

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on
Tuesday 29th November 2022 at 6.30 p.m.**

2022/185 Attendance and Apologies

Present

Cllr Sherwood
Cllr Simpson
Cllr MacKenzie-Green
Cllr Matravers
Cllr Gordon
Cllr Ripley
Mrs Larsson (Clerk)

Apologies

Cllr Burt
County Cllr Dance
County Cllr Roundell Greene

In Attendance

6 members of the public

2022/186 Election of the Chair of the Parish Council

Cllr Sherwood proposed Cllr Simpson as the new Chair, seconded by Cllr Ripley. Councillor voted unanimously in favour and Cllr Simpson was duly elected as Chair of the Parish Council.

2022/187 Declaration of acceptance of office

The declaration was signed by Cllr Simpson, witnessed and counter-signed by the Clerk.

At this point, Cllr Simpson wished to take the opportunity to offer thanks to Cllr Sherwood for his previous service as chair, and to say she was pleased he has remained as a Parish Councillor for Ilton.

2022/188 Planning Application 22/02899/HOU

Willow Cottage, Church Road, Ilton TA19 9EY - Demolish existing pre-fabricated garage and attached shed to make way for a new 1.5 storey double garage and gym.

Councillors had no comments and voted unanimously in support of the application. SSDC Planning will be notified accordingly.

2022/189 Co-option Policy

A draft policy and accompanying application for interested parties to use was circulated to councillors. The purpose of the policy is to define a standard process for co-option for a vacancy on the Parish Council. Councillor requested the decision on adopting the policy be deferred to the next ordinary meeting to allow time to fully review the documents.

2022/190 Parish Council Vacancies

- a) There are presently vacancies on the Parish Council following resignations. Public notices have been displayed on the Parish Council notice boards giving 14 days for requests for an election to be held. Following the expiry of these notices, where an election has not been requested by ten or more electors for the Parish, the vacancies may be filled by co-option.

- b) Roles and Responsibilities

Cllr Ripley agreed to become the new Field Working Group link.

Cllr Sherwood agreed to carry out weekly checks of the play park until a councillor takes over this responsibility.

With consideration to enquiries from residents, Cllr Simpson proposed creation of a "Community /Village Amenities & Facilities" role to look into development and provision of services and facilities within the village. Councillors agreed this would be beneficial to the village and that this should be kept in mind when considering any applications for the vacant council positions.

2022/191 Volunteer Thank You Event

Due to time constraints, it was agreed to move the event to January. The village hall have advised that Tuesdays have to most availability. Councillors agreed to Tuesday 17th January.

ACTION – Clerk to confirm date with Village Hall.

2022/192 Father Christmas Visit

The Parish Council are pleased to advise that Father Christmas will be visiting the village on Friday 23rd December, starting at 5.30pm. The route will be confirmed and published so residents are aware.

Cllr MacKenzie Green proposed purchasing sweets to a value of £35.00 to be handed out to the children during the visit, which was unanimously agreed by councillors.

2022/193 Matters for Report

Wasps Nest on Public Footpath – A nest located on a gated entrance to the recreation field had been reported to SSDC by a member of the public and this was followed up by the parish council as a number of dogs and a child had been stung.

The SSDC pest control officer who attended advised that every time the gate closed it would be like a bulldozer hitting their home, causing the wasps to emerge angry and ready to sting; and although the wasps would soon die due to cold weather, the queen does not die and the nest would return next year. The SSDC pest control officer advised that whilst they are not in the habit of destroying any creatures or their habitat, due to its location, they made the difficult decision to destroy the nest based on the risk it posed to the public.

2022/194 Items for the next meeting

Co-option Policy
Father Christmas route
Replacement flag purchase
Field flooding
Young person of the month review

Date of next ordinary meeting: Tuesday 13th December 2022, at 6.30pm at Merryfield Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting.

Elaine Simpson, Chair