

**MINUTES OF THE INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD,  
ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Hunter (Chairman) Christopher Burdett, Rodger Fooks, Dinah Griffin, Richard Jordan, Robin Lunn, Jane Neal.

**In Attendance:** Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Cncllr. Mrs. Audrey Steel.

**DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

Following complaints received from some Inkberrow residents, Representatives from Airband had been invited to attend and give a presentation on the need for new and replacement poles for the provision of Airband in the village and how Airband works to provide efficient Broadband. It was learned that 6 new poles were to be introduced, 3 in Windmill Lane, 1 in Churchway Piece, 1 in High House Drive and 1 at WR419 on the A422, with some underground surgery required in other parts of the village and some old BT poles being replaced. A number of residents expressed dissatisfaction regarding the poles being placed without need for any planning requirement. The legal position was clearly explained by Airband and it was agreed that should any resident wish to make official complaint they should do so through the Parish Council when the Clerk would liaise with Airband on their behalf. County Cncllr. Laura Gretton also agreed to take up with the County Council any issues residents might have.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cncllr. Christopher Burdett expressed an interest in Item 12 on the Agenda (Proposed Solar Farm Project). Interest was recorded in the Declarations of Interest Book.

2911. **MINUTES** It was Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2912. **MEN'S SHED GROUP.** Cncllr Rodger Fooks reported on projects recently completed by the Group. It was Agreed a sponsored brass plaque be placed in the newly refurbished bus shelter recording the refurbishment. Particular thanks were expressed to John Harris who had given freely his time and expertise in the design and artwork carried out in the Bus Shelter. It was considered that the Map Case recently removed from the bus shelter could be repositioned between the bus shelter and the telephone box. Cncllr Fooks reported that a question of legality of responsibility/liability had arisen in regard to Parish Council owned land and it was Agreed a sub-committee should be formed to investigate.

2913. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways.** The "key" to operate the **School Crossing lights** had been found. Cncllr. David Hunter had set up the lights that were still working and handed the key back to the School. Cncllr Laura Gretton advised the new replacement lights were expected shortly. The owners of the hedge between the Old Bakery and Stockwood Lane would be approached regarding getting the hedge cut back.

It was Agreed the **planter** should be moved away from the white gates following the spring flowering. Trees overhung the bus shelter. The owners would be approached regarding the need for these to be trimmed. A request for a **grit bin** to be provided at the pathway from the Village Hall was considered not to be feasible.

2914. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** It was noted the Group had been busy over the Christmas period with the Village Design Code currently awaited. The Referendum was anticipated by September.

2915. **SPORTING CLUB LICENCE.** Councillors David Hunter and Anthony Hopkins would confer regarding the present situation.

2916. **POLICE REPORT.** There was little crime to report. It was Agreed Inkberrow would take part in the Police Neighbourhood Week of Action and the Police Charter would be completed and returned in line with last year.

2917. **REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Laura Getton reported that the path from Sands Road to Stockwood Lane had been cleared and that she would check and advise the standard pavement width requirement. It was noted that the Severn Trent “boxes” that were going to be installed requiring road closures were inspection chambers set flat into pavements.

2918. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The RFO had circulated the monthly accounts and it was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: WaterPlus £26.25, Clerk £456.61, RFO £152.26, Parfitt Services £120, Wychavon DC Dog Bin Emptying £301.02, Clerk Broadband £41.84. Anticipated expenses include Christmas tree/lighting and donation to Brass Band. These were Agreed for payment.

2919. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS. W/22/02460 Stockwood Thatch.** Retrospective application for decking in the rear garden and a section of fencing around existing patio area. It was Agreed the application be recommended for approval. **W/23/00057 Perymill Farm, Berrow Fields Farm Lane.** Proposed erection of new build dwelling to replace existing Dutch barn. It was Agreed the PC remarks made in July 2022 identical application should be reiterated.

2920. **NEW PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD.** The new notice board had been made and it was Agreed a “header” should be attached stating “Inkberrow Notices”.

2921. **TENNIS CLUB/FENCING.** It was Agreed to contribute £200 towards the fencing repairs.

2922. **CHRISTMAS DAY/BOXING DAY FIREWORKS.** A complaint had been received regarding fireworks disturbing the peace late at night.

2923. **CORONATION CELEBRATIONS.** The Chairman would ask the School Head if the School had any plans for the Coronation and to ask that they contact the Clerk with anything they had in mind in order that celebrations didn’t overlap.

2924. **PLAY AREA FENCING.** Cncllr. Jane Neal had obtained quotation for fencing repair/replacing. A suggestion was made that a gate should be included. It was Agreed this would be an item for the February Agenda. The small fencing around the Barley Meadows play area would also be an item for the February Agenda.

2925. **TREE INSPECTION.** It was Agreed the Inspection of Trees and the employment of a Tree Surgeon should be an item in the February Agenda.

2926. **ANY FURTHER COMMENTS FOM THE PUBLIC.** The repairing of a split water main in Stockwood Lane had left verges damaged by Severn Trent vehicles and stand pipes still leaking. County Cncllr. Laura Gretton agreed to report this to Severn Trent Water.

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

