

## ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

### COVID - 19 EMERGENCY

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

Tuesday 9th February 2021 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.

#### 2021/22 Attendance and Apologies

| Those present by video link:   | Apologies                         | In Attendance           |
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| Mr I Sherwood (Chair)          | Mrs M Bullock                     | 2 members of the public |
| Mrs J Bennett                  | Mr M Cavill (District Councillor) |                         |
| Mr Guy Danvers                 |                                   |                         |
| Mrs J Easterbrook              |                                   |                         |
| Mrs S Hill                     |                                   |                         |
| Mr G Mackenzie-Green           |                                   |                         |
| Mr D Mico                      |                                   |                         |
| Mr A Dance (County Councillor) |                                   |                         |
| Mrs S Morley (Clerk)           |                                   |                         |

#### Those present by phone:

Mrs R Burt (Vice Chair)

**2021/23 Declarations of Interest** - There were no declarations of interest.

**2021/24 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday 12/01/21.**

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

**2021/25 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

**2021/26 County Councillor Report**

Councillor Dance's report was circulated to all Councillors. He reported that at the moment elections will be going ahead in May.

**2021/27 Planning Applications**

Planning Applications - there were no new planning applications this month.

Application: 19/03505/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 15 dwellings, formation of new access and associated works

Location: Land OS 3875 Part St Peters Close, Ilton

This application is due to be considered by the Area North Committee but has been postponed. We do not have a new date at the moment.

**2021/28 Accounts Payments and Receipts**

(a) The following cheque was received:- £24.69 Wayleave payment from Western Power.

(b) Cheques - the following cheques were raised this month:

001259 - £ 931.00 - Crewkerne Horticultural, lawn mower

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| 001260 | - £ 358.08 | - Salary and admin expenses      |
| 001261 | - £ 213.20 | - HMRC, Paye                     |
| 001262 | - £ 71.96  | - P A Hill, Cherry trees         |
| 001263 | - £ 114.00 | - Elite Playgrounds, Inspections |
| 001264 | - £ 25.00  | - SALC, training                 |

## 2021/29 Recreational Development / Playing Field

- (a) Perimeter Footpath - Mr Mackenzie-Green and Mr Danvers have dug trenches to take the water away and the path can now be walked. A councillor asked if the path is to be extended to the entrance to the new development. This will be done when work resumes in the Spring.
- (b) Larkfleet Compound - Rubbish has been stacked up but the compound is not clear yet. There are concrete blocks and steel rods and debris under the soil. Some of the fencing has been taken down and Mr Mackenzie-Green and Mr Danvers cleared it away. At the moment the compound is not cleared sufficiently to allow for cutting the grass because with the amount of debris the machinery will be damaged. Mrs Burt reported that she has spoken to Larkfleet who have assured her that the compound will be cleared and left in a good condition. The mound is part of the Larkfleet estate and will be managed by a Management Company for the estate.
- (c) Pond - Larkfleet have confirmed that they are responsible for the pond.
- (d) Drainage by the pond - Channels have been dug to the pond which has cleared a lot of the water from that part of the field.
- (e) Ditch by the MUGA - the ditch by the MUGA has been opened through the hedge into the adjoining field where it can run into a culvert and into the stream. A 10" pipe will be put through so that the ditch will continue to drain.
- (f) Trees and Shrubs - A 5' tall beech tree was kindly donated by a resident in the village and has been planted in a corner of the field. The resident has done soil samples of the field and will give Mrs Hill a list of trees and shrubs which should grow well in the field. There is a horse chestnut ready to be planted but at the moment the field is too wet and it will be planted when it is drier. The resident has also offered to donate more trees.
- (g) Skate Park - Mr Mackenzie-Green has taken over responsibility for the skate park from Mr Mico. A consultation cannot be held at the moment because of Covid restrictions. Mrs Bennett will work with Mr Mackenzie-Green to draft a questionnaire based on a model provided by Maverick and deliver it to every house in the village. Printing will cost £115.00. The procedure will be: consultation, design, seed money, planning, grants. Mr Mackenzie-Green proposed the expenditure the £115.00 for printing the consultation, seconded by Mr Sherwood. All councillors were in favour. At the next meeting Councillors to decide how much the parish council are prepared to put towards the project. **ACTION - Agenda Item March**
- (h) Tractor and Grass Cutting - The tractor has been road taxed.
- (i) Community Gardens - The fencing for the Gardens has been delivered and it is hoped that the people using the gardens will help to do the fencing once it is dry enough.

**2021/30 Cemetery** - There was nothing to report in connection with the Cemetery.

**2021/31 Churchyard** - there was nothing new to report.

## 2021/32 Recreation Ground Play Park

It was suggested that another gate is put at the open entrance to the Play Park to stop dogs getting in. It would also make children more secure.

**2021/33 Brook Green**

The Police have identified several vehicles seen around the Brook Green area and will speak to the owners.

**2021/34 Footpaths**

A Councillor raised the issue that there is no footpath or cycle lane from Ilton to Ilminster. Before the by-pass was built there were two footpaths to Ilminster but now they cross the by-pass which is unsafe for pedestrians. There is a tunnel underneath the bypass but this is for water and there is a bridge which is blocked. It was suggested that we work with Ashill and lobby Highways to put a footpath / cycle path down the A358.

**2021/35 Highways**

- (a) There are a lot of potholes needing attention.
- (b) It was noted that we are still lobbying Highways to get a second entrance onto the A358 when it is upgraded.

**2021/36 General Maintenance - Ranger Scheme**

The Ranger is still working in the Churchyard. There have been a number of incidents of flytipping which the Clerk reported and these have been cleared by SSDC.

**2021/37 Parish Plan** - This is still on hold at the moment due to lockdown restrictions.

**2021/38 War Memorial**

A price has been requested for plaques and a cross. It is hoped that we will have something by November this year.

**2021/39 Issues raised by residents by email** - There were no issues raised by residents.

**2021/40 Issues councillors wish to raise or to report**

- (a) A Councillor mentioned the current drive being promoted on TV to improve the quality of village life by planting trees and flowers. A lot of people are concerned about climate change. Given the current interest, are there a group of people in the village who would like to take on the management of Brook Green and make it a nature reserve. And also do a history trail.
- (b) The website, Ilton Talking, is closing in May and the council will need to find an alternative website for minutes, agendas and accounts.

**2021/41 Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of Ilton Parish Council will be on Tuesday 9th March 2021 by Zoom or in the Village Hall according to government advice nearer the time.

The meeting finished at 8.35 p.m.

Ian Sherwood, Chairman