

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD, ON
WEDNESDAY 19TH JANUARY, 2022, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.**

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

In Attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO and George Capell Press Officer.

Apologies. Apologies had been received from County Councillor Laura Gretton.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. The Agent in respect of Planning Application 22/00032 (Stonepit Lane) spoke on behalf of the application with some members of the public expressing concern regarding the effect it would have on the local environment and community. Serious concerns were raised regarding the safety issue with the planning application for Gallops at Holberrow Green. Recent RTC's along the main road through to The Red Hart were reported. PC concern would be expressed to the County Councillor.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cncllr. Anthony Hopkins expressed a non pecuniary interest in the Stonepit Lane planning application and signed the Declarations of Interest record.

2927. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2021 were agreed to be a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

1928. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways.** The overhanging undergrowth in Pepper Street remained a problem, becoming a safety issue. The Clerk would again report expressing urgency. It was noted that the footpath to the Tuer had been completed and that the hedge along the footpath from the Old Bakery to the School had been cut back and that work was being carried out on the footpath in Priory Piece Lane. The hedge along Appletree Lane, bordering Springfield Farm would be reported in order that it could be cut back prior to the commencement of the grass cutting season. **Lengthsman.** The long wait for the training of the Lengthsman continued. Clerk would ask the County Councillor to seek urgent attention to this. **Neighbourhood Plan.** Meetings were due to recommence in early February. **SCI Licence.** Cncllr David Hunter advised that the 12 month Licence should be agreed by the next PC meeting.

1929. **POLICE REPORT.** It was noted that trailer thefts continued in the area and that drain cover thefts were being experienced locally. On line dating fraud was being experienced throughout the West Mercia area.

1930. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** There was no CC report.

1931. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel reported that a number of staff changes had taken place and that the proposed new Ward Boundary changes could mean that Kington and Dormston could be included in the Inkberrow Ward.

1932. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The Finance Report and Balance Sheet, confirming a new tax base rate increase of 2.9%, had been circulated. It was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Clerk £447.59, RFO £147.11, Wychavon DC (Dog Bin Service) £93.11, Parfitt Services £60, Alcester Brass Band (Carol Service & Remembrance Service) £100, Primrose Hospice (Xmas tree) £200.

1933. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS. 21/02983/HP Brightside, Worcester Road**, demolition of outbuildings and conservatory, proposed new rear extension and replacement garage/workshop building. It was Agreed the application be recommended for approval. **21/02986/FUL Mearse Croft, Mearse Lane**. Retrospective and new permission sought for agricultural building including grain silos, chicken sheds and movable hen houses. It was Agreed to seek information from Cookhill PC before making comment. **W/22/00032/OUT. Land at OS 0100 5706 Stonepit Lane.** (*Cncllr A Hopkins left the room whilst this application was being considered*). Outline planning application for the erection of 5 custom build dwellings with all matters reserved except for access and layout. It was Agreed to recommend the application be refused for the same reasons given for refusal of the previous application – in particular being outside the designated development boundary for Inkberrow.

1934. **QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.** Twelve trees had been planted and recorded on the Queen's Green Canopy Website. A Beacon was being planned with celebrations in a marque on The Green. Various organisations within the village were planning celebrations.

1935. **BARLEY MEADOWS PROTRUDING MANHOLE COVERS.** It was Agreed responsibility for the covers lay with the service providers.

1936. **COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME.** It was noted that the scheme might be available to assist with the provision of a new Club House for the Tennis Club.

1937. **ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS.** After discussion, if provision was decided, it was agreed the preferred location would be near the Health Centre. Cncllr Mrs. Steel agreed to liaise with the Health Centre.

1938. **CHRISTMAS TREE 2022.** It was agreed the provision of a 2022 Christmas Tree, new lights and provision of an electricity point for future trees and for users of The Green generally, should be included in the February Agenda. Sincere thanks were expressed to everyone who had been involved in the provision of the 2021 tree.

1939. **106 MONIES IN HAND.** Notification of money in hand under the 106 Agreement was received.

1940. **REQUEST FOR PERMISSN TO PROVIDE A QUEEN'S JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE ON THE SEAT AROUND THE TREE ON THE GREEN.** Permission was granted but it was Agreed the seat needed to be removed and replaced.

1941. **PLAY AREA.** It was Agreed the swings should be replaced following the next Inspection.

Signed.....Chairman Date