

MINUTES OF THE INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD ON WEDNESDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 2024

PRESENT: Councillors David Hunter (Chairman) Jane Neal, Rodger Fooks, Robin Lunn, Dinah Griffin. Elizabeth Jordan, Richard Jordan, Anthony Hopkins.

District Councillor Nick Dawkes.

IN ATTENDANCE: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE had been received from Cncllr. Christopher Burdett.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllr. Rodger Fooks declared a none pecuniary interest in Item 4c (A) on the Agenda.

DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. **The speed of traffic** in Withybed Lane was again raised and was deemed dangerous with no pavements for pedestrians. It was reported that the Police had been made aware of the problem, but the PC would again raise the profile with the Police. It was noted that the speeding on the whole of the A442, with the "Worcester bend" in particular, was still under discussion with the Police and the Police Commissioner. **Planning.** It was suggested that the Parish Council, when considering planning applications, should consider more carefully the visual impact new applications could have on any specific area. It was agreed the PC would raise concerns with the Planning Authority should any application be deemed to be not in keeping the Local Authority Design Code. **Litter.** More litter, including metal and wood, had been dumped at the top of the Playing Field.

At this point in the meeting Chairman reported that sadly ex Councillor Gordon Moone had passed away at the age of 92. Gordon had in the past been a long time Member of Inkberrow PC acting as Chairman of both the PC and the District Council

2574. **MINUTES.** It was Agreed the Chairman should sign the minutes of 15th November, 2023, as a correct record.

2575. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES. Rural Fund Grant Application.** Cnclr. Jane Neal had application forms on line. There was a suggestion of solar panels on the Village Hall roof, but a survey of the roof capability of carrying panels would be required in the first instance. **Play Area.** The second quote was awaited. **CC Discretionary Fund.** Forms had been completed but no money received. **ICC Constitution.** The transfer of assets costs currently stands at £400 but not yet complete. The issue of new Licences required further investigation with the possibility of the PC giving a Lease to the ICC to enable them to distribute Licences. **PC Archiving of documents.** This would be an item for the February Agenda. **SCI Representative.** Cnclr. Robin Lunn agreed to be the PC Representative.

2576. **FLOODING.** Serious flooding down Broadclose Lane had taken place during recent storms, suspected to be caused by blocked ditches relating to the current development in Stonepit Lane. The matter would be reported to the DC Planning Enforcement Officer. The flooding in Churchway Piece would be reported to CC Highways.

2577. **DEEDS HOLDING.** The Solicitors would be advised following the February meeting. In the meantime, safe deposit of documents would be considered.

2578. **CAR PARK.** A number of quotations had been received for the re-surfacing of the car park with stone and more comparative ones being sought. The problem of causing more flooding in Sands Road needed to be considered.

2579. **MAP CASE.** It was noted the repairs to the Map Case were in hand.

2580. **INKBERROW DEVELOPMENT PLAN.** (The Chairman closed the meeting for this item to be discussed with the public present). Whilst it appeared that the current formation of the Plan did not appear to be in line with what was required of a Parish Plan, it was likely that the DC Planners would “require” Parish Councils to produce a NHP within the next two years. District Councillor Nick Dawkes suggested discussions with a DC Chief Planning Member would be useful. It was also noted that the Plans had no statutory backing and that the Inkberrow Plan is currently being reformatted prior to submission to the DC. Cncllr Nick Dawkes would report back on discussions with DC Planning. (The PC meeting was re-convened).

2581. **ICC/SEVERN TRENT.** It was reported that it was understood the SCI would be using new drainage across their own land.

2582. **POLICE.** There was no Police report, but the PC would seek Speeding, Antisocial Behaviour and Theft be prioritised for Inkberrow.

2583. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** No report had been received.

2584. **FINANCE.** The RFO report and balance sheet for January had been circulated and it was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Expenses for the Christmas tree, lighting and a donation to the Arrow Valley Brass Band. Staff Salaries. Parfitt Services: £60. Tapcast Ltd £70.56 £365. Wellers Law (Solicitors) final claim.

2585. **PLANNING.** The following planning application was considered and it was Agreed to recommend approval. W/23/02503/FUL Great Knighton Farm. Demolition of existing agricultural barns and seasonal worker accommodation and the construction of 4 new dwellings upgraded access and associated landscaping works (Tandou Ltd.) The Clerk would seek confirmation from DC Planning regarding their own Design Code.

2586. **TREE WARDEN.** The PC annually confirmed their post of Tree Warden for the Parish. The Post of Tree Warden for the County Council was not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

2587. **CHRISTMAS TREE.** On Christmas Eve the illuminated Christmas Tree on The Green had been snapped by a group of young people and the lights ripped apart. Members thanked Councillor Elizabeth Jordan and her family for their work in providing and erecting the tree and for clearing the damage.

2588. **PARISH CHARITIES.** Cncllr Robin Lunn reported that 3 nominations for payment had been received and reminded Members that requests for financial assistance will be considered throughout the year, not only at Christmas.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....