

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON LINE VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
JANUARY 2021**

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

**In Attendance:** Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO and William Hunt Press Officer.

**Apologies** had been received from Cncllr. Anthony Hopkins.

**DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** No matters were raised.

2680. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were no declarations of interest.

2681. **MINUTES.** It was Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be signed as a correct record.

2682. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Parish Paths.** Cncllr Dinah Griffin reported on the proposal to divert footpath 661. Cncllr David Hunter continued to chase Bovis Homes regarding footpath 643. It was noted that most footpaths were currently very mudded due to heavy rain. Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel asked that footpath walkers remained on the footpath and not to stray on to crops. **Lengthsman.** The Lengthsman's duties and pay would be discussed at the next PC meeting. **Neighbourhood Plan.** Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel would contact all Members of the NP Committee to arrange a Zoom meeting in order that progress could be made.

2683. **POLICE REPORT.** Again no Police report had been received. Cncllr David Hunter had spoken to the Police at Droitwich and reported that there had been an increase in burglaries in the village and that more areas in the village were falling foul of graffiti. Cncllrs encouraged any residents with knowledge of any crime to report to the Police.

2684. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Mrs Audrey Steel asked that repairs to the "sign post" at the Village Green should be put in hand. The £3000 remaining in the Sec 106 funding has to be spent in relation to cycling. Cycle tracks and bike parking, bikes for hire and provision of static outside cycle exercise bikes were suggested. Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel would take ideas to the DC and Cncllr. Jane Neal would seek quotations.

2685. **FINANCIAL REPORT.** RFO Robert Wilcox had circulated the monthly balance sheet and financial report. It was noted that payment from the CC in the sum of £1,010 was still outstanding for the Lengthsman's work. It was Agreed to increase the Christmas tree "donation to The Primrose Hospice" to £225. The cost of the electricity used would be calculated and paid in February. It was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Clerk £543.86, RFO £144.94, Inkberrow Services Ltd £140, Wychavon DC (dog bin collection service) £90.67, Jane Neal Zoom Subscription £11.99, Lengthsman £200, Broadband £34.94.

2686. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** **20/02767 Mr. N. Underwood, Unit 2 Knowlefields Barn Farm.** New industrial unit. The Parish Council expressed concern with the access/egress of heavy vehicles into a single drive off a busy main road. **20/02438 Mr. & Mrs. B Adams, 20 Stonepit Lane.** Erection of porch and 2 storey side and rear ext. with detached garage. The Parish Council recommended the application for the extension be approved but building the detached garage at the front of the property was considered to be overdevelopment of the site. **20/02572 Mr & Mrs. Drumm, Wychens Holberrow Green.** Proposed alterations and extensions to side and rear of dwelling and replacement of detached garage. The Parish Council recommended the application be approved. **21/00034 Mr. Jonathan Edger, Gannow Farm, Stock Green. Steel portal framed building.** The Parish Council recommended the application be approved. At this point the meeting was closed in order for a member of the public to speak regarding a proposed planning application. It was noted that the proposed application was outside the building line of the village and that there was a footpath across the land. The application would be further considered once received for comment. The Chairman re-opened the meeting.

2687. **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.** It was Agreed a donation of £50 be sent to the Inkberrow Branch of Royal British Legion in lieu of none provision of a poppy wreath on Remembrance Sunday 2020.

2688. **DRUG PROBLEM.** The drug problem continued. It was noted that the Police were making enquiries and were in contact with the PC representative in this regard.

2689. **DRAINAGE PROBLEMS AT THE VILLAGE HALL.** It was noted a meeting with the ICC and Football Club would be arranged for the manhole on the Eastern side of the village Hall to be examined. Cncllr. Rodger Fooks would report findings and recommendations to the next meeting.

2690. **ALCESTER BRASS BAND.** It was Agreed a donation of £50 be sent to the Alcester Brass band.

2690. **ALLOTMENTS.** Following problems at the Allotments, it was Agreed an acrylic sign be fixed to the entrance gate at the Allotments advising Private Property.

2691. **PARISH CHARITIES.** The Parish Charities Annual Report was received.

2692. **FLOODING.** The flooding in Witybed Lane continued. It was considered the double drain off Stockwood Lane may be contributing to the problem. Cncllrs. David Hunter and Anthony Hopkins were investigating.

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