

## ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6.30pm

#### **2023/165 Attendance and Apologies**

Cllrs Kelaart, Calvert, Pike, Vance, Bennett, Ripley, Sherwood, Matravers and Gordon

**Apologies:** Kim Larsson (Clerk of the Council)

**In attendance:** 10 members of the public

#### **2023/166 Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.**

#### **2023/167 Somerset Council Councillor Report**

Cllr Dance once again advised that the Somerset Council is not in a good position. He reiterated the dire position financially that the Council finds themselves in. The cost of adult and childcare services makes up a huge portion of the budget, including care homes which have been underfunded by the Government. Many services will no longer be provided by Somerset Council free of charge. He recommended the Parish Council put the precept up by at least 15% next year.

A full written report to be circulated to councillors and this will be published on the parish council website.

#### **2023/168 Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Minutes were approved by all councillors who were present at the previous meeting.

#### **2023/169 Planning Application**

a) 23/02390/FUL: Ilton Cricket Club Copse Lane, Ilton

Proposed extension to the existing Cricket Clubhouse to enable creation of new Home and Away team shower facilities, accessible through existing changing rooms.

The council agreed to submit a 'SUPPORT' response on the basis it would be good for the community. The Cricket Club are very supportive and involved in both children/disabled cricket as well as adult cricket.

The response will be submitted to Somerset Council Planning and will subsequently be available on the respective application on the [Planning Portal](#)

#### **2023/170 Accounts and Financial Information**

The council approved the list of payments, which is annexed at the end of the minutes.

Approval of the Financial statement up to 31/10/23, bank mandate update and review of budget for 2024/25 were postponed due to the clerk's absence.

### **2023/171 Areas of Responsibility**

Councillors areas of responsibility were agreed as follows:

Green Spaces – Cllrs Sherwood and Pike

Highways – Cllr Gordon

A358 - Cllrs Matravers and Vance

Planning - Cllr Gordon

Local Community Networks (LCN) - Shared Responsibility

Village Facilities/Amenities - Cllr Kelaart

Village Safety - Cllr Pike

Footpaths - Cllr Ripley

Cemetery - Cllrs Sherwood, Pike and Matravers

Churchyard - Cllr Ripley

Community Network - shared responsibility

### **2023/172 Village Gateway Signs**

Cllr Kelaart Updated costs for the above to include fitting which came to £3,320.25

Cllrs unanimously voted not to go ahead with this as it was felt that it was not prudent to spend the money at this time.

### **2023/173 P O Box Address**

As the council does not have an office, for privacy and safeguarding of the Clerk as an employee, a proposal was put forward to use a PO Box address for mail. A suggestion was made to use the Village Hall postbox instead. The whereabouts of the key to be investigated. However, it was agreed to discuss this further with the Clerk and to defer to the next meeting.

### **2023/174 Key Holders**

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

### **2023/175 Copse Lane Land Use for Funerals**

It was unanimously agreed that there would be no charge for use of the land at Copse Lane in connection with funerals.

### **2023/176 Young Person of the Month 2023**

One nomination was received for Alice Allen who recently won the Rising Star Award at the Cricket Collective Awards. She is highlighted for her volunteer work at Ilton Cricket Club both with the children/disabled cricket teams and willingness to help with any task at the Cricket Club. Councillors agreed unanimously for Alice to receive the award this month.

### **2023/177 Updates**

Facebook Meeting Summary: The summary of the meeting written by Cllr Kelaart for Facebook was deemed unnecessary as the Minutes were posted on the Ilton Parish Council website by the Clerk of the Council. A vote was taken and it was 8 to 1 in favour of the above.

Remembrance Day: Cllr Vance informed us that £691 has been raised for the Royal British Legion.

**2023/178 Outstanding actions from previous meetings**

Christmas tree ordered – arriving on the 1<sup>st</sup> December

Cllr Pike checked the Christmas lights and confirmed they are fine for use this year

It was agreed to take down the soldiers, cross and flag down on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**2023/179 Matters for Report – None**

**2023/180 Items for the next meeting:**

Bank mandate update

Budget 2024/25

PO/Postal Box

Key holders

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 6.30pm at Merryfield Hall

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm

## **Annex 1. Payments Authorised**

| Voucher No | Date       | Total   | Description                     | Supplier   |
|------------|------------|---------|---------------------------------|--|
| 79         | 20.11.2023 | £144.00 | Hedge Cutting                   | Martin Wyatt   |
| 80         | 20.11.2023 | £270.00 | Ranger                          | George Montague (George Montague Countryside Services) |
| 81         | 20.11.2023 | £360.00 | Grass Cutting (External)        | Zac Bessell Agricultural Services                      |
| 82         | 20.11.2023 | £99.00  | Playground Inspection           | Elite Playground Inspections                           |
| 77         | 17.11.2023 |         | Salary                          | Kim Larsson  |
| 78         | 17.11.2023 | £24.62  | Administration Expenses (Clerk) | Kim Larsson  |