

**Minutes of Inkberrow Parish Council meeting held in The Pavilion, Sands Road.
Wednesday 19th June 2024, commencing At 7.30pm.**

Present: Councillors David Hunter (Chair), Jane Neal, Dinah Griffin, Robin Lunn, Richard Jordan

In Attendance: Robert Wilcox (RFO), Paula Gittoes (Clerk)

Apologies for absence Chris Burdett, Rodger Fooks, Anthony Hopkins, District Cllrs B Hurdman, Elizabeth Jordan

Democratic fifteen minutes public question time, the following points were raised:-

1. Planning application W/24/00633/ FUL. A discussion took place regarding this application, and it was noted that Wychavon Planning Department had extended the closing date for comments and that the Parish Council would review additional further information at the July meeting.

Email to Wychavon Planning to extend closing date

Action PG

2. The Parish Council Chair was asked to clarify the position of the Council on Work/Live units. The Council have previously expressed 'concern on the number and longevity of work/live units' and this had been raised with Wychavon Planning. It was reiterated that each application would be considered individually.

1. **Apologies** for absence were recorded.
2. There were no **declarations of interest**.
3. The minutes from the previous meeting were signed with typographical errors amended.
4. **Progress from Previous minutes.** It was noted that a plaque to commemorate the coronation of King Charles had been agreed for the village green seat.
5. The **action tracker** was updated.
6. **Highway matters**
 - a. It was noted that the lighting of the path by the village shop is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.
 - b. It was agreed that the Lengthsman would be requested to manage the reported overgrowth of nettles on Tuer Way.
 - c. The increasing amounts of graffiti in the village was discussed and it was agreed that photographs would be forwarded to Vicky Elliott, Safer Neighbourhood Team, however it was accepted that this is an ongoing cyclical problem. **Action DH**
 - d. Cllr Jordan asked if Highways could be contacted to discuss drain cleaning and sweeping on Stonepit Lane, opposite the new development. He also asked if the Parish Council could contact the developer and ask them if they would take responsibility for unblocking the drains. **Action PG**
 - e. A discussion took place on footway maintenance that had been undertaken within the village. It was unknown who was responsible, but one thought was that a gentleman on Whistler's Hill had repaired the railings and the gravel on Pepper St footpath had been put down by villagers who were having a party. Cllr Griffin noted that it would be helpful if the Parish Council could be informed when villagers assisted in this way.

7. **Lengthsman**

An invoice has been received and authorised for payment.

Action RW

8. **Inkberrow Neighbourhood plan**

It was noted that Cllr Nick Dawkes had arranged a meeting with Wychavon Planning on the 1st of July. Unfortunately, key representatives of the Neighbourhood Plan Group were unable to attend so an alternative date was agreed with Cllr Dawkes to agree with Planning.

Action ND

9. **Police Report.** Vicky Elliott, Safer Neighbourhood Team, was in attendance. She reported that number plates and a caravan had been stolen from the local area. There were no leads on either.

There was an attempted burglary in Pepper St, a vehicle had been stolen from Church Lench and two other vehicles had been stolen from Cladswell and one in Cookhill. It was reported that the vehicles stolen were considered 'high end' and for a particular market. It was suggested that faraday bags, steering wheel locks or chains on gates were deterrents. Vicky was not aware of any incidences of graffiti being reported.

The Parish Council were advised that support was available for community speed watch if criteria was met.

PC Note

A discussion took place regarding parking at school times on Stockwood Lane and the corner of Windmill Lane. It was suggested that the Highways Department could be contacted to seek advice. In some areas signage had helped.

Action PG

R Wilcox asked if there was support available that the Council could draw on to maintain footways etc. Vicky would pass the Council a contact.

Action VE

10. **Report from the County Councillor** None.

11. **Report from the District Councillors**

- a. Cllr Dawkes reported that Waitrose Droitwich had negotiated a further 10 year lease on the land.
- b. Cllr Dawkes asked the Parish Council to note that Parish Council meetings often clashed with District Council meetings and his attendance at those was a priority but he would continue to provide updates and attend Parish Councils when he could.

12. **Finance**

- a. Payments were made to Kevin Allard (Solicitors), CIO, Smartcut, the Men's Shed, Roger and Jane Neal for planter services.

13. **Planning**

- a. W/24/00633 Holberrow Green, seek an extension to closing date pending additional information requested.
- b. W/24/00202/FUL Football/Cricket Pitches, planning approved by Wychavon with conditions. It was noted that the SCI had requested a meeting with the Parish Council re condition 6.

Action PG

14. **Any other business from Clark or parish councillors**

- a. NALC Events: Training for Clerks and Councillors to be circulated to Cllrs **Action PG**
- b. It was noted that replacement playground signage has been ordered
- c. Tuer Way. Cllr Griffin had discussed with Fiona Argyle, County Footpath Officer, and been advised that signage was County Highways responsibility. **Action DG**

15. Any other business from the public

- a. Cllr Lunn advised the meeting that the SCI were intending to address the sewage issue at the Football club when the 3G pitch is installed to make efficient use of the machinery.
- b. The Parish Council were advised that Inkberrow Postmistress is intending to retire. Discussion pursued and it was agreed that the Council would wait to be informed officially from the Post Office.

Next Meeting July 17th 2024, 19.30 Bowls Club, Sands Road.

Allotment judging will take place on July 17th at 18.45 at the allotments

Apologies to the Clerk please parishcouncil@inkberrow.org.uk