

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION SANDS ROAD ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY, 2017.**

Present: Councillors Christopher Burdett(Chairman) Elizabeth Collins, Rodger Fooks, Anthony Hopkins, Richard Jordan, Robin Lunn and Mrs. Audrey Steel

In attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO, Mike Pashby Press Officer.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME It was reported the high speed and volume of traffic travelling through the village was causing safety concerns. The problem of children crossing the A422 at the Pepper Street junction proved hazardous but it was noted that the highways criteria did not meet the requirement for a further pedestrian crossing. Clerk would contact County Councillor Clive Holt in regard to traffic calming options. It was noted that some of the “furniture” on some of the grass verges in the village had been removed. The cones along Withybed Lane would remain until the building work had been completed and would be removed by Bovis Hiomes.

The Horticultural Society offered to provide and plant a tree on the Village Green that could in the future be used as the village Christmas tree. However, it was felt all the space on the Green was required for the various activities held during the year. The matter would be fully considered at the February meeting.

2251. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received and agreed from Councillors Dinah Griffin and Jane Neal.

2252. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Councillor Anthony Hopkins declared a nonpecuniary interest in item 11 on the Agenda.

2253. **MINUTES.** It was AGREED the minutes of the PC meeting held on 16th November be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2254. PROGRESS REPORTS.

Highways. It was noted that the signage for the roads in Withyfields should be supplied and paid for by the Developer. Clerk would circulate Members with e-mails received re placing articles on grass verges illegally. It was noted that the troughs had been replanted. It was noted that hedges in Sands Road would be cut with the cost shared between the PC and the Football Club. The seat at Chaston Close had been repaired.

Lenthsman. There was no extra work for the Lengthsman during January.

Neighbourhood Plan. No progress was reported.

Speed Watch. It was noted the SW team were planning their operation for the new year.

Tennis Club Lease. Cncllr. Hopkins would contact the Charity Commissioners to enquire if they would agree to a change in the Covenant.

106 Agreement Project Management. Chairman had spoken with the person recommended by Crowle PC who had agreed to act as Project Manager. Sally Banks had volunteered to “pull together” the various projects proposed by the various Clubs in the village. The Chairman thanked Sally for her kind offer. It was noted that the new kitchen project (NHB money) had been approved and that work would commence in February.

2017 Year of Culture. The first version of the Programme was circulated and was available in the village.

Allotments. Cncllr. Hopkins was seeking suitable gate fastenings.

2255. **POLICE REPORT.** It was noted through December and January a suspicious van was seen in Evesham road. The registration number had been reported and checked. A burglary in Pepper Street, an attempted break-in of outbuildings on Worcester Road and bikes stolen from property on Withybed Lane.

2256. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** Councillor Clive Holt had tendered his apologies for absence.

2257. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR .** Councillor Mrs. Steel reported that the DC budget was currently being considered. The Wychavon District Council had been accredited as being the third best area in the country in which to live.

2258. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The RFO presented the monthly balance sheet and the budget for the ensuing year. It was noted that the Tax base had increased because of the recent development in the village. The proposed Precept for 2017/18 was AGREED at £19,800. It was AGREED the following outstanding accounts be paid: Travelling Zoo £220, Lengthsman Dec .£192, Clerk Dec. £410.50, RFO Dec. £136. Playdale annual inspection £234, RFO January £136, Lengthsman January £227, Clerk January £410.50, SOLC subscription £93. Seat repairs and Christmas tree expenses £205, Support Dogs £200, Arrow Valley Brass £50, electricity for Christmas Tree £50.

2259. **PLANNING.** The following planning applications were recommended for approval: W/16/03024 Mr. & Mrs. Southall, 42 Midsummer Meadow, W/16/02927 L. Croxton, Bouts Barn, Bouts Lane, W/16/02907 Mr. J. Leeson, Stone Cottage, Broadclose Lane, The following applications were recommended for refusal: W/16/030256 Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright re Withyfields, Withybed Lane. The revised application created a larger open space area which had meant the proposed properties appeared to be squashed into the site. The proposal created a detrimental impact on the area. W/16/02047. Carmichael Property Development Ltd. Carmichael House, Village Green. The revised application was agreed to still be too high for any development within the Conservation Area.

2260. **ATTENDANCE AT THE WYCHAVON SPORTS DEBRIEF ON 31ST JANUARY.** Cncllr. Jane Neal had expressed her wish to attend.

2261. **NHB APPLICATION FROM THE MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST.** It was AGREED to support the Trust's application in the sum of £1000. (£8,153 remained in the NHB account at the present time.) The Chairman introduced Sally Banks who had volunteered her services in bringing together the various applications being made for NHB and 106 Agreement money.

2262. **DISCRETIONARY RURAL RATE RELIEF** Svp Motorsport Ltd. It was AGREED not to support this application as it was considered the company had not been in the area long enough to qualify.

2263. **ADOPTION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES, BOVIS HOMES.** Clerk would advise Bovis Homes that the PC would require Bovis Homes to cover any legal costs entailed and that a substantial annuity would be expected to help cover the costs of future upkeep of the areas involved.

2264. **BARLEY MEADOWS FENCING.** The quote in the sum of £160 was accepted and agreed.

2265. **FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** The ICC thanked the PC for their guidance in applying for the NHB money to be used for the replacement kitchen in the Village Hall. The invoices for the project would be addressed to the Parish Council. Copies of the programme for The Village of Culture 2017 would be included in the Whats On delivered in the village. It was noted that the fairy from the top of the Christmas Tree on the Green had been stolen causing damage to the tree and a number of the light bulbs. A copy of the Playdale Inspection report would be requested. Thanks to the Christmas Tree erection team would be included in the next copy of Whats On. Cncllr Mrs. Steel would enquire of the DC as to what assistance they gave to Dementure support.

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