

Inkberrow Annual Parish Council Meeting Minutes of Meeting July 16th 2025 at 19.30, in The Pavilions, Sands Road

7 members of the public and N Dawkes (District Cllr)

Democratic Public Questions

Mr Gary Clubley, (Inkberrow Tennis Club) and Coach Harvey, presented a proposal and request for consideration by the Parish Council to use community land to provide 2 padel tennis courts, for use by the community. This proposal is attached and it was discussed under item 14 J. In principle, the Parish Council would support further investigative work and an application for planning for these courts. The Tennis Club were reminded that the land is for community use and the courts should be available for the community.

Mick Trott updated the meeting on the condition of the bench on Stockwood Lane. It was agreed to remove it and replace it with the bench made available by the upgrade of the bench at the Forge Shop.

MT also informed the meeting that the post marking the 'George Briney' tree near the play area would be replaced when the ground conditions allowed.

Tony Bennett thanked the Parish Council for removing the dead tree in Pepper St and he was advised that it would be replaced when tree grants/planting was available and appropriate.

TB updated the meeting that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Inkberrow was now official since the application had been approved. The current list of members was out of date, and it was suggested that TB approach Elizabeth Collins or Jane Greatbatch to update it. There will be marketing material forthcoming, and this will be circulated by the Clerk, once received.

A resident from Priory Fam Lane raised objections to the planning application W/25/01383/FUL, a live/work unit on Priory Fram Lane. The Parish Council discussed, and the resident was advised to submit concerns through the planning portal.

Present: Cllr D Hunter, R Lunn, C Burdett, D Griffin, A Hopkins, E Jordan, J Neal, R Wilcox RFO, (Clerk P Gittoes)

1. Apologies for absence were received from R Fookes and R Jordan
2. Declarations of Interest were received from C Burdett and D Griffin re their associated membership of the Tennis Club
3. Minutes from previous meeting were corrected to include D Griffin as present and then signed
4. Progress from previous minutes was received. It was noted the allotment water trough remains in progress. **Action AH**
5. Tracker Update. It was agreed to remove this from future agendas and for the tracker to be used by the Clerk alone.
6. Discuss Highways matters
 - a. Roadname Database proposals. The Parish Council were advised that Steel, Thorne, Gannow and Rowlands had been accepted as road names for local developments by the database controller.
 - b. It was raised that the signage for forthcoming work in Holberrow Green was contradictory. One referred to July 21 and the other Aug 21. Clerk to email highways. **Action PG**
 - c. Drainage outside the new housing development on Stonepit Lane near to the junction with Withybed Lane did not appear to be viable and the ditches still appeared full with earth etc. Clerk to contact Lockley Homes **Action PG**

7. Discuss Lengthsman activities: Works undertaken by the lengthsman were discussed and appreciation shown.
It was noted the Fingerpost sign referring to the Post Office remained outstanding also the strimming of undergrowth in the car park at the village hall, and could the bus shelter be inspected two monthly for debris etc **Action PG**
8. BES and Solar Farm Stock Green. It was noted that a submission from highways had been posted and circulated to Councillors
9. No Police reports were received
10. No report was received from the County Councillor
11. The report from the District Councillor N Dawkes was received and will be circulated with the minutes, along with presentation slides from the LGR meeting.
12. Finance Report was received and 1 outgoing noted. An invoice for Wychavon Games entry had been received on the day of the meeting.
13. Review, discuss and note Planning Applications
 - a. Note: W/25/01032/HP Proposed conversion of a timber outbuilding as ancillary accommodation. Location: Barrels Manor Farm, Knighton, Inkberrow, Alcester, B49 5LU. **APPROVED**
 - b. Note W/25/00621/FUL. Construction of 1no. live/work unit Location: Land and Buildings At (Os 9979 5842), Stockwood, Inkberrow. **REFUSED**
 - c. Note Planning appeal W/25/01005/PIP at The Geldings Bouts Lane Holberrow Green Inkberrow
 - d. Note: W/25/00430/FUL Installation of cricket practice facility with nets Location: Inkberrow Football And Cricket Pavilion, Sands Road, Inkberrow, Worcester, WR7 4HJ **APPROVED**
 - e. W/25/01099/HP Single storey rear extension to main property and garage - variation of Condition 2 to planning permission W/25/00194/HP. Location: 32 Stonepit Lane, Inkberrow, Worcester, WR7 4ED **APPROVED**
 - f. W/25/01383/FUL The Paddock, Priory Farm Lane Inkberrow. For live /work Unit and associated work. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would be objecting to the application **Action PG**
14. Any further items from Clerk or Parish Councillors
 - a. Noted that Bleed Kit funding has been applied for via the County Councillors discretionary fund.
 - b. Centenarian update. Noted that card was purchased and ready for the occasion in October
 - c. The request to use the Playing Fields for Yoga by Revival was referred to the CIO
 - d. Village Hall drainage summary from Melanie Hart (CIO) was acknowledged and a signed copy was pending for future reference
 - e. It was agreed to replace the bench on Stockwood Lane with the bench made available by the Forge Shop upgrade
 - f. Discuss Men's Shed proposal for developments at Pavillion. It agreed to defer this discussion until after the leases and licences had been resolved.
 - g. It was noted that an Allotment fees reminder email has been sent out
 - h. The timing of the Allotment Awards presentation was discussed. It was agreed that this would remain an event included at the Autumn Horticultural Show. Cllr Hopkins is the Chair of the Horticulture group and would ensure this was formally agreed via the Horticulture Group meeting. It was noted that Cllr Lunn, as Vice Chair, would be present to make the awards this year.
 - i. It was agreed that an Allotment of Year plaque donated to Bob Berriman could be used by the Allotment holder awarded 1st Place

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- j. It was discussed and agreed that the Tennis Club would be supported by the Parish Council to pursue 2 Padel Tennis courts on the playing fields. In a location to be agreed and for the use of the community (charge may apply)
 - k. An allotment Enquiry was noted, and it was noted there is no waiting list.
15. Any further comments from the public.
The 30mph signs on Withybed Lane were noted to be faded. This would be reported to WCC via the Portal **Action PG**
16. Items for future agenda *1 to be added*
17. Closed Meeting:
- a. Leases and Licences were discussed, and it was agreed that a virtual meeting with Parish Council representatives and the Solicitors was required for advice and to move the issue forward correctly.
 - b. A brief discussion took place on the perceived need for Parish Council premises for a short period of time, at some point during the week for residents to contact the Parish Council. It was not thought that this was necessary because of the various ways residents can contact the PC currently, however the Clerk was asked to discuss within the Clerks Buddy Group to assess current practice.

Next Meeting 20th August 2025 19:30 Bowls Pavillion Sands Lane