

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on Tuesday  
8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6.30 p.m.**

**2022/169 Attendance and Apologies**

**Present**

Cllr Sherwood  
Cllr G MacKenzie-Green  
Cllr E Simpson  
Cllr N Matravers  
County Cllr J Roundell Greene  
Mrs K Larsson (Clerk)

**Apologies**

Cllr Burt  
Cllr Gordon  
County Cllr A Dance

**In Attendance**

8 members of the public

2022/170 **Declaration of Interest** – there were no declarations of interest.

**2022/171 County Councillor Report**

County Cllr Roundell-Green advised all responses to the LCN consultation area now being reviewed.

The financial status of the council is not looking good and cuts to services being provided should be expected.

**2022/172 Visitors and Public Voice**

No items were raised.

**2022/173 Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 19/08/2022**

Query was raised in relation to minute item 2022/165. Cllr Bullock was not present at the meeting, but a written update had been provided in her absence.

**2022/174 Accounts and Financial Information**

Financial Report & Payments for Authorisation

The financial report for November was circulated to all councillors.

Payments for Authorisation

The schedule of payments was approved by councillors. A list of payments is annexed at the end of the minutes.

Budget 2023/2024

The Clerk advised the 2023/24 precept calculation toolkit will be available from 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**2022/175 Merryfield Messenger Update**

The village hall committee members advised they are looking for coordinator for the messenger and perhaps an independent editor. The existing design is under review, including the total number of pages of the publication, and they are approaching companies for sponsorship. It is hoped that a coordinator will be in place for November/December. Cllr Simpson offered to publicise the requirement of a coordinator on the parish council Facebook pages if it would help.

**2022/176 Play Park Gate Installation**

At the previous meeting, Cllr Sherwood requested reconsideration of the motion to install a gate to the exit. The Clerk sought opinion and advice from the play inspection companies. There was no specific requirement advised, and the Clerk advised that the installation should be decided based on the level of perceived risk.

Having considered the advice received, and opinions given by users of the park, Councillors voted in majority to go ahead with the installation of the gate.

**ACTION – Quotes for installation to be sought.**

#### **2022/177 Volunteer Thank You Event**

The parish council has a number of volunteers who give up their time to assist in various tasks around the village. Cllr Mackenzie-Green proposed holding a 'thank you' event at the village hall with a buffet and refreshments. It was suggested this could involve also inviting the volunteers for the village hall, in exchange for waiving the hall hire fee.

All councillors voted in favour of holding the event.

**ACTION – The Clerk to liaise with village hall committee for dates.**

#### **2022/178 Copse Lane Land Use – Clarification of Charging Policy**

The following points were agreed in terms of the use of the land at Copse Lane:

1. Where the land is to be used in conjunction with the hire of a venue, such as the Village Hall or Cricket Club, a £10 hire fee will apply. Use can be requested by and invoiced to either the venue or party hiring the venue.
2. There is no specific notice period required to request use of the land.
3. Exclusive use will apply for any dates hired. The parish council are unable to prevent access by other parties and this would need to be managed by the hirer.
4. There will be no charge applied for use during the following types of event:
  - a. Children's and Junior cricket training and matches.
  - b. Disabled cricket training and matches.

#### **2022/179 Christmas Tree Purchase**

Councillors unanimously agreed to the purchase of a 15-16ft tree at a cost of £104 from Yarcombe Woodland Products and solar lights to a maximum cost of £90.

#### **2022/180 Electricity Contract Renewal**

The electricity contract for the MUGA is due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Clerk compared available prices and recommended remaining with the existing supplier on their proposed renewal until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. All councillors agreed with the proposal.

#### **2022/181 Remembrance Sunday**

All soldier silhouettes have been sponsored, raising a total of £400.

The wreath being laid on behalf of Ilton Parish Council has been arranged with a suggested donation of £25. Cllr Mackenzie-Green proposed the Parish Council paid for breakfast at the village hall for the American Colonel and their family who are attending the service. All councillors voted in favour of the wreath donation of £25 and cost of breakfast at £25.

#### **2022/182 Young Person of the Month**

No nominations were received for consideration.

## Councillor Updates

### a) Community Engagement

Facebook in last 28 days: Post reach 1069, Engagement 2944, Now have 221 followers. 55 posts during October.

Lots of positive comments, in particular praise and thanks to all involved in: Recreation field bulb planting; village trough maintenance; village green cross and silhouettes; bonfire night. Comments about feeling well informed and being proud of our village. Lots of thanks to everyone involved (volunteers, parish councillors etc.)

Bonfire night: Very well received by residents, approx. 70+ in attendance, all enjoyed. But, lots of negative comments and feedback (FB & at bonfire in person) about the Fish & Chip van not turning up. People felt let down and disappointed, some did not come as a result.

Important posts on FB for resident info:

- Road closure (Isle Abbotts Road), 28th November for 12 days.
- Bird Flu in area, DEFRA advice posted
- Remembrance Services and details re 11th & 13th are being promoted

Parish Council Newsletter was delivered across the whole village on 22/10 Official thank you to all the delivery volunteers, very much appreciated.

Ilton Social Walking Group: As a result of newsletter some new people have joined walking group – 11 in group now. Meet 2pm every Tuesday at the Village Hall.

Village Trough: Autumn tidy up done, some bulbs from FWG planted for next spring, some winter plants have come back from last year.

### b) Neighbourhood Watch – No updates to report.

### c) Footpaths - No updates to report. Cllr Simpson advised that the footpath volunteers had been in touch to request contact & guidance from Cllr Matravers as they had not heard from him. **ACTION – Cllr Matravers**

### d) Highways – No updates to report.

### e) A358 upgrade - The next meeting of parishes will be at Horton village hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Proposals submitted by parish councils to amend the plans have been rejected.

### f) Skate Park – No updates to report.

### g) Recreation Ground - Play Park - Cllr Sherwood agreed to undertake additional walks of the play park until another councillor takes over this area of responsibility.

### h) Recreation Ground – Playing Field - The ground is too wet to carry out much work on the field at present.

### i) General Maintenance - Ranger Scheme - The ranger for Ilton has resigned from their position with SSDC, however, the service should continue as normal.

### j) Brook Green - Contractors are attending over the next week to provide quotes for the bridge repairs and improvements. 4 x 4's are still an issue; Timescale for barrier to bank to be established. **ACTION –Cllrs Sherwood & Gordon**

### k) Cemetery - Nothing to report.

### l) Churchyard - Nothing to report.

**2022/183 Matters for Report**

Cllr Sherwood announced that he wishes to resign from the position of Chair of the Parish Council, but would remain on the council as a councillor.

Cllr Mackenzie-Green wished to take the opportunity to thank Cllr Sherwood for the work he has put into the council as Chair.

**2022/184 Items for the next meeting**

- a. Election of Chair of the Parish Council

**Date of next ordinary meeting:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022, at 6.30pm at Merryfield Hall.  
*Note: extraordinary meeting date to be advised.*

The Chairman closed the meeting.

Ian Sherwood, Chairman

Nov-22				
PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORISED				
	INVOICE DATE	AMOUNT	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION
	17/10/2022	90	Elite Playground Inspections	Monthly Play Equipment Inspection
	18/10/2022	144	M Wyatt	Hedge Cutting
	20/10/2022	133.27	A Pidgeon	Recreation Field Planting
	21/10/2022	415.3	SSDC	Ranger (September)
	21/10/2022	70	MACS Design & Print	PC Flyer Printing
	24/10/2022	190.95	Newitts	Line Marker Paint
	31/10/2022	70	Cad Green Garage	Diesel
	12/11/2022	396.08	PIB Insurance Brokers	Tractor Insurance Renewal
	14/11/2022		K Larsson	Clerk Salary
	08/11/2022	100.17	K Larsson (expenses)	Clerk admin expenses
	08/11/2022	384.14	SSDC	Ranger (October)
	08/11/2022	4.99	G Mackenzie Green (expenses)	Oil for strimmers