

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

COVID - 19 EMERGENCY

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held by remote connection using Zoom on

Tuesday 14th October 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Members of the public were invited to attend the remote meeting using Zoom and to contact the Clerk prior to the meeting with any questions or comments they wished to make. Due to time constraints members of the public were advised that they would not be able to speak at the meeting.

2020/124 Attendance and Apologies

Those present by video link:	Apologies	In Attendance
Mr I Sherwood (Chair)	Mrs M Bullock	4 members of the public
Mrs R Burt (Vice Chair)	Mrs P Matravers	
Mrs J Bennett	Mr M Cavill (District Councillor)	
Mrs S Hill		
Mr G Mackenzie-Green		
Mr D Mico		
Mr A Dance (County Councillor)		
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)		
Mr Guy Danvers		

Those present by phone:

Mrs J Easterbrook

2020/125 **Declarations of Interest** - There were no declarations of interest.

2020/126 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday 8th September 2020.

The minutes were agreed and will be signed when this is possible.

2020/127 Planning Applications

Planning Applications - to date there have been 4 applications which were forwarded to councillors by email.

- (a) App No 20/02388/FUL
Proposal Erection of five dwellings with associated landscaping, parking provision and alterations to access.
Location Drakes Farm Church Road Ilton Ilminster

Councillors considered the application. There were some objections to the proposal but by a majority vote there were no objections. Two residents have objected.

- (b) Application: 20/02782/HOU
Proposal: Replacement of conservatory and raised patio with a single storey rear extension and raised terrace (decking area) together with garage etc.
Location: Lamorna Rod Lane Ilton Ilminster

Councillors considered the application and there were no objections to the proposal.

- (c) Application: 19/03505/FUL
Proposal: Erection of 15 dwellings, formation of new access & associated works
Location: Land OS 3875 Part St Peters Close, Ilton

This application was due to be considered by the Area North Committee in August but has been postponed until 28 October. We will know if the 15 house application is on the agenda 5 days before the meeting. **ACTION - Mrs Burt/Mr Mackenzie-Green**

- (d) App No 20/02356/HOU
 Proposal Erection of single storey extension to side of dwelling
 Location 21 Spurwells Ilton Ilminster TA19 9HP

Councillors considered the application and there were no objections to the proposal.

- (e) App No 20/02670/HOU
 Proposal Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension and reordering
 Location 7 Pennys Meade Ilton Ilminster TA19 9HH

Councillors considered the application and there were no objections to the proposal.

2020/128 County Councillor Report

Councillor Dance sent his latest report by email which has also been shared on the Facebook page. The Secretary of State has very recently written to all councils in Somerset to say that Somerset would become a unitary authority. The exact mix is not decided yet, it could be one or two unitaries and the future of North Somerset and Banes is not decided. There is a lot of disquiet about the fact that it is all being pushed through during a pandemic and Somerset residents will not get enough of a say in their future.

Next year in May there should be an election for the County Council but it is likely that this will be delayed for a year. Councillor Dance felt this is wrong because councillors are elected for four years, not five.

Planning policy is changing. There is not enough social housing being built.

2020/129 Accounts Payments and Receipts

- (a) Balances @ 30/09/2020 - Treasurers Account = £42,669.10 / 30 day account = £37,812.79.
- (b) The following cheques were raised:
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| 001215 | - £ 1,176.00 | - Arbor Tech PTS Ltd, Cemetery trees |
| 001216 | - £ 865.80 | - SSDC Ranger Labour June / July |
| 001217 | - £ 346.32 | - SSDC Ranger Labour August |
| 001218 | - £ 114.00 | - Elite Playgrounds - Inspections |
| 001219 | - £ 7,781.82 | - Parsons Landscapes, Football pitch |
| 001220 | - £ 390.83 | - Salary & admin expenses, inc 2 mths Zoom |
| 001221 | - | CANCELLED |
| 001222 | - £ 109.36 | - G Danvers, reimbursement items for grass cutting |
| 001223 | - £ 35.00 | - I Sherwood, reimbursement chain for tractor |

2020/130 Recreational Development / Playing Field

- (a) Perimeter Footpath - Work started the week beginning 28th September 2020. At the date of the meeting about one third has been done although the rain at the moment is slowing things down.
- (b) Skate Park - Mr Mico has received three tenders which have been circulated to the Councillors for consideration. Only one company has visited the site. The three tenders are very similar and Councillors remarked that they are not inclined to accept the tender of a company that did not visit the site. Several councillors said that they had not been able to download and read all the tenders and requested more time to consider them because they had been sent out very recently. It was agreed that the Clerk would print two copies of the tender from Maverick who had visited the site.

ACTION - The Clerk / Agenda Item November

Maverick had indicated that grant funding should be available for the skate park and that they are prepared to work with the Council to access these grants. The Council needs to prove that the community wish to have a skate park.

In order to gauge the interest of the children of the village Mr Mackenzie-Green and Mr Danvers spoke to children waiting at the school bus stop with Mr Mackenzie-Green's son. They also spoke to children in the Play Park and at the Playing Field and to the Headteacher at the School. A total of 73 children were asked for their opinion: 54 wanted a skate park and 52 wanted a BMX track. 33 boys want a football team, as do 28 girls.

There were several complaints about the children being spoken to without their parents being present. If a survey is done in the future children will be consulted with their families.

A discussion followed about the amount of money the Parish Council should earmark for the skate park. No agreement was reached.

- (c) Grass Cutting - The tractor has been delivered and is now secured with a heavy chain in the container. We are still waiting for the lawn mower which should come at the end of the year.

Mr Mico will arrange for the tickets for the volunteers. We have until February to get the training completed.

The tractor will need to go on the road to access the Churchyard and will therefore need road tax and road insurance. Mr Mackenzie-Green is liaising with a company in Bath who offer good rates for this type of thing. Things are being delayed at the moment because the Parish Council cannot be shown as the registered keeper of the vehicle and it will need to be registered to Mr Mackenzie-Green. Once it has been registered insurance can be arranged and then the vehicle can be taxed. In the meantime it can work in the field.

ACTION - Mr Mackenzie-Green

- (d) Container - A quote for the alarm has proved to be very expensive and new quotes will be arranged.
- (e) Football Pitch - The Project Manager has signed off the work on the pitch. The contractor plans to come back once the ground is softer to roll the pitch. Any remaining bumps should flatten out over time. The contractor has finished cutting the grass and it will now be up to the Parish Council to arrange further cutting. An invoice has been submitted with a 2.5% retention to ensure that the pitch is satisfactory. The pitch will need weed killer next year. It will be cut this week to about 1.5".
- (f) Ilton Garden Plots - The fence will be done once the ground is softer.
- (g) Larkfleet Compound - There has been no more contact from Larkfleet. Work is ongoing in the compound. The Clerk to chase them. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (h) New Trees - an application for 100 small decorative trees has been submitted to the Woodland Trust for delivery in March.
- (i) Benches - The order for the picnic benches has been delayed. However they are still on order and should arrive. The new metal benches will be ordered once the path is done. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (j) Boules - Mr Mackenzie-Green reported that a boules pitch is likely to cost around £1,400. No decision was taken about whether to have boules or not.
- (k) Further Development - Mr Mico suggested that the Parish Council ask a professional designer to draw up a plan for further development on the Playing Field. He circulated a mood board showing various things such as willow tunnels, a willow dome, bowls, a large chess set etc. The Clerk will speak to SSDC who drew up the original plan for the Field to see if they can do this. **ACTION - The Clerk**

Councillor Dance left the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

- (l) Bulbs - Mrs Hill has ordered tulip and daffodil bulbs and would like to get some ornamental grass to plant around the bulbs and the trees which were planted earlier this year. It was agreed to have ornamental grass. **ACTION - Mrs Hill**

2020/131 Cemetery

The two cypress trees have been removed. Mrs Hill has ordered replacement trees which should arrive next week.

2020/132 Churchyard

There was nothing to report in connection with the Churchyard.

2020/133 Recreation Ground Play Park

Mrs Bullock has reported that the ungated entrance in the cul de sac off Copse Lane is very muddy and is quite slippery.

2020/134 Brook Green

Seating - The Cemetery tree wood has been cut into 6' lengths so that some rustic benches can be made. There is still one metal bench at Brook Green. One Councillor felt that it would be better to use railway sleepers to make benches. It was commented that if railway sleepers are used, they must be new ones or they will stain clothing. Sleepers cost about £30 each. The conifer wood is sappy and that could stain clothing. After discussion it was agreed to return the two benches from Brook Green which have been repaired and are now in the Playing Field back to Brook Green. **ACTION - Mr Mackenzie-Green**

2020/135 Footpaths

Mrs Bennett will walk the footpaths and report back at the next meeting.

ACTION - Mrs Bennett

2020/136 Highways

Potholes have been marked for repair.

2020/137 General Maintenance - Ranger Scheme

Mr Sherwood reported that the Ranger is doing a very good job.

2020/138 Issues raised by residents by email

There were no issues raised by residents not already covered on the agenda.

2020/139 Issues councillors wish to raise or to report

There were no issues raised by councillors not already covered on the agenda.

2020/140 Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Ilton Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10th November by Zoom or in the Village Hall according to government advice nearer the time.

The meeting finished at 8.45 p.m.

Ian Sherwood Chairman