east bound) due to be installed week commencing 30/1/17 will now be installed week commencing 27/2/17. The delay is due to annual leave.
- (b) Potholes - Potholes can now be reported on-line at www.travelsomerset.co.uk
- (c) Potholes in Frost Lane - These have been marked for repair.

2017/07 Brook Green

Footpath Signpost - This is hanging off and the Brook Green Councillor will report it.

Bulbs - A suggestion has been made to plant some bulbs in the area and a search is being made for some free ones or for some grants towards planting. It was agreed that this is a good idea. They will be planted by volunteers later in the year. **ACTION - The Chairman**

2017/08 Footpaths

- (a) Footpath from Frost Lane to the Churchyard - Letters were sent to all residents backing onto the path informing them that the work would be done to reduce the tree cover and asking residents to continue with the work of maintaining the trees after the Parish Council had done the initial work. The letter pointed out that the trees are not owned by the Parish Council and that it is unclear who is responsible for the work. The trees have now been reduced in height and size and most residents were satisfied with the work although one resident was sad to see the trees behind his property removed. The tree at the corner of the Churchyard is dead and dangerous and will be removed.
- (b) Other issues have been reported to County.

2017/09 Cemetery / Churchyard

- (a) Condition - Councillors have walked around the Cemetery and Churchyard and no problems have been reported.
- (b) Cemetery Notice Board - This is ready to set up. Councillors will have a site meeting at the weekend to decide on its location.

2017/10 Recreation Ground

- (a) Inspection Reports - There are no outstanding issues on the inspection reports.
- (b) Yarlington lease - Yarlington have agreed to remove the restrictive covenant regarding access over the paths. The draft transfer document has been sent to SSDC legal for comments. The Clerk will follow this up. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (c) Grant Claim - The latest grant claim form was signed. The remaining money can be used for the paths once the transfer from Yarlington has gone ahead.
- (d) Safety Barrier - A question was asked if this is still necessary now that there is a gate at the recreation ground end of the path. It was felt that it is necessary because it stops children running or cycling into the road.

2017/11 Recreational Development / Playing Field

- (a) Lease - this is still moving ahead. A list of the initial works will appear in the lease. It is hoped to be able to sign the final document very soon. Accordingly Councillors were asked to approve a resolution that two Councillors will sign the lease as soon as it is ready for signature.

RESOLUTION - Councillors voted unanimously to approve the resolution that two Councillors will sign the lease, witnessed by the Clerk, once the final copy of the lease is approved.

- (b) Access - The proposal from the Cricket Club regarding the work required by the Club before they would give their approval for access to the field will cost in excess of £30,000 + VAT. In addition there would be costs involved in upgrading the access road. It was agreed that the Parish Council cannot pay this amount which would have a negative impact on the amount available for the playing field. Accordingly it was agreed to take access into the field from Copse Lane opposite the School where the car park will be built. Although this is not the first choice for access, the sort of expenditure required for access by the Hall and Cricket Club is not possible. The Parish Council is willing to continue discussion with the Cricket Club and Village Hall but for the immediate future the alternative access will be developed.
- (c) Grants - It was noted that there are grants available for sports facilities in rural areas.
- (d) Thanks to the Chairman - Parish Councillors unanimously expressed their thanks to the Chairman who has done a huge piece of work in obtaining the new field for the community. It was agreed that members of the District Council have also been very supportive and once the lease is signed the Parish Council will send formal letters to those who have helped.

ACTION - The Clerk

2017/12 Planning Applications

App No 16/04222/FUL
Description Extension (roof covering) to existing agricultural building.
Location Frost Farm, Frost Lane, Ilton

The above application has been granted permission subject to conditions.

App No 16/04900/ADV
Proposal Display of a pole mounted on a V Board sign
Location Land OS 1000 Main Street, Ilton

The above application has been granted permission subject to conditions.

2017/13 Correspondence

- (a) Somerset Waste Partnership monthly briefing December.
- (b) Police Report - for Area North for December there were 114 investigated crimes with 26 arrests and 19 reports of ASB.
- (c) Policing Plan
- (d) Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter
- (e) Email regarding Police presence at Council meetings which states that
 - (i) Police Officers and PCSOs will no longer attend Parish Council meetings as a matter of course. The local beat manager should be informed that a meeting will be taking place, and someone may attend if they are free, but it certainly cannot be guaranteed, and should not be expected.
 - (ii) Police reports take a disproportionate amount of Police time to prepare – time that could be better spent operationally. Crime figures for each neighbourhood can easily be found on-line, and so if anyone wishes to know what crime has occurred in their area then they can do so that way.
 - (iii) If there is a specific problem which a Parish Council wishes to discuss with a local officer e.g. a specific crime trend in the area, then an officer may be able to attend if given sufficient notice.
 - (iv) Police resources are now spread so thinly that they cannot give the commitment to Parish Council meetings that has happened in the past.

2017/14 **Accounts**

- (a) SALC have informed Councils that the council tax referendum plans have not been extended to parish and town councils in 2017/18
- (b) Received £24.69 for Wayleave Payment from Western Power Distribution
- (c) No bank statements had been received in time for the meeting for the month of December.
- (d) The following cheques are to be drawn:
 - 000935 - £ 169.78 - Salary and Admin expenses December.
 - 000936 - £ 101.14 - T Mico - Repairs Brook Green

2017/15 **Matters and items to report**

- (a) Annual Dinner - It was agreed to arrange an annual post Christmas dinner at the local pub on Saturday 4th February, 7 for 7.30 p.m.
- (b) Hedge Cutting - The hedge at the pinch point in Church Lane is overgrown and one of the Brook Green Councillor's will cut it back. **ACTION - Brook Green Councillor**

Mr Mico declared an interest and left the room before the next item.

- (c) 2017 Ilton Fun Day - Mr Mico's wife and mother wish to arrange another Fun Day in aid of Cardiac Risk in the Young. Last year the day was a big success and a lot of money was raised for St Margaret's Hospice. A request has been made for a donation from the Parish Council to get everything running. Councillors agreed to make a donation of £250 towards the event. It was noted that this grant will be made under the provisions of section 137(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the amount available for 2016/17 is £7.42 per elector.

Mr Mico returned to the room.

2017/16 **Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

The next ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at Merryfield Hall.

The meeting finished at 9.10 p.m.

Lee Hart - Chairman