

# ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Iminster on Tuesday, 17 January, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

## **Those Present**

**Chairman:** Cllr C Goodall

**Councillors:** Cllr R Swann, Cllr A Lawson, Cllr D Miller, Cllr S Maylor, Cllr J Pallister, Cllr S Sainsbury, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr EJ Taylor, Cllr L Vijeh

**County Councillor:** Cllr K Turner

**Officers:** J Thorne, M Shelley

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs Sothern and Whites and Maylor who said she would be late.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr's Goodall and Taylor declared a personal Interest in a item to be considered under Town Clerks Correspondence.

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15 November 2011 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes**

Minute 5 – Police Report

Cllr Goodall reported she had yet been unable to contact PC Andy Stuart.

Minute 11 – Personnel

Cllr Vijeh queried about staff Handbooks. Cllr Goodall said she would like to arrange a meeting with Councillors Vijeh and Shepherd to discuss personnel matters.

### **5. Police Report**

None

### **6. Reports from County Councillor**

Cllr Kim Turner informed members the County Council was having a full service budget review which would be on-going over 20 months looking at 170 services and saving £20 million year on year. It will look at its budget at the beginning February. The County Council will also be holding 5 community events in February where it will explore services for the town and it was hoped to also discuss the way forward. The event in South Somerset will be held on the 21 February at Edgar Hall, Somerton from 7pm - 9pm.

There is currently a bus consultation being carried out at which was likely to affect services on the Nippy and Slinky.

Fly-tipping was on an increase especially on private land accurate figures and all fly-tipping should be reported to South Somerset District Council. Cllr Taylor suggested that the Somerset Waste Partnership should extend the opening times to 16:00hrs on a Sunday instead of 13:00hrs, which may reduce the problem. Cllr Miller also agreed but suggested if there was no increase in time then perhaps changing opening hours to the afternoon would be a more preferable time of day. It was agreed to report this to Somerset Waste Partnership.

Youth Service is facing more cuts to its budget.

The Park and Ride in Taunton was costing County Council in the region of £500,000 a year and frequently had empty buses. Rural services were proposed to be cut. The question had been asked if ordinary buses could be for the park and ride as it appeared officers had not thought about this as a solution.

Cllr J Pallister spoke of the one way system at The Mead, stating members of the public are not using the one-way system the correct way, but using it as a site shortcut to local garages. He was worried this may become a serious hazard, and wondered if the County Council could look into the problem.

#### **7. Reports from District Councillors**

Cllr C Goodall reported that in December SSDC responded regarding governments plans for the community infrastructure levy, it was not clear who would be able to use this money.

#### **8. Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting**

It was RESOLVED that the future budget papers would be calculated using compound interest formulas.

It was RESOLVED that the AEBI Flail Mower and the chipper should be used as a part exchange for future purchases.

It was RESOLVED that from 1 April 2012 fees for the Cemetery should be increased by 10 %.

#### **9. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting**

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2011 and 3 January 2012 be received.

#### **10. Planning Application- 11/05145/FUL**

Erection of a detached dwelling house with parking at Oakridge, Townsend, Ilminster  
The Council has no objections, subject to acceptance of Highways and provided there was no tree preservation orders.

### **11. Minutes of the Finance and policy Committee Meeting**

It was RESOLVED that Ilminster Town Council should no longer provide a licensing service for taxis.

It was RESOLVED that the Precept be set at £205,873.

### **12. Skate park and MUGA**

The Clerk informed members the order had now been placed, for the new skate park and she has clarification on the final figure for the MUGA before proceeding.

Work was due to begin end of March with expected completion by the end of April.

A few local organisations had been approached for help with funding.

### **13. Town Council Logo**

Cllr Lawson presented 5 new logos for councillors to look at, and asked for suggestions, it was felt that a digital vector image was needed which could be modified to any size and would not lose its quality. It was agreed the new logo should be more up to date.

Overall Councillors preferred the line drawing and felt this would be easier to replicate.

However they liked the idea of having a circle around which made it look like a seal. It was also felt more modern lettering was required.

Cllr Lawson was asked if he could develop the logo further, and agreed he could do this before the next meeting on the 31 January where he would produce more sketches. He wanted to get a decision before the Herne Hill Brochures were produced.

Cllr Maylor entered here at 8:10pm

### **14. Town Crier**

Cllr Goodall explained the Chamber of Commerce were to consider the issue once it had a new committee. However the Chambers AGM had to be cancelled. On a positive note, one local Business had offered to buy a new bell for the new Town Crier.

### **15. Mayors Report**

On November 18<sup>th</sup> the Mayor attended the Victorian Evening to judge the “Best dressed shopkeepers” competition; 20<sup>th</sup> November Shoe Box Service; 3<sup>rd</sup> December Tree planting; 4<sup>th</sup> December Christingle Service ; 8<sup>th</sup> December Vaughan Lee for Greenfyld School Carol Singing; 10<sup>th</sup> December Horton Cross Visit with Ilminster Band; 15<sup>th</sup> December Wadham School Carol Service in the Minster; 18<sup>th</sup> December Civic Carol Service; On 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012 Wadham School Awards Evening; 7<sup>th</sup> January Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch.

## **16. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

- (a) Ilminster Forum - Cllr Lawson reported that he had attended two Forum meetings. The market was struggling to retain interest, it was hoped that over the next couple of months to encourage more stall holders.
- (b) Swanmead School - Cllr Swann informed the meeting that Swanmead School had put together a great review for 2011 on the school website, which he urged members to look at. The new head of Swanmead School had settled in well, and was very keen on competitive sports and would like to use the Rec and Ridge path for cross country events.

## **17. Authorisation of payments**

It was RESOLVED that the accounts listed in the schedule totalling £38,346.50 be approved for payment.

## **18. Action Plan**

The following Items were discussed

- (a) Item 10 Herne Hill Leaflet was now ready for photographic illustration, and it was hoped to attract sponsors.
- (b) Item 12 Cllr D Miller asked whether there had been any progress with the Bye Laws. There had been no response as yet.
- (c) Item 13 Work was on going at the Canal.
- (d) Item 14 Roundabouts. There has been no response from SSDC as yet about the licence needed from County Highways.
- (e) Item 15 Provision of seating Cllr Goodall clarified there had been permission from Persimmons, for the seating but it was felt by local residents a log bench would not be suitable.
- (f) Item 17 Strategic Vision Cllr Maylor asked for more time to complete this. Cllr Goodall suggested that they discuss a new date.
- (g) Item 23 Greendale parking. The Clerk and a few Councillors had met Colin Fletcher from Highways about the issue at Greendale. The public order would be in the paper in April, and there would be 3 weeks for the public to give the comments. New Road would be advertised at the same time.
- (h) Item 24 to be deleted as no longer needed.
- (i) Item 25 adoption of Lower Meadow Development – Cllr Shearman felt that the title should be changed to make it clearer. There was no target date as yet for adoption.

## **19. Town Clerks Report and Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that she had received

- a) Notification that 4 members of the public would be giving a brief presentation about why they wished to stand for Council before the meeting next week.

- b) Sadly Cllr Miles had offered her resignation as a Councillor as she was currently unable to give 100% commitment at this point in time. She hoped to stand again in the future. It was agreed a letter thanking her for her time and her efforts ought to be sent to her.
- c) A letter from the Forum asking for £500 towards a Marketing Strategy for Ilminster. it was agreed this would be worthwhile and felt it could boost tourism into the Town. The Forum Management are to contribute £1000 and South Somerset District Council would be supportive if the Town Council also backed the initiative.
- d) There were 5 meetings coming up as part of the local choice events. Two representatives from the Town Council could attend. Cllr Goodall and Cllr Shearman are expecting to attend SCAT in Taunton on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Edgar Hall in Somerton is holding an event on 21<sup>st</sup> February, between 7pm and 9pm, Cllr L Vjeh agreed to attend one of the Community events on behalf of the Town Council.  
There would be a Newsletter to be distributed to households in Ilminster, in which would be carried out by councillors.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed..... Date.....

