

Inkberrow Annual Parish Council Meeting Minutes of Meeting August 20th 2025 at 19.30, in The Pavilions, Sands Road

In attendance:- Robin Lunn (Chair), Dinah Griffin, Richard Jordan, Elizabeth Jordan, Rodger Fookes and Robert Wilcox (Minutes secretary)

Democratic 15 minutes Public Question Time

- a. Issues surrounding the perceived speeding of vehicles along Withybed Lane were raised. Residents have reported receiving abuse from drivers. It was reported that there are no 30 mph signs outside of Ross Crescent and it was thought that drivers could believe the speed limit is 60 mph as you exit Ross Crescent. The Police have apparently been advised but were reported as 'not interested'.
- b. It was also reported that the construction work in Broadclose Lane was excessively noisy and work was commencing at 7.00 am. Some larger construction lorries are having to turn round in Ross Crescent before returning to Broadclose Lane to gain access – it was also reported that the road has been damaged by metal caterpillar vehicles.
- c. It was reported that mature hedgerow had been removed and a fence erected at Withyfields development site and it was believed that approval to do so was still pending and this removal was not authorised.

Robin (Chair) advised those attending that PG (Clerk) had already discussed the Withyfield development with the Planning Officer who was working with the Enforcement Officer. Those in attendance were advised they should raise any matters with Frances Fleming (Planning Officer at Wychavon) /or Satvinder Bell (County Councillor)

1. Apologies received from David Hunter, Jane Neal, Chris Burdett and Paula Gittoes
Anthony Hopkins was absent.
2. There were no declarations of interest
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record. These were proposed by Rodger Fookes, seconded by Elizabeth Jordan
4. Progress From previous minutes was updated
5. Highways Matters
 - a. It was raised that a heavy downpour will prove that the grips on Mile Post Lane are inadequate.
 - b. It was noted that roadside markings indicating pending repair can be seen on the Church Gate road surface
 - c. The PC are not the owners of the tree outside Grasmere. The positioning of the tree would suggest it is the homeowners. Confirmation from WCC would be waited for.
6. Lengthsman
 - a. Dinah Griffin has asked that remedial work for public footpaths be included in the Lengthsman duties. RW asked for details of what and where in order to raise a work programme from WCC and DH to enquire whether Ian could carry out the tasks required.

Action DH
7. BES and Solar Farm. No further Updates
8. No Police report
9. No County Councillor report
10. District Councillor report.

An extensive report was received from WD Councillor Dawkes– no comments were raised though Dinah Griffin highlighted that in the report there was reference that Round Hill Wood had been selected for the planting of more trees.

11. Finance Report

- a. The pay award of 3.2% had been approved.
- b. The unsuccessful application for PCC funding to purchase an additional mobile VAS sign was noted and RW stated that it was now likely that the performance for the year would not be enhanced and returned to budget.
- c. It was agreed a contribution of £80 could be made to Tony Pickering for the Laxford House Christmas Tree lighting. **Action RW**
- d. The long term deposit matured on 21st August and had been extended to March 2026 at 2.24%

12. Planning

- a. Item (f) W/25/01089 land at Holberrow. It was agreed that the PC would reiterate its original objection **Action PG**
- b. W/25/01704/HP 1 Rock Hill Inkberrow Worcester WR7 4EZ double storey side and rear extension. Item (g), It was agreed that there were many houses on the road where precedent had been set, there were no apparent grounds for objection.

13. Any further items

- a. Dinah Griffin requested that members of the IPC should contact WCC for posters concerning the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). PG to print off posters for onward distribution **Action PG**
- b. Item (c) Re the Padel Tennis court proposal. A new plan is to be issued following the likely change of plot from that shown to IPC originally.
- c. Item (d) It was agreed not to replace the broken fence that was removed and to backfill the holes. Leave for the moment the replacement of small fence that was removed. There was a recommendation from IPC to place a bench in the same area if it was suitable. (Men's Shed received a prize of £250 from Diageo for their design of a 'buddy' bench which will pay for the bench)
- d. Item (e) DH to complete the Survey on behalf of IPC **Action DH**
- e. Item (n) Withyfields Development. It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to liaise with the Planning Dept and the Kendrick Site Manager to reduce any further difficulties
- f. Robin Lunn to liaise with Anthony Hopkins regarding the Horticultural Show and timing of presentations. **Action RL/AH**

Meeting closed at 20.45 Robin has retained keys.

Next Meeting September 17th 2025, 19:30, Bowls Pavillion, Sands Lane