

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 12th March 2019

2019/37 Attendance and Apologies

Those present:

Mr D Amor (Chair)
Mr I Sherwood (Vice Chair)
Mrs R Burt
Mrs M Bullock
Mrs Jan Easterbrook
Mr George Fox
Mrs S Hill
Mrs P Matravers
Mr I Welch
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)

Apologies

Mr A Dance (County Councillor)

In Attendance

Mr Malcolm Cavill
Mrs Victoria Le-Fort
Ms Hayley Wakeford

2019/38 Public Voice

Mrs Le-Fort and Ms Wakeford attended on behalf of the Gardening Plotolders Group.

2019/39 County Councillor Report - Mr Dance sent apologies.

2019/40 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12th February 2019

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

2019/41 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

There were no separate matters not on the agenda.

2019/42 Highways

Missing Village Hall Sign - The sign was collected by Highways from the resident on 9/1/2019 and passed to the area Traffic Engineer. It has still not been replaced.

2019/43 Brook Green

Rotten handrail - A resident reported that the handrail on the bridge had rotted at the bottom and the fixings had come away making the bridge very dangerous. The village handyman was asked to repair it which he did on the same day.

2019/44 Footpaths

The footpath from Pennys Mead towards the Airfield (CH 15/26) - the access to this footpath was part of the planning conditions for development at this site. Mr Amor will go back to SCC to clarify what is happening. **ACTION - Mr Amor**

2019/45 Cemetery / Churchyard

Inspections - Councillors have regularly walked around the Cemetery and Churchyard and done a wiggle test and no problems have been recorded.

2019/46 Recreation Ground Play Park

(a) Inspection Reports - Nothing new or urgent.

(b) Playday 2019 - the date suggested is Monday 19th August 1 - 4 p.m. Councillors considered a list of optional extras and chose to have the Bouncy Castle at £180 and Reptiles/Snakes at £150, a total of £330.00. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2019/47 Recreational Development / Playing Field

- (a) Football Pitch - A meeting was held yesterday morning (11th March) with Mike Smith the contractor and Gary Slade the project manager to discuss the work on the pitch in more detail. Mr Slade raised several issues and a meeting is planned tomorrow afternoon (13th March) with SSDC, Gary Slade and members of the Parish Council to discuss the contract and specification of the pitch suitable for the grant application.
ACTION - Councillors, The Clerk
- (b) Community Gardens - The Memorandum of Understanding between the Group and the Parish Council was signed by the Chairman, the Clerk and the two representatives of the Group.
- (c) Gym Equipment - Mr Welch is sourcing quotes for the outdoor gym equipment. Several members of the Youth Club are interested in becoming involved with the choice of items.
ACTION - Mr Welch
- (d) MUGA - There are a number of organisations using the MUGA including the Cricket Club. It is being well used on Saturday mornings. Currently we are asking £5 per hour.
There have been some comments about the lights being on every evening when there is no-one using the MUGA. The lights currently come on at dusk and switch off automatically at 9 p.m. It is not practical to have someone come every evening to turn them on and then off again. It is also mostly in the winter. The Clerk to check the on-line account to see the cost of the lights because no emails have been received from the electricity supplier.
ACTION - The Clerk
- (e) Wildlife Area/Ecologist Report - A walk round was organised with a local ecologist. He will draft some outline suggestions for the field. He is also prepared to do a 5 year maintenance plan for the long term management of the field. Mrs Hill is keen to make a start on the wildlife areas of the field and to plant some trees and bushes and order some seating.
- (f) Signs - Most of the new signs have been put up.
- (g) Notice Board - This has arrived and will be put up alongside the path to the MUGA.
- (h) Dog Bin - The dog bin has been moved from the lane opposite the Cemetery to beside the path in the Playing Field. SSDC have been informed of the new location.

2019/48 General Maintenance

Ranger - The work he is doing is very good. He will be doing the Play Park next time and the Churchyard and strimming the car park. Councillors were asked to let Mr Sherwood know if they had any suggestions for work which needs to be done. It was agreed to ask the Ranger to look at the safety of the trees during his next visit.

2019/49 Planning Applications

App No	19/00234/OUT
Proposal	Erection of new 2/3 bedroom cottage in land adjoining Willow Cottage
Location	Willow Cottage, Church Road, Ilton

Additional information was received in connection with this planning application.

Councillors previously expressed concern because the photographs submitted with the plan, and the plan itself, did not show the pedestrian footway or the chicane at this location.

The additional information was considered by the Parish Council. Councillors are very concerned about the safety of this proposal. The plans do not show the chicane which has been at this location for some 5 years. This narrows the road to half the usual width. Consequently cars will be on the wrong side of the road due to the chicane and the new development which is opposite this property.

App No 19/00263/FUL
Proposal Alterations to infill front porch to form extension etc
Location The Folly Nursery, Church Road, Ilton

Councillors had no objections to this proposal.

2019/50 Correspondence

- (a) Police Report - there have been 174 investigated crime reported for the month February 2019 with 27 arrests and 29 reports of ASB.
- (b) Somerset Waste Partnership February 2019 briefing.
- (c) Somerset Waste Partnership holiday collection dates.
- (d) Notice from BHIB, the Council's insurers, reminding councils about tree safety.
- (e) Love Musgrove to say they have reached £1 million for the new MRI scanner for Musgrove Hospital.
- (f) Clerks & Councils Direct.

2019/51 Accounts payments and receipts

- (a) Balances @ 28/2/2019 - Treasurers Account = £50,591.95 / Business Account = £2,782.46
- (b) The following cheques were raised:
 - 001095 - £ 506.16 - SSDC Ranger Jan, Feb, March
 - 001096 - £ 5307.15 - SSDC Grass 2018
 - 001097 - £ 57.60 - Eagle Plant, container February
 - 001098 - £ 211.69 - SSDC Playground Inspection 4th Quarter
 - 001099 - £ 297.82 - S Morley - Salary and Administration February
 - 001100 - £ 192.00 - HMRC, paye

2019/52 Matters and items to report

Parking in Copse Lane - Cars often park too close to the corner which causes problems with visibility. A white line at the junction to the cul-de-sac should discourage this. The Clerk to contact Highways. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2019/53 May Elections and Nomination Forms - The Clerk had collected the nomination forms for the forthcoming elections in May. Mr Amor has decided not to stand again for the Parish Council. The remaining 8 councillors completed the forms which the Clerk will hand deliver back to SSDC.

2019/54 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at Merryfield Hall

The meeting finished at 8.30 p.m.

Dave Amor - Chairman