

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 11th April 2017

2017/50 Attendance and Apologies

Those present:	Apologies	In Attendance
Mr L Hart (Chair)	Mr D Amor (Vice Chair)	PC Toni Lines
Mrs K Board		14 members of the public
Mrs R Burt		
Mr G Mackenzie-Green		
Mrs P Matravers		
Mr D Mico		
Mr I Sherwood		
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)		
Mr C L Hardy (County Councillor)		
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)		

2017/51 Visitors and Public Voice

Ilton Talking / Website

Mr Amor has indicated that the current website "Ilton Talking" which is hosted by BT may no longer be available. The parish council have been offered a new page on the website "Welcome to Ilton".

Speed Watch

So far there has been no contact with the volunteer who helps set up new Speed Watch groups. PC Toni Lines will send him details and ask him to get in contact. The letters to local businesses have not gone out as yet. There are 6 people interested in volunteering for the speed watch.

ACTION - The Clerk

Defibrillator

The parish council have received three donations of £50 plus several emails from local businesses who wish to donate. The group fund raising for the defibrillator would like the parish council to purchase the equipment so that the VAT can be reclaimed. The unit will be purchased through the South West Ambulance Service. Maintenance for 4 years is included in the price as well as training and replacement if the unit is stolen or damaged.

Mr G Mackenzie-Green

Mr Mackenzie-Green wished to make a statement to the Council and to the public in attendance. He said that during the 3 years he has been a parish councillor he has had a lot of negative comments including being accused of personal gain. However he feels responsible for starting a rumour that there is to be a road in the field. The 'road' is likely to be a track. He is concerned that he may have compromised the council and offered his resignation if councillors wish to accept it. The Chairman replied that his apology is accepted and he does not wish him to resign. Councillors unanimously agreed that they do not wish Mr Mackenzie-Green to resign. The Chairman thanked him for his apology.

2017/52 Report by County Councillor

Councillor Le Hardy summarised his report for the month. A new social enterprise scheme for the disability service is receiving good feedback and should modernise the service. The new junction 25 on the M5 is going ahead. There will be an election at the beginning of May and Councillor Le Hardy said it has been a pleasure to work with Ilton during the last 4 years. The Chairman thanked him for representing Ilton at the County Council.

2017/53 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tues 14/03/2017

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

2017/54 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

(a) Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Mr Ian Welch has volunteered to come onto the parish council but was unable to attend this evening's meeting. He is very interested in sporting activities and will be an asset particularly with the new field. The Chairman proposed that he be co-opted onto the parish council, seconded by Mr Sherwood. Councillors agreed unanimously.

(b) School Bus Service

The Clerk received a second email from County to apologise for problems with the bus and saying that the School had not reported any problems. The School had reported problems on several occasions and the Vice Chairman will contact the School. **ACTION - Vice Chairman**

(c) Community Transport

The letter can go out from the parishes rather than the County Councillor due to the imminent election. The final copy will be sent to Ilton's clerk for printing and distribution. The questionnaires all need an address in the village where the completed forms can be dropped off. It was suggested that Ilton have a 'parish council' box which can be used by residents to contact the council. The box will need to be sturdy and mounted on a wall. The bus shelter was suggested or the gate of the overspill car park. The village hall was also suggested. The Clerk to look for a suitable box. It was proposed that we spend up to £150 which was agreed by all councillors. The village hall committee to be asked if the box can go on a wall of the hall.

ACTION - The Clerk

(d) Public Space Protection Order

Parishes can still put up their own "No dogs allowed" signs. The PSPO refers to a formal Order which is not necessary for such signs.

2017/55 Highways

(a) A358 upgrade consultation

This is now open. The last public consultation event will be on Monday 8th May at the Holiday Inn in Taunton. Details are available on the website. It was noted that villages along the A358 will need access onto the road, particularly the business park traffic.

(b) School traffic survey

A survey of the number of cars at the School each morning and afternoon was done between 8 am - 9.15 am and 3 pm - 4.15 pm for just over a week. This showed that there were between 10 - 16 School related cars each morning and afternoon plus between 6 - 17 other vehicles during each period and another 5 to 16 parked cars. The area around the School was very dangerous with cars driving too fast and children running around. The Warren Trust are putting in a car park for approximately 12 cars which is not enough for the traffic in this area. At least 20 spaces are required for safety. All the drivers who were asked said they would use a car park if one was available. Some suggestions were made to have speed ramps, double yellow lines, and "slow" signs. Councillor Le Hardy was asked if he could raise this if he is re-elected. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways for advice.

ACTION - The Clerk

2017/56 Brook Green

Some pruning has been done and everything is looking good. The grass has been cut.

2017/57 Footpaths - There was nothing new to report. Everything is looking good.

2017/58 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 today.
- (c) Complaints - There have been some complaints that the edges of the graves are not trimmed and there are a lot of old artificial flowers around. A notice was pinned to the notice board asking the contractors to be careful not to damage headstones with their machinery. Some strimming is done and councillors felt that the Cemetery is kept in a very nice condition.

2017/59 Recreation Ground

- (a) Inspection Reports - There are no outstanding issues on the inspection reports.
- (b) Yarlington lease - SSDC's legal advisor had some questions which the Clerk referred to the solicitors. The replies have now been sent back to SSDC. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (c) Playdays - Stuart Talbot is arranging 2 playdays in Ilton in the summer and asked if there are any preferences for a particular date and if the parish would like extra activities. It was suggested one of the days could be at a weekend. It was agreed to ask for the Bouncy Castle and Circus Skills at a cost of £290 for both.

ACTION - The Clerk

2017/60 Recreational Development / Playing Field

- (a) Access into the field

The Village Hall trustees have written to say that they are still interested in pursuing the access into the field provided there is no cost to the trustees for legal fees or any current or future maintenance costs.

Two councillors met with the Village Hall and Cricket Club to discuss access. The Cricket Club will need to put safety nets all along the boundary and have requested £17,000 to allow the pedestrian access to cover the cost of the new nets. Councillors were asked if they would approve this expenditure. The request was rejected unanimously. It was agreed to draft a proposal setting out the parish council's offer and for the two councillors to arrange another meeting.

The access at the end of Copse Lane is due to start within the next two weeks.

- (b) Quotes for survey work

Three quotes have been received so far. It was proposed that we accept the lower of the three quotes from West Country Lane Surveys Ltd for £495 plus VAT. All councillors agreed with this proposal.

ACTION - The Clerk

- (c) Dumping

A bush was cut down and thrown into the football field and will have to be removed.

2017/61 Planning Applications

App No 17/01068/AGN
Description Notification of intent to erect a general purpose agricultural building
Location Land at Ilford Farm, Frost Lane, Ilton

Application refused because proposed development is not permitted development.

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

Appeal lodged. (Parish Council had no objections when the application was considered).

2017/62 Correspondence

- (a) Police Report for Area North - 119 investigated crime reported for March with 24 arrests and 18 reports of ASB.
- (b) PCC newsletter
- (c) Somerset Waste Partnership April briefing.

2017/63 Accounts

- (a) Received - £18,470 for the precept and grant
- (b) Balances at 31/3/2017 - Treasurers Account = £42,182.30 / Business Account = £597.65
- (c) Rates bill for the Cemetery received with a 100% discount.
- (d) The following cheques are to be drawn:
 - 000950 - £ 185.18 - Salary and Admin expenses March
 - 000951 - £ 75.00 - Macs Printing for Ilton Talking
 - 000952 - CANCELLED
 - 000953 - £ 130.00 - C Butler, Litter picking (13 weeks)
 - 000954 - £ 400.00 - J A Sherwood, Litter picking (39 weeks plus expenses)
 - 000955 - £ 150.00 - T Mico, Cemetery Notice Board

2017/64 Matters and items to report

- (a) Resignation - Mr Danny Mico presented his resignation to the parish council due to family and work commitments. The Chairman said Mr Mico had been an asset to the council and thanked him for all the work he has done for the village outside the meetings.
- (b) Litter picking - It was noted that a resident has been litter picking in Rod Lane and she was thanked for her efforts.
- (c) Website - A leaflet was recently picked up giving details of a company who will set up and manage a website for parish councils. This will be passed to the Clerk who will check to see if funding is still available for websites. The Ilton Talking site will continue for the time being until something else can be arranged, either a new site or space on the existing "Welcome to Ilton" site - see minute 2017/51 above.

ACTION - The Clerk
- (d) The Chairman thanked members of the public for coming to the meeting.

2017/65 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Date of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 9th May 2017 at Merryfield Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting finished at 9.20 p.m.

Lee Hart - Chairman