

**MINUTES OF THE INKBERRW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD, ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 2023.**

PRESENT: Councillors David Hunter (Chairman), Jane Neal, Christopher Burdett, Robin Lunn, Dinah Griffin, Elizabeth Jordan, Richard Jordan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Janet Cresswell, Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO and County Councillor Laura Gretton

ALLOTMENTS AGM. A number of Allotment Tenants were in attendance and it was Agreed the hedge at the lower end of the Allotments should be cut back and the height reduced as it was currently shading the sunlight from a number of plots. This would be done in conjunction with the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. It was also Agreed that the Parish Council would arrange for the brambles surrounding Plot 1 to be cut back.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE had been received from Cncllr. Anthony Hopkins and Cncllr. Rodger Fooks and District Councillors Ben Hurdman and Nick Dawkes.

DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. An objection was received regarding the **removal of the hedge in Stonepit Lane and earthworks taking place for the new proposed development.** District Cncllr Nick Dawkes would be asked to keep the PC informed on the progress of this development. A report was received from the **MENS SHED CLUB** on their activities over the past year. I was noted that the donations received had covered the running costs of the Club, with £2,500 paid to the Bowls Club, but such donations were not expected for the next financial year. The Chairman thanked the Mens Shed Club for all the work they had done around the village so far.

Severn Trent water flooding Stockwood Lane. Cncllr Laura Gretton would seek information from Highways.

2550. **MINUTES.** It was Agreed the Chairman should sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th September as a correct record.

2551. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES. WYCHAVON RURAL FUND.** Cncllrs. Rodger Fooks, Jane Neal and RFO Robert Wilcox would form a sub committee. Upon inspection it was noted that if the edges of the car park were pushed back and refreshed with hardcore and stone, the area would not require complete Tarmac refurbishment. Cncllr. Jane Neal would seek Quotations for the work and Cncllr Christopher Burdett would provide new padlocks for the gates. The suggested provision of a Skate Park would be considered. **PLAY AREA FENCING.** Further quotes were awaited to include an extra gate. **ICC NEW CONSTITUTION.** Updated Contracts and Agreements would be sent back to the Solicitors. Costs had risen to £3,600. Cnty. Cncllr. Laura Gretton confirmed her Discretionary Fund was available to assist with costs. **SCHOOL CROSSING LIGHTS.** Cnty. Cncllr. Laura Gretton will speak with Highways regarding the faulty lights. **SCHOOL SIGN.** It was noted one of the flashing school signs was obliterated by overgrowing hedge, **EMERGENCY PLANNING.** Jem Teal, from Wychavon DC would attend the PC November meeting to advise on Emergency Planning. **THE TREE ON THE GREEN.** Tree Surgeons had inspected and declared the tree safe.

2552. **PC DEEDS /HOLDINGS.** The Solicitors had confirmed what Deeds/Holdings they held on behalf of the PC. Two of the Holdings required registering with the Land Registry. It was Agreed the Solicitors should register the two Holdings presently unregistered and to advise cost for advising ownership of other parcels of land.

2553. **HEDGE HIGH HOUSE DRIVE.** A complaint had been received regarding a hedge in High House Drive. Upon inspection it was noted the hedge was not High House Drive, but 1 Field House. This is

not a public highway and the hedge is private property. Cnty. Cncllr. Laura Gretton would enquire if Highways could help.

2554. **POLICE/HIGHWAYS** Speeding continued to be a problem around the village. Police had distributed speed stickers in Stockwood/Withybed lanes and were in contact with Highways regarding various forms of speed control including white gates. Anti skid surface on the Radford Bend was being considered for installation next summer. The grit/bin requirement for the coming winter would be checked. It was noted that the County Highways had extended their Lengthsman Scheme to include public footpaths.

2555. **INKBERROW DEVELOPMENT PLAN.** The document needed to be reformatted. The vacancy for the work of formatting the document had not yet been filled.

2556. **SCI AND SEVERN TRENT.** Severn Trent had declared the problem of foul water drainage to be a private matter. Chairman and Cncllr Rodger Fooks would liaise and consider the next step.

2557. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR. Airband poles.** Cncllr. Laura Gretton advised there was nothing the County Council could do to prevent the erection of poles by Airband. If wires were laid underground there would be a cost per house. The ceasing of the **school bus** stopping to pick up/drop off in Withybed Lane would be investigated.

2558. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The RFO had circulated the Balance sheet and Report for October. It was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Clerk £461.89. RFO £159.87. Parfitt Services £60. SmartCut £299.53. Wellers Law Group £1,590. British Legion Poppy Appeal £50, DC Electoral Administration £50. JMC Surface Contractors £4,380. Stationery/Postage £65.87. Broadband £44.69. DC Litter Collection £440.98. DC Historical Planning Request £34. Donation towards Bench £227.31.

2559. **PLANNING.** The following Reserved Matters concerning 3 plots for the Stonepit Lane development were considered but the Parish Council made no comment : (W/22/00032/OUT.) 23/02078 Agricultural Building Stockwood Lane. It was Agreed the application be recommended for approval.

2560. **DISPOSAL OF GARDEN WASTE.** It had been reported that garden waste had been thrown over the hedge from properties in Stockwood Lane into the Playing Field. A reminder would be included in the Whats On report that this was illegal and should not continue.

2561. **PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS TREE.** Help for this was requested. Cncllr. Elizabeth Jordan would approach the Young Farmers to seek their assistance.

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

