

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD ON
WEDNESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2021, COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

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

In Attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO.

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Robin Lunn and Richard Jordan and County Councillor Laura Gretton.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. It was noted that an excellent job had been carried out on clearing the pavements through Pepper Street to Appletree Lane. A number of highway problems remained with overhanging hedges and shrubbery making passage hazardous for pedestrians and cyclists. These would be listed for action by the County Councillor.

2911. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cncllr. Jane Neal declared a none pecuniary interest in item 5A in regard to the new Air Band box installed at the junction of Pepper Street.

2912. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the PC meeting held on 20th October were agreed to be a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

2913. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways.** Concern was being expressed with the installation of a large green metal Air Band box at the Pepper Street junction, within the Inkberrow Conservation Area. The Parish Council proposed the box be removed out of the Conservation Area and preferably be reduced in size. It was noted that the DC Planning/Enforcement and Conservation Officers and CC Highways were involved. **Lengthsman** Cncllr. Laura Gretton would be asked to put pressure on for the Lengthsman training. **Neighbourhood Plan.** Meetings were continuing and a report would be made to the January PC meeting. **SCI Licence.** Cncllr. David Hunter would liaise with the SCI regarding the final wording for the twelve months rolling licence. **Electric Charging Points.** Cncllr Mrs Steel would continue to seek details.

2914. **POLICE REPORT.** It was noted an increase in on line scans was being experienced up to the Christmas period, and an increase in trailer thefts and Land Rover Defenders. There had also been thefts of tools etc. from sheds on allotments in the area.

2915. **WRITTEN REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** News on Lengthsman training was expected within 2 weeks. The owners of the overgrown hedges along the pavement from the Old Bakery to the School were being asked to cut back their hedges. A "No Cycling" notice would be erected for The Tuer. A request had been put in for the "flashing lights" to be installed on the notice on the Worcester bend.

2916. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel that the DC Chairman was organising a Christmas Faye and a Carol Service.

2917. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The monthly balance sheet and report had been circulated. The RFO recommended an increase of 4% in the budget for the ensuing year. This was Agreed . The following outstanding accounts were agreed for payment: Clerk £447.79, RFO £147.11, SmartCut £413.06, Clerk expenses £33.78, Parfitt Services £60.

2918. **QUEEN'S JUBILEE PREPARATIONS.** Preparations were well in hand.

2919. **GRAFFITI REMOVAL AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE BUS SHELTER.** Councillor Dinah Griffin would contact a local artist to seek his help with the design and overseeing of this major project which would hopefully include input from the School children.

2920. **ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS.** Cncllr Audrey Steel reported that it appeared planning permission would not be required but the points would need to be attached to a building. The cost was suspected to be in the region of £4,000 - £7,000 for supply and installation. Cncllr. Rodger Fooks would seek the view of the Village Hall Committee.

2921. **CHRISTMAS TREE.** Plans for the illuminated tree on The Green were going ahead. The Clerk would seek an estimate from S E Davis for placing the lights on the tree and removing them after the celebrations.

2922. **PLAY AREA INSPECTION.** Following the Inspection Report it was noted that the tractor was being repaired and the slide area was being examined. Playdale would be asked for a quotation for the repair of the junior 2 bucket seat swing.

2923. **DC CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS.** It was noted that the Scheme had been discontinued and it was Agreed that the £50 invested in this scheme in 1993 should be carried forward to the new proposed scheme.

2924. **GIRL GUIDES.** The two donations previously made for local Guides to travel abroad had not been taken up due to Covid restrictions. It was agreed not to claim back the donations.

2925. **INSURANCE COVER FOR ON THE GREEN EVENTS.** It was noted that events in the village put on by the Parish Council were covered for insurance purposes but events held on The Green or elsewhere in the village, which were not Parish Council events would not be covered by the PC insurance.

2926. **REMEMBRANCE/CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY EVENTS.** Arrangements would be made to ensure that Remembrance Service /Poppy Wreath arrangements would be included in October PC Agendas and that Christmas Tree/Carols/Brass Band would be included in January Agendas.

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