

MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD, ON WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY, 2023, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.

Local elections had been held and 8 of the current elected Members would remain in office, leaving one vacancy. The vacancy had been advertised and two applications had been received.

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

IN ATTENDANCE; County Councillor Laura Gretton, Janet Cresswell, Clerk, Robert Wilcox, RFO.

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillor Ben Hurdman.

All Members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2474. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. It was unanimously agreed that Cncllr. David Hunter be Chairman for the ensuing year. Cncllr David Hunter signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Chairman.

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING THE CHAIRMAN ASKED CNCLLR. ANTHONY HOPKINS TO REMIND EVERYONE OF THE MANY PROJECTS IN THE VILLAGE THAT THE LATE CNCLLR. AUDREY STEEL HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR DURING SO MANY YEARS OF SERVICE BOTH AS A PARISH COUNCILLOR AND A DISTRICT COUNCILLOR. ONE MINUTES SILENCE WAS HELD IN REMEMBRANCE .

2475. APPLICATIONS FOR CASUAL VACANCY. Two applicants had submitted their applications. A secret ballot was held and Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan was elected as a Member of Inkberrow Parish Council. Cncllr. Elizabeth Jordan signed the Acceptance of Office.

2476. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN. Cncllr. Jane Neal was elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year and signed the Acceptance of Office.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. It was noted that the JBM Solar Farm planning application had been taken to Redditch Borough Council regarding that part of the application that covered Feckenham.

A report was received from the ICC regarding the SCI seeking approval to connect their waste disposal to that of the ICC. It was noted that professional advice suggested that the ICC current sewage system was not capable of dealing with the waste from both the ICC and SCI.

2477. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

Police: Cncllr. David Hunter

Trees: Cncllr. Richard Jordan

Allotments: Cncllr Anthony Hopkins

Millennium Green Trust: Cncllr. Dinah Griffin

Parish Charities: Cncllr Robin Lunn

Inkberrow School. There would be no official rep. but Cncllr. Elizabeth Jordan Agreed to be Liaison Officer.

Inkberrow Community Council: Cncllr Rodger Fooks.

Public Rights of Way Liaison Officer: Cncllr. Dinah Griffin.

2478. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th April were Agreed to be a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

2479. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways:** County Cncllr. Laura Gretton would proceed with the request received for white parking lines to be placed outside The Old Bakery off the A422 and the dangerous edge of road deep guttering following the resurfacing of Earlscommon Road. Cncllr Gretton would request white lines on the road at the bend by the entrance to Rush Farm and would report back on her possible financial help from her Discretionary Funding for expenses expected with the ICC Charity Status. Lengthsman. Strimming verges and cutting back overhanging shrubs had been dealt with during May and the Lengthsman advised he could repair the handrail at the steps to the Church, but not able to repair the steps. Cncllr Laura Gretton would speak with Highways Footpaths re the repair to the steps, being an official footpath, with permission being asked for the cost of the handrail repair to be covered by the new extended Lengthsman Agreement. Cncllr Robin Lunn would enquire if help could be given by the Church.

The pothole at the entrance to the car park needed to be tarmacked. Cncllr Christopher Burdett would obtain quotations for the next meeting. SmartCut would be asked to ensure the verges edging the Appletree Lane entrance to the A442 be included in the grass cutting schedule.

Cncllr Laura Gretton would report back any progress on the provision of school crossing warning lights.

2480. **INKBERROW DEVELOPMENT PLAN.** The first draft was completed, copies would be forwarded to the PC and would be discussed at the June meeting.

2481. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The balance sheet and report had been circulated. The Annual financial return was Agreed and was signed by the Chairman and Clerk. It was Agreed the outstanding accounts be paid: Coronation Lunch £140. BHIB Council's Insurance £1,161.14. Sinfonia donation £100 St Peter's Church PEC Coronation £50, Clerk £481.37, RFO £167.48, Parfitt Services £60, SmartCut £454.36, Broadband £45.52, St Peter' Church £568.50. Lengthsman £84.

2482. **SPORTING CLUB INKBERROW** Following receipt of reports that the current system is not capable of dealing with waste from both the ICC and the SCI, it was Agreed the Clerk would write to the SCI requiring the SCI to install their own system, advising the PC, in writing, their plan for installing their own system and their time plan for disconnecting the present unlawful system with confirmation that neither the PC or the ICC will be liable for any future waste problems that may be experienced by the SCI.

2483. **POLICE.** Scams continue to be reported. Thefts of catalytic converters continued. The Police had advised that they would visit local areas re home security.

There were no County Councillor or District Councillor reports.

2484. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** W/23/00845/HP 32 Pepper Street. Single storey ext. to the existing dwelling, existing single storey rear ext. being removed and replaced. It was Agreed the application be recommended for approval.

2485. **WHATS ON.** It was noted that the publication of Whats On would recommence in September.

2486. **MEN'S SHED.** It was reported that the map case was repaired and was in situ in the porch at the Village Hall. The removal of the graffiti on the bus shelter was in hand.

2487. **ALLOTMENTS.** It was Agreed that permission be granted for a shed to be placed on Plot 17 at the Allotments.

2488. **ICC CHARITY STATUS.** Representatives from the PC and ICC had met and agreed to move forward with seeking IOC status. John Bailey had agreed to help with the initial application and the best legal advisor was being researched. The tenancies of the Bowls and Tennis Clubs would be part of the ongoing process once IOC status has been gained.

2489. TREE INSPECTION. Cncllr. Richard Jordan reported on the tree inspection and the quote for work on trees of concern had been received. It was agreed the work required on the tree on The Green to be made safe from electricity wires should be put in hand. It was noted that an ash tree by the Tennis Club overhung the School crossing signs. Cncllr Roger Fooks would seek permission from the ICC for work to be carried out to clear the view of the crossing sign.

2489. **COUNCILLORS'/CLERK'S REPORTS AND ITEMS FO THE NEXT AGENDA.** The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution to the Coronation Celebrations and the PC received thanks for the financial contributions towards some the events.

It was noted that the new sign for the entrance to the car park had been received and would be in place shortly.

It was noted that the recent Annual Relay Race had been a success and that 50% of the entrance fees would be paid to local charities.

The Chairman would advise a date for all the newly elected Members to meet prior to the June meeting.

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