

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION SANDS ROAD ON
WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 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.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. In response to the question of **flooding in Withybed Lane**, Cncllr. Anthony Hopkins would take this up with the Highways Authority. **106 Money.** It was noted that the purchase of the field for the Football Club was progressing with 50% of the purchase price for the first field being deposited with the agreement of the seller who was prepared to take the balance at a later stage. This arrangement making it possible for the Club to spend money on the pitch and Club room.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. There were no apologies for absence.

2555. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were no declarations of interest.

2556. **MINUTES.** Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting had been circulated and it was agreed they should be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2557. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways.** Two x 100 ltr. grit bins had been secured with approval agreed. 1 in Ross Crescent and one in Perkins Drive. Arrangements were in hand for the Traffic Management Adviser to walk the village in January to assess speeding problems. There was a possibility of yellow lines at the entrance to the road leading into Barley Meadows, but the problem would be monitored. The repairs to the footpath/steps to the Church was in hand. The Lengthsman would be asked to keep the area free from fallen leaves on a regular basis. **Lengthsman.** The pavement along the length of e A442 from Littleworth Farm to the Worcester bend had not been cleared as requested. The grips in Sands Road near the carpark needed attention and the overgrown bush off Pepper Street had not been cut back. **Neighbourhood Plan.** Advice had been taken as to how the Plan was to move forward. An ad. would be placed in Whats On for the Meeting Clerk vacancy. The next phase will require consultancy help with money available to cover this work but this was required to be spent by 31st March 2020. ACON would be dealing with the Housing Needs Assessment and sites for any new housing in Inkberrow which would support the Neighbourhood Plan. The SWDP would be the overriding body but alternative sites could be put forward. The Parish Council's objection to any further development in Withybed Lane would be forwarded to the DC. **106 Agreement.** No further activity to report. **DC Chairman's Recognition Award.** Grey Gables Surgery would be recommended for this Award. **Height Barriers.** Three quotes had been obtained and these would be taken to the ICC and ISLA for their ideas and Cncllr Rodger Fooks would enquire about additional funding. Bad weather had hindered the work on the car park but it was hoped progress could be made in December. **Water Spillage from Play Area to car park.** It was agreed exceptional heavy rain had caused this and that the water course had not been changed. **Driveway to the Allotments.** Cncllr Hopkins had repairs in hand. **Contents of the Articles of the Community Land Trust.** The Chairman read out the details received from the DC. Chairman would arrange for PC Members to have consultation with Kim Barton (DC). **Future costs of Car Parks maintenance.** This will be an item for the January Agenda. **Supply of SCOPE BIN.** Clerk would advise that there was no room available for additional bins.

2558. **POLICE REPORT.** The theft of a bicycle was reported.

2559. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr. Anthony Hopkins reported the improvements to the pavement opposite the school had been completed and that a number of blocked drains had been reported to the CC Hub.

2560. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr. Mrs. Audrey Steel advised the DC were looking at next year's budget, considering feedback from Wychavon residents in regard to how they see the way forward for the DC. Year 10 students had been invited to give their views on matters including the environment. In regard to recent flooding it was noted that financial assistance was available for both homes and businesses.

2561. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The RFO had circulated the monthly balance sheet, report and precept proposals for the next financial year. The Precept would be agreed at the January meeting when the tender for grass cutting had been received. The Inkberrow Horticultural Society had closed and it was agreed the Parish Council should hold the balance of £1,400 remaining in the IHS account, with £600 being retained to enable the Shows to continue. The RFO was given permission to pay outstanding accounts through December.

2562. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** 19/02366 RJ and LL Leach. Great Knighton Farm. Proposed agricultural building. It was Agreed the application be recommended for approval. 19/02361 Mr. Allan Lain. Mearse Field, Alcester Road. Change of use of agricultural land for an all weather exercise area manege. It was Agreed the application be recommended for approval. 19/02476. JR Developments. Cedar Tree House, Withybed Lane. Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage. It was Agreed to make the comment that the proposal caused concern as it would go beyond the residential line. 19/02437 Mr. and Mrs. M. Perkins. Hills Yard, Broadclose Lane. Permission in principle for development of 2 bungalows. The Parish Council recommended the application be approved. 19/02061 Mr. and Mrs Wofford. Twynnings Meadow, Stockwood. Change of use of agricultural land to exercise area, replace existing stables, with the addition of a field shelter and animal feed store. It was Agreed the application be recommended for approval.

2563. **GDPR COMPLIANCE AND FINANCE TRANSPARENCY.** Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel would seek guidance and information from the DC in regard to Parish Councils' policies being fit for purpose.

2564. **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.** Cncllr Jane Neal was given permission to upgrade the PC Website.

2565. **CHRISTMAS TREE PROVISION.** It was noted the tree had been identified, bulb replacements had been received. Arrangements for the erection of the tree had been made. It was Agreed a payment of £200 would be paid to Worcs. Samaritans in lieu of the tree.

2566. **FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** It was noted that the ground had been cleared for the WI tree planting. The Lengthsman would be asked to clear the PC Notice Board of the overgrowing ivy. The proposal that a further payment be made to Arrow Valley Brass for their services at the Remembrance Parade would be considered at the January meeting.

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

