

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION SANDS ROAD ON
WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2019**

Present: Councillors Robin Lunn Chairman, Christopher Burdett, Rodger Fooks, Dinah Griffin, Anthony Hopkins, David Hunter, Richard Jordan, Jane Neal and Mrs. Audrey Steel.

In Attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO and Mike Pashby Press Officer.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Annual Meeting of the Allotment Tenants was held. The Chairman presented Awards for the best kept allotments to 1st Mr. M. Reeves, 2nd Mr. S Weaver, 3rd Mr. A Hartley with Mr. R. Lavender Highly Commended. The Clerk reported that Mr. Baldwin had retired from the position of Allotment Representative and so the post was currently vacant. Mr. Bob Berryman agreed to take on the task temporarily. It was also noted that one plot was available for letting and that a second one would shortly be free. The hedge on the bottom boundary continued to be a nuisance. Enquiries would be made of the owners, believed to be the WWLT. The grass cutting had not been up to standard this year and the driveway required attention.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. The land in Sands Road, adj. to the Allotments would be discussed at item 10 on the agenda. Mr. James, a School Governor, gave thanks to the Parish Council for the provision of the new children's play area and presented a gift of chocolates to Members. The applicant for the Driving Range planning application spoke of the problems he was experiencing on the site in its present state, significant issues of theft and damage. It was reported that the footpath to the Church from Pepper Street required attention following heavy rain damage.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. There were no apologies for absence.

2642. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were no declarations of interest.

2643. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and it was agreed they should be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2644. **PROGRESS REPORTS.**

Highways. Parking at the entrance to Barley Meadows. Cnty. Cncllr. Hopkins advised that parking restrictions could be difficult but provision of double yellow lines at the junction was being considered. Clerk was directed to write to Mr. Carmichael suggesting that the tenants of the Old Bakery be asked not to park their vehicles in Barley Meadows. The house opposite The Vicarage had suffered flooding due to blocked drains. Clerk would report this. The owners of the land on both sides of the road in Withybed Lane between the new development access and the junction with Stockwood Lane would be asked to cut back the hedges overhanging the highway. Permission was given for Cncllr. Hopkins to purchase grit for bins in the PC ownership. It was noted that the County Council would not provide a grit bin for the Ross Crescent entrance but Cncllr Hopkins offered his Divisional Funding to purchase a bin and Cncllr David Hunter will liaise with the Land Management regarding the maintenance. Such a provision would need to be included in the PC insurance. It was noted that the County Council were shortly to carry out major repairs to pavements in the area. Cncllr Burdett agreed to deal with the repairs required on the footpath to the Church and the Lengthsman would be directed to check the area bi-monthly.

2645. **LENGTHSMAN.** This month's work to include clearing the grass/weeds encroaching the pavement on the A442 from Littleworth Farm to the Worcester bend and to clear the branches on the tree overhanging the pavement situated by 35 Dingle End. **Neighbourhood Plan.** The results of the

questionnaire had been circulated to Members. Because the response had been greater than average (the norm being 30% with Inkberrow being 60%) an extra charge of £500 had been made. The cost of phases 2 and 3 was not yet known. Approval for including the response to the questionnaire in Whats On was given. **106 Agreement.** Detail of available monies had been circulated to Members. **Provision of toilets in Playing Fields.** A portable toilet would cost £22 plus VAT each month, plus £25 for delivery which would cover weekly emptying. It was Agreed the PC would not continue with this project as the need had not been proven. **Height Barriers.** To supply the required barriers a provisional quotation of £6000 plus cost of fitting and installation had been received. RFO would contact Jem Teal re costings and Cncllr Rodger Fooks would obtain a firm spec and costs and forward the information to the RFO. **Progress on Children's Play Area.** It was noted that the second phase was in place. Cncllr Jane Neal had painted over the graffiti, cleared the dog mess from the area and cleared the broken glass that had been left there. Permission was given for the provision of springs to be installed on the gate into the Play Area. **Provision of electricity charging unit.** The need was questioned. Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel would obtain costings but the provision would be put on hold for the timebeing. **Planters.** It was noted that the planters were in situ. **Use of Telephone Box.** It was noted that the telephone was still in working order.

2646. **POLICE REPORT.** The Police report was received and it was noted that a Property Marking evening would be held in January.

2647. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Anthony Hopkins advised that some white lining had been done but some still remained not done. The issues in Withered Lane needed to be sorted with Bovis in the first instance. The BT manhole had been repaired and lorries were using the newly surfaced layby. The Highways Authority were having issues with the proposed Football Club notice for forthcoming events. Cncllr Mrs. Steel agreed to make enquiries re the progress DC were having with Bovis in connection with the roads/pavements leading into Brookfields.

2648. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel advised the DC were currently looking for a replacement name for "Affordable Housing". It was noted that the number of Members for Wychavon DC was being reviewed.

2549. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The RFO presented the monthly balance sheet and financial report and it was noted that benches and dog waste bins had been installed. It was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Clerk £443.23, RFO £142.80, SmartCut Ltd. £260.24, Luke Farnsworth £50, Jane Neal (re Play Area/Tennis Club benches, and paint for play tractor) £4,025.92, Lengthsman £235, Inkberrow Services Ltd. £130.25, Sheila Williams (plants) £38.02.

2550. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** 19/02182 Mr. Tracey. Conversion of former golf driving range clubhouse to single dwelling, erection of side ext., demolition of driving range bays and removal of car parking hardstanding. It was Agreed, with one vote against, that the application be recommend for approval provided permission remain for just one single dwelling. 19/01840 N. Guy. Ext. to existing sports pavilion and erection of club store. It was Agreed the application be recommended for approval.

2551. **LAND IN SANDS ROAD.** Information would be obtained from the DC in regard to exactly what is contained in the Articles of the Community Land Trust. Further discussion at the November meeting.

2552. **PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS TREE.** Cncllrs Anthony Hopkins and Richard Jordan will liaise with Mr. Norman Biggs.

2553. **FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** Mrs. G. Allison suggested a lot of manpower would be required for the proposed planting of trees and made the suggestion that the telephone box could be used for advertising the local B&B accommodation.

2554. **COUNCILLORS'/CLERK'S REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.** It was noted that the Inkberrow junior Table Tennis Team had won their section in the Wychavon Games. The Clerk was directed to write to the DC expressing the Parish Council's serious concern about any proposal for further development in Withybed Lane. Traffic along this Lane was already overstretching its limits. Permission for a Scope Bank would be further discussed when full details of the company had been obtained.

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