

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD, ON  
WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023.**

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

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

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Cncllr. Mrs. Audrey Steel.

**DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** Comments from the public were recorded in the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held prior to the commencement of the PC meeting.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cncllr. Christopher Burdett declared an interest in planning application 23/00270/FUL and signed the Declarations of Interest Record.

2942. **MINUTES.** It was Agreed The Minutes of the PC meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2043. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways.** It was reported that the culvert adjacent to the Sewage Works flooded. Severn Trent would be advised. Speeding in Pepper Street was reported as a problem for pedestrians during pick up times at the Nursery. Nursery would be asked to bring this to the attention of parents using the Nursery. The gulleys in Pepper Street required attention. The **Lengthsman** would be asked to clear them as much as possible. The Lengthsman would also be asked to re-seed bare patches on the Village Green. It was noted that the Inkberrow Lengthsman had been approached by a number of other PC's currently without a Lengthsman and had agreed to do immediate work where necessary but only when his work for Inkberrow PC allowed. It was noted that the £20 per hour currently paid allowed work for Inkberrow twelve and a half hours per month.

2044. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** The Plan was on track with the draft expected to be completed by May in time for inspection by DC prior to the Referendum. Following the DC inspection a further meeting with the PC would be arranged in September.

2045. **POLICE.** HMRC scams re tax rebates were being experienced.

2046. **FINANCE.** Fencing quotes were awaited. It was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: WaterPlus £26.47, WDC Bin Emptying £100.34, Clerk £456.61, RFO £152.26. Parfitt Services £60, J Bamford (Allotment mowing) £50, Broadband £38.23. The number of coins to be allocated to the Inkberrow School children would be checked and costs would be paid from the DC Coronation fund.

2047. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS. 23/00270/FUL Land at OS9911 5879 Earls Common Road Stock Green.** Construction of a Solar Farm and battery storage system (BESS) facility together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure. **Councillor Christopher Burdett left the room for this item.** It was Agreed (with each PC Member present individually giving reasons for the application to be refused) that Inkberrow PC strongly object to this application and recommends that Wychavon District Council refuses to grant permission. It was Agreed that prior to the PC submission Cncllr Anthony Hopkins would collate the PC's reasons for recommending refusal in time for the PC response to be made within the time scale required.

2048. **BENCHES IN PLAYING FIELD.** A suggestion had been received for a bench to be placed at the top of the Playing Field. It was Agreed that permission would be required from ICC Management. Cncllr. Rodger Fooks would report to the next PC meeting.

2049. **FENCING.** The fencing around the Play Area would be discussed further at the April meeting.

2450. **MENS' SHED.** The Map Case had been restored but proved to be not water tight. Its placing would be considered at the April meeting.

2451. **CORONATION.** Arrangements were in hand to erect the small marquee on The Green on the Friday prior to the Coronation weekend. Various events were being planned and a reply was awaited from the IYFC regarding an event for young people.

2452. **RESPONSIBILITY/LIABILITY WITH PC OWNED LAND/PROPERTY AND ICC CHARITY STATUS.** Cncllr Rodger Fooks would advise the ICC that they should apply to become a Chartered Corporated Organisation giving them legal status and long term security and ownership – permission to do this would be required from the PC. This could be done in stages to incorporate the Bowls Club and the Tennis Club. Cncllr Fooks will report progress to the PC April meeting.

2453. **TREE INSPECTION.** Cncllr Jane Neal presented a list of trees known to be the responsibility of the PC and needing risk assessment. Advice would be sought from the Tree Officer at DC and discussed further at the April meeting.

2454. **2023 LOCAL ELECTIONS.** Clerk would provide the required documents for each newly elected Member of the Parish Council.

2455. **GRIT BOXES.** Permission was given for Cncllr Hopkins to purchase grit for some boxes.

2456 **CAR PARK.** It was noted that the sign re car park use should be facing the road at the entrance and that consideration should be given to closing the car park for 2 days each year.

Signed.....Date.....