

**MINUTES OF THE INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD, ON
WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2022.**

PRESENT: Councillors David Hunter (Chairman), Jane Neal, Rodger Fooks, Dinah Griffin, Anthony Hopkins, Richard Jordan. County Councillor Laura Gretton.

In Attendance: Janet Cresswell, Clerk.

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence had been received from Cncllrs. Mrs Audrey Steel, Robin Lunn and Christopher Burdett and Robert Wilcox, RFO.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

The speed of traffic through the High Street was raised and green/red speed signs were suggested. Overhanging hedges in Sands road and the play Area were noted. Cncllr Dinah Griffin and her team were thanked for work carried out on footpaths. The applicant for planning application W/22/01970/AGR presented details of the application. Planning application W/22/01695/PP was referred to and Members were reminded that the proposal was outside the Village Envelop for development, was onto a narrow Broadclose Lane and would create more traffic onto a dangerous cross roads. The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their information.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were no declarations of interest.

2879. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 27th August were agreed to be a correct record and signed by the Chairman following an amendment at minute 2873 which referred to “the footpath being incorrectly placed “ which did not refer to planning application 015619.

2880. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways.** County Councillor Laura Gretton agreed to request the illuminated school crossing signs be moved near to the 30mph sign. The Chairman would speak with the School Headmaster and Highways in this regard and also enquire who was responsible for activating the flashing school crossing sign. Councillor Laura Gretton would report to Highways that although the pavement between Nu-U and the junction of Stockwood Lane had been resurfaced the undergrowth had not been cut back making the pavement uneven in its width. A report had been received suggesting that the footpath from Sands Road to Stockwood Lane should be widened. Cncllr. Laura Gretton would seek suggestions from Highways. The Lengthsman would be directed to cut back the hedge along that path to improve the passage of pedestrians in the meantime. Cncllr. Laura Gretton would also chase the removal of the white gates, the Quiet Lane posts and the removal of the undergrowth on the Pepper Street bend. The surface repairs in Broadclose Lane would be held over prior to knowledge being received re the proposed development off the Lane. Reports of walkers crossing fields that did not hold registered public footpaths continued to be reported. Cncllr. Dinah Griffin would prepare a report for Whats On in this regard. **Lengthsman.** Work for September/October would include cutting the hedge from Sands Road to Stockwood Lane, improving visibility out of Milepost Lane and cutting back the hedge at Fieldhouse Cottage. **Neighbourhood Plan.** Some Members had met with the Neighbourhood Plan team and received a progress report. It was anticipated that the Plan would be drawn up by Spring 2023 prior to a referendum in June 2023. **SPI.** No progress was being made. It was Agreed the PC Solicitors should be asked to request a statement of the current position.

2881. **POLICE REPORT.** Speeding in Withybed Lane would be monitored. Thefts from vans and sheds continued to take place and new scams continued and were becoming to be more believable. West Mercia Constabulary were seeking to re-install the Community Speedwatch. Cncllr David Hunter would post information around the village and Cncllr Jane Neal would check the names of previous volunteers.

2882. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The Finance report and balance sheet had been circulated. It was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Clerk: £456.61, RFO: £152.26, Topcast: Domain name, re-setting password and Microsoft 365. Inkberrow Bowls Club: £360 (hire of Pavilion), Worcs. CALC £600 (Annual membership.) It was noted the request to change to internet banking had been signed and posted.

2883. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following two applications were recommended for approval:
22/01719 Stockwood Thatch. Repair of the right hand timber framed gable. Removal of infill panels to enable replacement of rotted timbers. **22/01970 (OS9998 5824) Berrowfields Farm Lane.** Steel framed agricultural building for storage of crops and machinery,
22/01695 Hills Yard, Broadclose Lane. Permission in principle for the construction of 2 dwellings. It was Agreed the application be refused on the grounds that the land was outside the Village Envelope for development, would be over development of the site and the access led to a dangerous cross roads.
2201589 Long Meadow Farm, Holberrow Green. Outline application for construction of permanent agricultural worker's dwelling with all matters reserved except for access. It was Agreed the application be recommended for approval provided an Agricultural Tie be placed on the proposed dwelling.

2884. **VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD.** The Shop owner had suggested the notice board could be placed next to the WI notice board. A double sided board was being considered with possibly incorporating the Village Map Case.

2885. **PROPOSED SOLAR FARM PROJECT.** The planning application for this project had not yet been received.

2886. **REFURBISHMENT OF BUS SHELTER.** Cncllr. Rodger Fooks would report to the next meeting.

2887. **PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE GREEN.** This item would be included in the October Agenda.

2888. **VILLAGE PLANTERS.** Cncllr Rodger Fooks would liaise with the other volunteers re winter planting.

2889. **COUNCILLORS'/ CLERK'S REPPORTS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.** MILLENNIUM GREEN. The Chairman would write to Wendy Johnson thanking her for her dedication and personal hard work over the last 20 years in developing the Millennium Green. THE FLOWER SHOW The Chairman would write to the organisers and congratulate them on the success of the Flower Show.

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