

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION SANDS ROAD ON  
WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY, 2020.**

**Present:** Cncllrs. Jane Neal (Chairman) Christopher Burdett, Rodger Fooks, Dinah Griffin, Anthony Hopkins, David Hunter, Richard Jordan and Mrs. Audrey Steel.

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

**DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** Noting the activated speeds signs were not working Cncllr. Mrs Steel will check whether batteries require renewing. Both Police and County Highways were looking at speed restrictions around the village. Members were happy to support the proposal that the Allotment Holders be involved with the Annual Horticultural Show. One objection was raised re the planning application in Withybed Lane. The broken handrail at the steps to the Church had been reported to the Footpaths Officer, but serious weather conditions were causing delays.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cncllr. Robin Lunn.

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

2578. **MINUTES.** It was agreed the minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

2579. **ALLOTMENTS.** One plot was currently being let leaving no vacancies. Plot 15 had been left in a not fit for purpose state and Bob Berryman and Martyn Reeves were clearing it. It was agreed that weed destruction material should cover no more than one quarter of any plot and that the Manplex material should never be used as it is none deteriorative. It was agreed the Allotment judging awards should be announced at the Annual Horticultural Show and prizes awarded should be presented there.

2580. **PROGRESS REPORTS.**

**Highways.** Flooding in Withybed Lane had been reported.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** Members had received a written report on progress from Cncllr David Hunter and it was noted that two new members had joined the group but more people with specific skills were wanted.

**Height Barriers.** It was noted the barriers were in place. Permission was given for Cncllr Fooks to purchase the necessary combination locks and to provide a notice providing holders' details.

**Community Trust Land.** There was nothing to report.

**GDPR.** Cncllr Mrs Steel requested this item be held for the next meeting.

**Village Website.** The website was currently being redesigned and updated.

**Press Reporter.** The vacancy had not yet been filled.

2581. **POLICE REPORT.** There was no Police report. It was noted that Property Marking would take place in The Pavilion on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

2582. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILOR.** Cncllr Anthony Hopkins reported that the Worcester catchment area had experienced the worst flood damage ever recorded, with 160 incidents on roads requiring Highways staff to work round the clock to deal with the problems, prioritising each incident. Highways were looking at the problem of recurring recent accidents at Edgioak cross roads. Sharks teeth had been placed in Withybed Lane to warn motorists they were approaching a 30 mph zone. Stockwood Lane still remained a parking issue at school times, but this was being looked at. Slow signs had been asked for in Earls Common Road prior to the problem there being repaired. Highways had

looked at the ditch in Appletree Lane and the culvert obstruction would be cleared. Cncllr Hopkins advised his CC Members Allowance could cover the cost of VAS replacement batteries if required.

2583. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr. Mrs. Audrey Steel advised that the Council Tax vote was imminent and it was anticipated that the Tax would not be increased. The process of replacing the post of District Council GM would start in March.

2584. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The RFO had circulated the monthly balance sheet. It was agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Clerk £443.23, RFO £142.80, Lengthsman £220, FBC Manby Bowdler £250.

2585. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS. 19.02756. Carmichael Properties, Stone Lodge, Withybed Lane.** Erection of single storey ext. and basement garage with external vehicle lift. The Parish Council recommended the application be approved provided construction vehicles did not park on the highway. **20.00140 Mr. & Mrs. David Etheridge, Pepper Cottage, Pepper Street.** Footbridge to link garden over right of way. The Parish Council cannot support the application, believe it to be an unnecessary, inappropriate construction within a Conservation area, next to a Listed Church. **20.00237 Mr. M. Bradbury, April Cottage, Morton Hall Lane.** Single storey rear ext. garden room. The Parish Council recommend the application be approved.

2586. **PURCHASE OF EXTERNAL CABINET FOR NEW DEFIBRILLATOR AT SPORTS PAVILION AND REPLACEMENT BATTERIES FOR CURRENTLY HELD DEFIBRILLATORS.** Cncllr Anthony Hopkins agreed the payment for an external cabinet could be met from his CC Divisional Fund. Cncllr. Jane Neal will ask the First Responders to check the batteries of all the defibrillators and report back what replacements were needed and the costs involved.

2587. **PLAY AREA.** The new contract for raking the Play Area floor and keeping the cycle track trimmed for the season was being sought. The official opening of the Play Area would take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.

2588. **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AND VILLAGE EVENT FOR VE DAY.** It was noted the Football Club will speak with the Royal British Legion.

2589. **DEED OF EASEMENT.** The Chairman closed the meeting for this item. The PC Solicitor's comments were awaited but PC Members raised concern re access and liability of maintenance costs suggesting a "Conditional Easement" would be more appropriate. Clerk would chase the Solicitors' comments.

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