

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 9th April 2019

2019/55 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
Mr I Welch
Mr A Dance (County Councillor)
Mrs S Steele (District Councillor)
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)

Apologies

Mrs S Hill
Mrs P Matravers

In Attendance

Mr Malcolm Cavill
8 members of the public

2019/56 Public Voice

(a) Planning - The Resident of Willow Cottage attended to discuss the planning application for the property and to ask why the Parish Council had put in some objections to the proposal. It was explained that the Parish Council felt that the access to the new building would be unsafe due to the proximity of the road narrowing chicane. It was also explained that the Parish Council is consulted but does not approve or reject the application. It will be up to the District Council, which is the planning authority, to take advice from other agencies such as Highways, and for the District Council to decide whether to approve or reject the plans.

(b) Youth Club - The Youth Club is going well with around 20 children attending each week. The children are doing a sponsored run to help with the gym equipment. They would also like to repaint the bus shelter. It was agreed that the Parish Council will provide the paint. There is a new notice board inside the shelter which will not be locked and is available for everyone to use.

(c) Social media - Vikki Le-Fort is posting information on social media for the village. She would like to do a short piece on every councillor so that everyone in the village is aware of who the parish councillors are.

(d) Thanks expressed to Chairman - The resident of Frost Farm attended to thank Dave Amor, the retiring Chairman, for all the years he has given to the Parish Council. In those years people have worked together, including Mr Amor's family, and a lot has been achieved. These comments were echoed by other councillors present.

(e) Planning - The resident of Frost Farm also attended to answer any questions about the planning application for the property. It was agreed to bring the planning item forward in the agenda so that the resident can answer any questions Councillors may have.

2019/57 County Councillor Report

- (a) Councillor Dance reported that the timetable for the Ilton bus will be changed to give much better connections as from 7th May to help Ilton residents with visits to the Doctor in Ilminster and to Taunton. He will keep pushing for a Saturday service but this is good news so far. The new timetable will be circulated on the social media site.
ACTION - The Clerk
- (b) The issue of the footpath at Pennys Mead is still ongoing and Councillor Dance will keep chasing this. It was originally part of the planning consent.
- (c) There are a lot of break-ins which are happening during the day and residents should be vigilant. There have also been a number of acid attacks on cars.

Councillor Dance left the meeting after his report.

2019/58 Planning Applications

There have been a large number of applications received this month.

- (a) App No 19/00685/FUL
Proposal Alterations to access and the erection of a dwelling
Location Frost Farm, Frost Lane, Ilton

Ilton Parish Council considered the above application and have no objections to the proposal.

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

Ilton Parish Council considered the amended plans / additional information in respect of the above application. Whilst the Parish Council has no objections to the new building, there are still concerns about the access from the new building to the road.

The drawings submitted with this plan show a pedestrian footway continuing in front of the property whereas in fact the pedestrian footway finishes to the east of the property at the chicane and then continues from the chicane on the opposite side of the road. There is no footway outside Willow Cottage.

The new layout for access/entrance to the new property is not, in the opinion of the parish council, an improvement on the previous layout. The parish council considers it is more dangerous because it is now immediately opposite the chicane. Cars will be approaching the village on the right hand side of the road (ie the wrong side of the road) to go through the chicane which will be immediately next to the revised position of the exit / entrance to the new property.

- (c) App No 19/00631/HOU
Proposal Alterations and erection of single storey rear extension and entrance porch to side of dwellinghouse.
Location Burleaze Farm Cottage, Cad Road, Ilton

Ilton Parish Council considered the above application and have no objections to the proposal.

- (d) App No 19/03502/FUL
Proposal Erection of new dwelling with car port and new vehicular access
Location Land at Furzeley Farm, Main Street, Ilton

Ilton Parish Council considered the amended plans and additional application for the above application and have no objections to the proposal.

- (e) App No 19/00562/HOU
Proposal Demolition of existing single storey gable extension to be replaced with two storey and porch
Location 33 Copse Lane, Ilton

Ilton Parish Council considered the above application and have no objections to the proposal.

- (f) App No 19/00890/HOU
Proposal Demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement double garage and workshop
Location Glendale, Frost Lane, Ilton

Ilton Parish Council considered the above application and have no objections to the proposal.

- (g) The Parish Council has been approached regarding a proposed residential development on the field adjoining St Peters Close. Before the proposal goes to planning, the developers are asking if the Parish Council would like the opportunity to have an input on the type of housing that might be considered - eg starter homes, homes to rent, family homes, bungalows etc. The Clerk to contact the developers to ask if they would like a site meeting to discuss this. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2019/59 Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2019

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

2019/60 Matters arising from the minutes and any subsequent action taken

There were no separate matters not on the agenda.

2019/61 Highways

- (a) Missing Village Hall Sign - This has not yet been replaced.
- (b) White Lines in Copse Lane - Highways have replied that they no longer provide markings for problem parking. The Police can consider any obstructive parking.

2019/62 Brook Green

There were no reports of any issues. The area is looking nice.

2019/63 Footpaths

The footpath from Pennys Mead towards the Airfield (CH 15/26) - this issue is still outstanding.

2019/64 Cemetery / Churchyard

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

2019/65 Recreation Ground Play Park

Inspection Reports - Nothing new or urgent has been reported.

2019/66 Recreational Development / Playing Field

- (a) Football Pitch - A meeting took place on 13th March with SSDC, Gary Slade the Project Manager and members of the Parish Council. In order to be eligible to apply for the 106 grant money from SSDC for the football pitch, the quote needs to be in an approved format and contractors must be quoting for the same specification. Tenders will need to be sent out again in the approved format. A specification and contract is being prepared by SSDC with input from Gary Slade and will be sent out as soon as it is ready. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (b) Community Gardens - have been fenced and marked out. Every plot has been taken and there is a waiting list. The removed turf has been piled at the side to rot down.
- (c) Gym Equipment - Quotes have been obtained from 3 companies for gym equipment. Several members of the Youth Club had expressed an interest in some of the pieces of equipment and some of these items have been included in the quote. The quote also includes some disabled equipment. The quote from Freshair Fitness was approved by all councillors. Mr Welch has asked Larkfleet if they would be willing to sponsor the gym equipment. **ACTION - Mr Welch**

- (d) MUGA - The MUGA is being well used. The Clerk reported that the electricity meter has not been read and payments are for the standing charge only. The Clerk will read the meter at her next visit. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (e) Wildlife Area/Ecologist Report - The ecologist would like to walk around the field again on 16th April from 10.30 a.m. before he prepares his final interim report. He has also offered to draft a more detailed review plus a 5 year management plan at an expected cost of £495.00 including expenses (although this quote to be confirmed once he has completed his interim report). Several councillors are available to come along on the walk round.
- (f) Notice Board - The new notice board has been put up alongside the path.
- (g) Grass Cutting - The temporary football pitch and path around the field have been cut. The main park of the field will need to be cut in June.
- (h) Larkfleet Compound - Larkfleet requested permission to extend the compound for another 12 months for the storage of topsoil. Fencing will be extended around the extended area. The Clerk emailed the request to all councillors and there were no objections to this proposal.
- (i) Perimeter Path - Councillors felt that the perimeter path need not be delayed until the football pitch has been completed. It can go outside the temporary football pitch and the compound. The Clerk to get new quotes. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (j) Goal Posts - These need to be removed. It was suggested that Larkfleet may be able to dispose of them. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2019/67 General Maintenance

Ranger - The Churchyard and Car Park have been sprayed.

2019/68 Correspondence

- (a) There have been 207 investigated crime reported with 32 arrests and 22 reports of ASB for Area North for the month of May.
- (b) Somerset Waste Partnership March briefing.

2019/69 Accounts payments and receipts

- (a) Balances @ 28/3/2019 - Treasurers Account = £43,570.38 / Business Account = £2,782.57.
- (b) The money being held by SSDC which was given by the Warren Trust is not time limited. Some of this has been drawn down to pay for the football pitch and the Clerk has suggested that it be deposited in the Business Account for the time being. This was agreed.
- (c) Ilton Parish Council has received the sum of £1,896 as a CIL payment in respect of the new houses at the Wyndham Arms. The money is similar to 106 money in that it is intended to be spent on anything that deals with the demands that development places on the area, such as transport infrastructure, open spaces, educational facilities, medical facilities, sporting and other recreational facilities, affordable housing, a neighbourhood plan etc. The money is time limited to 5 years and should ideally be placed in a separate bank account. The Clerk to look at opening a separate bank account for the money when it is received. **ACTION - The Clerk**

Councillors were asked for proposals for the money, to come back to the meeting next month. **ACTION - Agenda Item May**

- (d) The following cheques were raised:

001101 - £ 520.00 - J Sherwood Litter picking
 001102 - £ 330.00 - Stuart Talbot Playday extra activities
 001103 - £ 260.00 - N Mackenzie Green litter picking
 001104 - £ 60.48 - Eagle Plant, container March

001105 - £ 323.05 - S Morley - Salary and Administration March
001106 - £ 82.90 - R Burt

2019/70 Christmas Tree

The hole for the tree needs to be in place ready for the tree in December. Mrs Burt will arrange for the hole with a cover. Mrs Easterbrook will help organise the lights for the tree. Consideration to be given to ordering the tree in September or October. Councillors thought it would be nice idea to have a lighting up ceremony.

ACTION - Mrs Burt / Mrs Easterbrook / Agenda Item September

2019/71 Matters and items to report

A presentation was made to retiring District Councillor Sue Steele, and retiring Chairman Dave Amor. Mr Amor expressed his thanks and appreciation to Councillor Steele for the many years of working together and all her help and support with the many projects and achievements in Ilton. Councillor Steele replied that it had been a pleasure to work with Mr Amor. Councillors expressed regret that both Councillor Steele and Mr Amor are both standing down at this election.

2019/72 Election

There are 9 nominations for the 9 vacancies on the Parish Council. The means there will not be an election and all 9 persons nominated will become councillors.

2019/73 Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 14th May 2019 at Merryfield Hall immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting finished at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman of the Parish Council