

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ilton Parish Council held in Merryfield Hall on
Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 6.30 p.m.**

2021/151 Attendance and Apologies

Present

Mr I Sherwood (Chair)
Mr W Bragg
Mrs M Bullock
Mrs R Burt
Mr G Mackenzie-Green
Mr D Mico
Mr N Matravers
Mr A Pidgeon
Mr A Dance (County Councillor)
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)

Apologies

Mrs S Hill
Mr M Cavill (District
Councillor)
PCSO John Martin

In Attendance

2 members of the
public

2021/152 Declarations of Interest - There were no declarations of interest.

2021/153 Visitors and Public Voice

The Council was congratulated on the new war memorial which has now been erected on the Village Green.

2021/154 Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 12/10/21

Councillors approved the minutes which were duly signed by the Chairman.

2021/155 Matters Arising

Ilton Recreation Ground Facebook Page - Mr Mackenzie-Green to speak to the person who set this up to see if it can be re-started.

2021/156 County Councillor Report

Cllr Dance reported that the changes to do with moving to a unitary authority have not been finalised. There will possibly be a doubling up of county wards with two new councillors where currently there are approximately 7. This will mean each councillor will have a greatly increased area to cover. There may not be a shadow authority because the County Council will be a continuing authority and will be called Somerset Council. The final decision will be made by the Secretary of State. 1st April 2023 is set to be the first day of the new authority, the vesting day.

The new Chard Swimming Pool has just opened and is a very nice facility.

2021/157 Planning Applications

App No 21/03167/HOU
Proposal Erection of rear conservatory and conversion of part of garage to utility room.
Location 9 Old Orchard Close, Ilton TA19 9HR
Councillors had no objections to the application.

2021/158 Accounts and Financial Information

- (a) Financial Report to the end of October was circulated to all councillors.
- (b) The following amounts were received: - £2,000 donation from Larkfleet / £510.00 in cash for sponsorship of soldiers (to be paid to Royal British Legion by cheque 001367).
- (c) Cheques_- the following cheques were raised:

001356	- £ 479.99	- S Morley - Reimbursement for Turfix Line Marker
001357	- £ 101.52	- S Morley - Reimbursement for Fleetline Marker paint
001358	- £ 924.00	- Easy Gate, replacement for lost cheque
001359	- £ 99.92	- I Sherwood - Reimbursement for chain link fencing wire
001360	- £ 86.40	- Bradfords, hire of mower
001361	- £ 366.96	- PIB Insurance Brokers, tractor insurance
001362	- £ 372.96	- SSDC - Ranger September
001363	- £ 114.00	- Elite Playground Inspections, monthly inspections
001364	- £ 100.00	- 1st Ilton & Broadway Scouts, donation
001365	- £ 310.90	- Salary and admin expenses
001366	- £ 38.00	- Cad Green Garage, diesel
001367	- £ 540.00	- Royal British Legion (£30 donation + money from sponsorships)

- (d) On-line banking approved and waiting for pin number and card reader.
- (e) Draft budget was distributed to all councillors. We do not have the tax base figures yet. The precept can be set in January at the latest.

2021/159 Recreational Development / Playing Field

- (a) Working Group / Garden Plots Fencing - The working group have secured three quotes for the garden plot fencing. Details were sent to the Clerk earlier today but too late to be picked up and circulated. As a result they will be circulated and brought to the next meeting for a decision. It was noted that quotes should be sent to the Clerk so that they can be circulated to all councillors before a meeting and can be put on the agenda.
- (b) Additional dog bin - An additional dog bin has been approved for the cross road of the footpath near the new estate. The bin has been ordered and should be delivered in December.
- (c) Football Pitch - A line marker and paint have been ordered and delivered. The company who did the lining has re-done it.
- (d) Storage Container - This will be fitted out as soon as possible.
- (e) Field Levelling - The field is too wet at the moment.
- (f) Tree Planting - A number of trees have been planted except for 3 which ideally will go down by the gate near the pond. The Warren Trust has been contacted to see how much access they require to the gate.
- (g) Larkfleet Compound - The run of the ditch has been marked out and will be re-instated by Larkfleet.
- (h) Dead trees - We are awaiting a meeting with the Warren Trust.
- (i) MUGA -The School have booked the MUGA for regular sessions.
- (j) Broken Glass - There have been a number of incidents of broken glass on the MUGA. The children from the School are planning to put up some posters to ask people not to litter or drop glass.

2021/160 Cemetery

- (a) Memorial - A request to erect a memorial has been approved.
- (b) Consultation - DEFRA have issued a consultation on Amendments to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 as applied to Groundwater Activities and related Surface Water Discharge Activities. These regulations will affect cemeteries. The consultation closes on 22nd December 2021.

2021/161 Churchyard - There was nothing to report.

2021/162 Recreation Ground Play Park

- (a) Damage to main electricity cable - The Clerk confirmed that the Council's insurance company would re-direct any claim the Council makes on its insurance to the

insurance company of the contractor involved and that liability rests with the contractor.

- (b) New gate - This will need to be moved over. The Clerk to check with the contractor if he is willing to come back and install it. **ACTION - The Clerk**
- (c) Chain Link Fence along path - The wire fencing has been bought to replace the old damaged fencing along the path.
- (d) Chain Link Fence in the Play Park - Abri were asked if they would remove it but have said that the cost will be down to the Parish Council. Councillors felt that the fence should remain because it is there to stop balls going into the adjoining gardens. It was thought that the brambles could be sprayed. It was agreed not to take the chain link fence down.
- (e) Colour Fencing - A number of panels have been badly damaged and dented. The damage has been reported to the Police who have been asked to patrol the area.
- (f) CCTV - It was agreed to consider at CCTV in the Play Park. **ACTION - The Clerk**

2021/163 Brook Green

There was a lot of firework debris left at Brook Green.

2021/164 Footpaths

The dog bin at Frost Lane has been re-set.

2021/165 Highways

A358 upgrade - Highways England have still refused to keep the Catherine Wheel road as a slip road. Consultation with Highways England is ongoing.

2021/166 General Maintenance - Ranger Scheme

The Ranger has done the Churchyard and the paths and is doing the hedge at the Cemetery.

2021/167 War Memorial

The War Memorial cross has been erected on the Village Green along with the soldier silhouettes and plaques with the names of all the men who gave their lives. A short service has been arranged for 11th November. A longer service has been arranged for Sunday 14th November when representatives of the armed forces will attend as well as representatives of the US Air Force who were stationed at Merryfield during the war. Wreaths will laid on Sunday, including the one from the Parish Council to be laid by the Chairman. £540.00 has been collected as sponsorship of the soldiers, plus £30 from the Parish Council. A cheque for the full amount of £570 will be presented to the Royal British Legion. Jacqueline Bennett will do breakfasts in the Village Hall.

2021/168 Retirement of Clerk

The Clerk announced that she wishes to retire by next May at the latest, and sooner if a replacement is appointed. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk will work on an advertisement and Grahame Mackenzie-Green will join the interview panel.

ACTION - The Chairman and Clerk

2021/169 Matters and items to report

Training of volunteers - Several volunteers have recently started to help with grass cutting and it was agreed to arrange safety training as soon as possible. **ACTION - Mr Mico**

2021/170 Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Ilton Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 6.30 p.m. in Merryfield Hall (NOTE STARTING TIME OF 6.30 p.m.)

The meeting finished at 8.20 p.m.

Ian Sherwood, Chairman