

MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ELD IN THE PAVILION SANDS ROAD ON 17TH FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillors Christopher Burdett (Chairman) Elizabeth Collins, Rodger Fooks, Dinah Griffin, Robin Lunn, Jane Neal and Mrs. Audrey Steel.

In attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Philip Gretton RFO and Mike Pashby Press Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Jordan and Anthony Hopkins.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. It was noted that the lane leading from Earlscommon Road in Stockwood was in a very bad state of repair and that the Highways Authority had agreed to carry out immediate repairs and would resurface at the beginning of the new financial year.

2309 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were no declarations of interest.

2310 **MINUTES.** It was AGREED the minutes of the PC meeting held on 20th January be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2311 PROGRESS REPORTS.

Highways. Potholed roads were being reported to CC regularly. The Appletree Lane "3miler" would be included. It was noted that the barrier outside the Village Hall footpath onto Sands Road would be repaired shortly. Members were asked to advise Cncllr Holt at the next meeting in regard to pavements requiring repair work. Cncllrs. Jane Neal and Dinah Griffin would meet with the Clerk to prepare a new grass cutting schedule and request tenders for the current year. It was noted that heavy vehicles were damaging verges in Morton Hall Lane.

VAS Report. The VAS report was received

Neighbourhood Plan. Cncllr Mrs. Steel would invite an Officer from DC to the March/April meeting to advise.

Tennis Club Lease. It was noted that the DC Legal Team were assisting.

Playing Fields. ISLA would be advised of the broken light outside the Pavilion at their next meeting. Cncllr Mrs Steel would obtain quotes for a footpath leading to the Bowls Club to be provided and Cncllr. Fooks would liaise.

2312 **POLICE REPORT.** Tony Carter presented the latest crime report. It was noted that the legal speed limit in Holberrow Green was being brought into line with the appropriate Traffic Order.

2313 **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr. Clive Holt reported that £2.2m had been spent on pothole repairs in the last 3 years with £12m included in the budget over the next 2 years to enhance roads and pavements to a better standard. The CC £330m budget included £25m savings required with 2% addition on Council Tax specifically for elderly care and 1.9% for children and families equaling a 3.94 increase in Council Tax.

2314 **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel reported that DC were required to find an extra 31 gypsy sites, 30 of these would be extensions of sites already in existence. Mrs. Steel recommended that Inkberrow commenced a Neighbourhood Plan without delay and would enquire if Inkberrow PC could have sight of a completed plan. 10 sets of equipment were available for the Clean For the Queen project and Cncllr Jane Neal had arranged for a Litter Pick to take place 12th/13th March, meeting on the Green at 10am and for filled bags to be returned to the Finger Post on the Green for collection. In regard to the Queen's Birthday celebrations it was noted that a tea party was being arranged in a marquee on The Green.

2315 **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** RFO presented he monthly balance sheet and it was AGREED the following outstanding accounts be paid: Clerk £501.22 to include £94.52 expenses, Lengthsman

£192, RFO £108.80, Weekly bin collection £74.15, PAYE July-Dec 15 £305.99, Cutting up tree in children's play area £30.

2136 **SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN** had been received, 10 years in the planning. The vote by the DC to pass it would be taken on 24th March 2016.

2137. **DOG MESS IN STOCKWOOD LANE.** It had become a public nuisance, the seriousness of the problem was clearly not understood by those dog owners who allowed their dogs to foul pavements and not remove it. The School hoped to get involved by having the children create posters to be placed around the village and a reminder of the dangers would be placed in Whats On.

2138. **FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** Supporting the ICC in their application for New Homes Bonus money to be spent on new hand driers for the toilet areas in the Village Hall would be placed on the March Agenda. Members confirmed their wish for the replacement tree on the corner of Chestnut Lane to be planted by Mr. Greatbach and expressed their appreciation.

2139. **MEMBERS'/CLERK'S REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA** The Clerk would include The removal of unofficial bollards and signs on verges around the village.

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