

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 14th March 2017

2017/33 Attendance and Apologies

Those present:	Apologies	In Attendance
Mr L Hart (Chair)	Mr D Amor (Vice Chair)	3 members of the public
Mrs R Burt	Mrs K Board	
Mr G Mackenzie-Green	Mrs P Matravers	
Mr D Mico	Mr C L Hardy (County Councillor)	
Mr I Sherwood		
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)		
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)		

2017/34 Visitors and Public Voice

Access into new playing field

Two residents attended the meeting to express their concerns about access to the new field being moved from the original planned access between the Village Hall and Cricket Club to the entrance by the Cemetery. It was felt that Copse Lane is very narrow with a lot of parked cars which is made worse by the School, which attracts a lot of traffic in the mornings and afternoons.

It was explained that the preferred access has always been between the Village Hall and the Cricket. However it has not been possible to reach an agreement with the Cricket Club regarding access. The Parish Council has a limited amount of money to spend on the new playing field and in order to meet the costs of access at this point, expenditure of a significant part of the limited budget would be required. This would have a detrimental effect on the facilities which could be provided on the new field. It has therefore been decided that access will have to be at the end of Copse Lane. If an agreement can be reached in the future the Parish Council is still willing to consider the original access.

It was also pointed out that cars are not likely to be using Copse Lane for access to the playing field during times of the school run.

Information about the new field will be going out to the community with the next issue of Ilton Talking. As soon as there are some plans for the field, an open day will be planned at the Village Hall for everyone to see the plans and to make comments and suggestions. Information could also be put on Facebook.

The programme of work on the field is as follows:

- (i) to cut the hedges - this has already been done;
- (ii) to get quotes for clearing the ditches;
- (iii) to get five quotes for a survey of the land;
- (iv) to send everything to SSDC who will draw up a plan for the field;
- (v) to put the plan out to tender to see what can be done.

Consultation with residents will be held as soon as a draft plan has been drawn up and before any work is done.

2017/35 Report by County Councillor

The County Councillor's report was circulated by email and hard copies were available.

2017/36 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tues 14/02/2017

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

2017/37 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

- (a) Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - There has been no further interest in the vacancy.
- (b) School Bus Service

An email was received from County to say they had no knowledge of any problems. An email string was forwarded to the Clerk showing that there have been problems and the Clerk will contact the County Council again. **ACTION - The Clerk**

- (c) Defibrillator

The appeal to raise £1,800 for a defibrillator has been very successful. Letters were delivered to all the businesses in Conquest Business Park and Ilton Business Park. This has resulted in several donations so far. Councillor Mico proposed Ilton Parish Council make a grant of £300 towards the appeal, seconded by Councillor Mackenzie-Green. On a show of hands 4 councillors were in favour; there was one abstention. The motion was carried.

- (d) Community Transport

Councillor Le Hardy had forwarded a letter and questionnaire to the Clerk with the request that Ilton's Clerk arrange photocopying for all of Islemoor using money from the £500 grant received for community transport. The Clerk suggested that questionnaires for each individual parish need to include an address for return of the questionnaire. Many people will not know the address of their clerk and if any live outside the parish the address should be within the village. If questionnaires need to be posted it is unlikely that many will be returned. The Clerk also felt that consideration needs to be given to who is going to collate the information in the questionnaires.

Concern was expressed at the meeting that the letter should not go out in its current format so close to a local council election. The letter could be seen as giving publicity to one candidate using grant money from the County Council. **ACTION - Chairman**

- (e) Speed Watch

Lopen have just set up a scheme. The Clerk to pass on Councillor Dance's details regarding a scheme for Cad Road. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2017/38 Highways

SID results for Jan / Feb for Church Rd and Cad Rd East bound have been received and do not exceed the intervention speed level.

2017/39 Brook Green - Everything is looking good. The grass is in need of cutting.

2017/40 Footpaths - There was nothing new to report. Everything is looking good.

2017/41 Cemetery / Churchyard

- (a) Condition - Councillors have walked around the Cemetery and Churchyard and no problems have been reported.
- (b) Burial of ashes - Will take place on Friday.

2017/42 Recreation Ground

- (a) Inspection Reports - There are no outstanding issues on the inspection reports.
- (b) Yarlington lease - The Clerk to chase SSDC. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2017/43 Recreational Development / Playing Field

- (a) See minute 2017/34 for discussion at the beginning of the meeting due to public interest.

- (b) Naming the Field - The community will be asked to suggest names with a prize for the winning entry. The final decision will be up to the Parish Council. It was suggested that the field may have a historic name, perhaps on Tithe Maps. The Chairman will check with the Warren Trust and the Clerk will look at Somerset Heritage Centre's maps.
ACTION - Chairman, Clerk
- (c) Steering Group - The current Steering Group was set up to take acquisition of the field forward. That part has now been completed and it was proposed to formally wind up the existing Steering Group. All Councillors agreed to the proposal.
A new group will be set up once there is a plan in place to take forward the development of the field. This will be made up of two members of the Parish Council plus members from the wider community including the Youth Club, other sports clubs etc.
- (d) Hire of mini digger to take out remaining fence posts - A quote has been received for £160 + VAT to hire the digger. Trevor Mico to be asked to do the work on an hourly basis.
ACTION - The Clerk
- (e) Removal of gate into field - The Cricket Club have requested that the access gate into the field be removed and the fence re-instated. SSDC to be asked to access the field with their grass cutting equipment between The Follies and Ilton Court as a temporary measure. It was agreed to take down 3 rails at the south end of the pitch to allow access to the football pitch for grass cutting. Trevor Mico to be asked to do the work.
ACTION - The Clerk

2017/44 Membership of the Community Council for Somerset

It costs £40 per year to join. Membership will give the Council access to a lot of helpful data which should be useful when applying for grants for the new field. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council becomes a member. All councillors agreed with the proposal.

2017/45 Planning Applications

App No	17/01036/FUL
Description	Erection of single storey side and rear extension.
Location	1A Pennys Meade, Ilton

The Parish Council commented that they want to see the existing footpath re-instated as per the comments to the previous application at this address.

App No	16/04618/FUL
Proposal	Demolition of buildings, erection of two dwellings and garaging etc
Location	Hill Farm, Cad Road, Ilton

Application approved with conditions.

2017/46 Correspondence

- (a) Somerset Waste Partnership - Bank Holiday collections.
- (b) Somerset Waste Partnership - February Newsletter.
- (c) Email from the School thanking the Parish Council for the donation.
- (d) Police & Crime Statistics - 102 investigated crimes with 22 arrests and 15 reports of ASB for Area North.
- (e) Letter from David Warburton MP re the proposed new railway station in Somerton or Langport, with an appeal for a contribution towards the feasibility study to get the project moving in earnest. Also with a question of whether this project would benefit your parishioners or not.

One Councillor commented that any spare local funding should be used to improve the local public transport first. Some people can't even leave their own communities let alone get a train to London. Councillors agreed that the money could be better

spent on a decent bus service to Ilminster and Taunton rather than a feasibility study which could still be ignored by the Government.

- (f) Public Space Protection Order - New PSPOs have been agreed to enable officers to continue to enforce that dog owners pick up after their dog fouls and require that dogs are put and kept on leads where requested to do so by an officer. Under the old legislation Town and Parish Councils were able to make their own PSPOs but under the new legislation an order would need to be put in place by the District Council. Three tests will have to be met to apply for an order. The Clerk was asked to check the details. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (g) Clerks & Councils Direct

2017/47 Accounts

- (a) Received from A J Wakely & Sons - £180.00 for interment.
- (b) Balances as at 28/2/2017 - Bus Bank Instant = £597.63 / Treasurers Account = £43,883.95
- (c) The following cheques are to be drawn:
- 000942 - CANCELLED
 - 000943 - £ 186.36 - Salary and Admin expenses February
 - 000944 - £ 40.00 - SSDC - for Land Registry for new field
 - 000945 - £ 211.69 - SSDC - Playground Inspections
 - 000946 - £ 108.60 - HMRC - PAYE
 - 000947 - £ 144.00 - DALC - SW Regional Conference, 2 attendees
 - 000948 - £ 215.00 - Litter Picking Recreation Ground (part) for one year
 - 000949 - £ 540.00 - Zac Bessell, hedgecutting at new field

2017/48 Matters and items to report

- (a) Grass - This is now very long. The Clerk to contact SSDC to find out when it is going to be cut. The verges have already been done. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (b) Dog Fouling - The Clerk has requested a copy of a poster used at a local village. A Councillor said that when posters which the children had made at school were displayed the incidents of fouling decreased. These posters have now disintegrated so it would be good to get some more up. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2017/49 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

The next ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at Merryfield Hall.

The meeting finished at 9.15 p.m.

Lee Hart - Chairman