

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 13th June 2017

2017/93 Attendance and Apologies

Those present:

Mr L Hart (Chair)
Mr D Amor (Vice Chair)
Ms Marie Bullock
Mrs R Burt
Mr G Mackenzie-Green
Mrs P Matravers
Mr I Sherwood
Mr I Welch
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)

Apologies

Mrs K Board
Mr A Dance (County Councillor)

In Attendance

11 members of the public

2017/94 Visitors and Public Voice

Defibrillator - The invoice has arrived and a cheque was issued to cover the cost of the defibrillator.

Access to new field - Residents are still concerned about the access to the new field being at the end of the Copse Lane. The Chairman reported that unfortunately the Cricket Club have come back with an offer which is much the same as the original offer and would cost in excess of £30,000. To spend this amount just for access would have a detrimental effect on what could be provided on the field. However, the Parish Council will be discussing the offer, and voting on whether to accept it, later in the meeting.

Overspill car park - long term future - Councillors were asked to consider the future long term use of this land. Although it is valuable and could fund development of the field, it was suggested that it should be used as the car park to serve the new playing field. Upgrading this land would not cost as much as building a new one on the field. It would also free up more of the field to be used for recreational purposes and would encourage people to walk from the car park to the field. It would mean that there would be no need for access at the end of the Copse Lane. Councillors will consider the use of the land at the next meeting.

ACTION - July Agenda

Overspill car park - It was confirmed that anyone in the village can use the car park with the permission of the Parish Council. The gates are supposed to be kept locked to deter anyone remaining on the land without permission. Keys are kept by the village hall, the cricket club and the clerk. Anyone who would like to use the car park should request a key.

Village hall car park - Locking bollards have been erected at the entrance to the car park to protect the users of the hall and to stop non-users parking and accruing rights. The cricket club will be offered use for a small fee.

Ilton Talking - Mr Amor will do another edition provided notices are forwarded for inclusion. The Parish Council was asked to write something about the development of the new field.

Steering Group - Previously there were frequent meetings and everyone was kept informed. The last one was in April 2015.

Grass Cutting - There have been several complaints that the grass is not being cut regularly and is not done well. In the Churchyard stones are bumped by the mowers and the pathway is left covered by grass. The Chairman confirmed that the standard of the work has fallen below par and that he has contacted the District Council several times to comment on this. It should be cut every two weeks but it seems that this is not happening. The verges are done less often and are not the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was agreed to contact the District Council again.

Grass Cutting in the Churchyard - The Church would like to take this back in-house so that they can control the quality of the work. The Parish Council is currently on the third year of a three year contract so it can be considered for next year. The Parish Council will be seeking quotes for next year towards the end of the 2017.

2017/95 Report by County Councillor

Mr Dance sent apologies.

2017/96 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2017

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting were agreed and signed.

2017/97 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor - Ms Marie Bullock has offered to come onto the Parish Council. Mr Sherwood proposed she be co-opted, seconded by Mrs Burt. All councillors were in favour and Ms Bullock was duly co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Speedwatch - There has been no more news.

Defibrillator - A cheque for £2,160 was issued.

Parish Council Post Box - The Clerk brought along the new post box with white lettering - Ilton Parish Council. Mr Mackenzie-Green will attach it to the Village Hall wall. The Clerk was asked to get another key cut.

ACTION - The Clerk

Volunteers - are covered by the Parish Council insurance provided they use Council equipment which has been properly tested.

2017/98 Highways

Sign by the School - Highways have replied that there is no such sign - "Caution Children Crossing". However there may be alternative signs.

ACTION - The Clerk

New Car Park - The Clerk to ask Highways if they can provide a "Car Park" sign and how much it will be. There was a swarm of bees in the car park and by the School and a specialist bee keeper removed them.

ACTION - The Clerk

Parking by the Village Green - A resident has been blocking the road around the Village Green. The Clerk to write to the resident.

ACTION - The Clerk

2017/99 Brook Green

Repair to the parapet - This has still not been repaired. Mr Dance will contact Highways. The Clerk to contact Mr Dance.

ACTION - Councillor Dance

Maintenance of trees by Western Power - Hi-Line, on behalf of Western Power, requested authorisation to cut back some of the trees which are touching the power lines. The Clerk authorised the work.

2017/100 Footpaths

Request to divert footpath from Penny's Mead - An alteration to footpath CH15/26 is proposed. The proposed path follows the path which is already being used and councillors had no objections to the proposal.

Two bridges in Frost Lane - The path is accessible to walk but the cow parsley is 12' high. The second bridge is overgrown and Mr Mackenzie-Green will clear it. The stile is also overgrown.

ACTION - Mr Mackenzie-Green

2017/101 Cemetery / Churchyard

(a) Several Councillors reported they had walked around the Cemetery and Churchyard and no problems had been recorded.

(b) Provision of water - The Clerk to complete an application form to Wessex Water for a quotation of the cost of provision of water at the Cemetery. **ACTION - The Clerk**

(c) Maintenance of Churchyard - The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the closed Churchyard. The Church has requested a budget allocation so that they can arrange and oversee the work. This will need to be carefully considered. Once quotes have been received for the grass cutting next year the budget can be considered. Responsibility / liability will also need to be considered. The contractor will need public liability insurance.

(d) Headstones in the Churchyard - The Church requested that if leaning unsafe stones are laid down, the inscription should be remain visible. Unfortunately the very old stones are extremely heavy and specialist machinery would be required to lift them.

All the Parish Council can do is to make them safe by laying them down in the direction in which they are already laying. It would be very expensive to move them.

2017/102 Recreation Ground

- (a) Yarlington Lease - SSDC's legal advisor has advised that there are no problems with the current title documents and the Parish Council can go ahead and approve the transfer document. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (b) Inspection Reports - show nothing new or urgent.
- (c) Closed footpath - The path which was owned by Yarlington has now been sealed off at both ends. All the paperwork has been signed.

2017/103 Recreational Development / Playing Field

- (a) Access into the field - The Cricket Club have come back with a proposal which is only slightly changed from the previous one which was refused as too expensive. An unofficial quote for the work they have requested is approximately £35,000. Councillors commented that the Cricket Club have a duty to fence the playing area adequately to ensure the safety of passers by and nearby properties. Reference was made to the use of the overspill car park by the Cricket Club which is not guaranteed for the future. Should the Parish Council choose to sell the land to fund development of the field there will be no parking facilities nearby. A comment was made that there are a lot of people from outside the village who use the Cricket Club.

Alternatives for access are:

- pedestrian access to the gate which was removed. The Cricket Club have requested £17,000 for this option to include new nets, land for storage of covers and mobile net, plus full use of the overspill car park in perpetuity;
- vehicle access to a new car park for which the Cricket Club have requested facilities which would cost in excess of £35,000;
- vehicle access at the end of Copse Lane;
- pedestrian access along the footpath which runs alongside the Cricket Club boundary for which the Cricket Club has suggested a flag system to protect people from balls.

The South Somerset Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation has identified the Cricket Club's need to expand its boundaries and Councillors asked how they can expand except into the field held by the Parish Council.

Mrs Burt proposed that the latest proposal from the Cricket Club be refused, seconded by Mr Sherwood. Mrs Burt's proposal was agreed unanimously.

- (b) Location of new car park - Several suggestions have been made. However Councillors were told that it is too early to come to any definite conclusions. Once we have the draft plan from SSDC decisions can be made. Plans should be back by August and then a public consultation can take place.
- (c) Goal posts - These need replacing. Advice has been received that a club should be set up as soon as possible to apply for grants. A name is needed and a committee. New goals will cost £7,000 and if funding is available the Parish Council will pay half the cost with the other half met by the grant. It should be possible to use some of the Section 106 money being held for Ilton. The new goals will be on wheels. It is hoped that a decision on funding will be made by 28th June. Councillors agreed that Mr Welch can go ahead with the application.
- (d) South Somerset Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation - Ilton has done a survey of local children to see what facilities they would like. This will be fed back to the strategy consultation. Mr Welch has also done some work on the playing pitch strategy.
- (e) Ditch Digging - Request for quotes have been sent to 3 companies.

2017/104 Planning Applications

App No 17/02034/LBC
Proposal Replacement windows
Location Furzeley Farm, Main Street, Ilton
Councillors had no objections to the proposal.

App No 17/01662/FUL
Proposal Erection of four dwelling houses (amended design) re-submission of 15/04037/FUL
Location Wyndham Arms, Main Street, Ilton
Councillors had no objections to the proposal.

App No 17/02375/FUL
Proposal Remove roof from rear single storey extension, build first floor on top etc
Location 10 Bradleys, Main Street, Ilton
Councillors had no objections to the proposal.

App No 16/04404/FUL
Proposal Erection of 12 metre shortwave amateur radio mast and antenna
Location 12 Cottage Corner, Main Street, Ilton
The appeal is allowed subject to conditions

2017/105 Correspondence

- (a) Police Report for May - 150 investigated crimes with 26 arrests and 26 reports of ASB for Area North.

2017/106 Accounts

- (a) Balances @ 30/5/2017 - Treasurers Account = £58,638.43 / Business Bank Instant = £597.70. (Note that the grass cutting invoice has not yet been received.)
- (b) The following cheques are to be drawn:
- 000962 - £ 117.60 - HMRC - PAYE
 - 000963 - £ 15.00 - Somerset Playing Fields Association - subscription
 - 000964 - £ 594.00 - West Country Land Surveys Ltd - survey of field
 - 000965 - £ 257.24 - Salary and admin expenses June
 - 000966 - £2,160.00 - South West Ambulance Service - defibrillator
 - 000967 - £ 400.00 - Love Musgrove MRI Campaign - grant

2017/107 Grants

Musgrove Park Hospital are running an appeal to buy an MRI Scanner so that local people will not have to make the journey to Bristol for a scan. The Parish Council were asked if they could contribute towards the appeal. Mr Hart proposed making a grant of £400, seconded by Mr Mackenzie-Green. All Councillors were in favour.

2017/108 Matters and items to report

- (a) Grass Cutting - the farmer will cut the field for hay.
- (b) Grass Cutting for Yarlinton tenants - Yarlinton will no longer cut the grass for their tenants, only for those in sheltered housing. Residents will have to arrange for their own grass to be cut.
- (c) Local Plan - Work has begun on a new local plan and also on the design of new housing.
- (d) Provision of extra litter bins - A new litter bin and dog bin have been agreed for the new field. It was agreed to wait and see how this affects litter in the village.

2017/109 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at Merryfield Hall

The meeting finished at 10 p.m.

Lee Hart - Chairman