

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION SANDS ROAD ON
WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2017**

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

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

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. The footpath in Stonepit Lane had not been repaired as schedule. Clerk would investigate. The question was raised about the availability of parking space for the new build contractors. It was understood that provision would have been included in the planning permission. The hedge on the main road (Chestnut Lane) was overgrown. Clerk would advise Lengthsman.

2276. **APOLOGIES.** There were no apologies.

2277. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cncllr. Richard Jordan expressed a personal interest in item 9 on the agenda, planning application 17/00262 and signed the Declarations of Interest book.

2278. **POLICE REPORT.** P.C Tony Carter reported on a number of thefts around the village during the last 3 months. It was noted that more Police cover could be expected. A leaflet covering project "Village Watch" was distributed. PC Carter at the PC request would arrange for this on line communication to be set up for Inkberrow.

2278. PROGRESS REPORTS.

Highways. Clerk would request Cncllr Holt chase Highways in regard to the repair of Stockwood/Withybed Lanes. It was noted dog poo was a problem in Withybed Lane, a notice would be placed in Whats On reminding dog walkers that not removing dog poo from footpaths and highways was an offence. It was noted that some of the hedge in Sands Road had been cut and it was agreed the cost would be shared equally between the PC and the Football Club. Cncllr Mrs. Steel asked for suggestions as to where the autumn planting of daffodil bulbs should be. **Lengthsman.** Clerk would look into the possibility of the Lengthsman keeping the telephone box cleaned.

Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst no progress had been made Cncllr. Mrs. Steel advised that Neighbourhood Plans were useful in relation for eg. The up to date plan for minerals and that such plans had proved to be good for villages to get involved for what could be a problem, in the future.

Speed Watch. The up to date report on the progress of Speed Watch was received. **Tennis Club Lease.** Cncllr Hopkins advised that Security of Tenure was required if the Club applied for donations for refurbishment/development and the DC Legal Team were looking into who has the power to issue a lease which could require the ICC Governing Document to be amended. The proposal was currently with the Charity Commissioners. *At this point the Chairman declared the meeting closed to receive the report from Sally Banks in regard to 106 Agreement monies. It was noted that the essential criteria and breakdown of the monies from the DC advised that Membership only Clubs may not be able to receive any 106 Agreement money. If such clubs wished to be considered they would be required to amend their Constitution The resurfacing of the car park would not be a suitable project for 106 money. A meeting was being arranged with the ICC to discuss 106 and to evolve a sub committee.* The Chairman thanked Sally and re-opened the meeting. **Village Year of Culture.** The Banner promoting the events was presented and a number of suggestions as to where it should be placed were considered. Cncllr Mrs. Steel would enquire whether planning permission was required and would seek suppliers of boards to be attached to the planters at each end of the village. New leaflets advertising the first months' events were distributed.

2279. **ADOPTION OF OPEN SPACES, BOVIS HOMES.** It was AGREED (with a vote 7 for and 2 against) the Parish Council was not prepared to adopt the Open Spaces at the Bovis Homes development.

2280. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Apologies for absence had been received from Cncllr. Clive Holt.

2281. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel reported that Council Tax on Band D properties would be increased by 2% with Business Rates less than £12,000 rateable value having 100% relief.

2282. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The RFO presented the monthly balance sheet. It was AGREED the following outstanding accounts be paid: Magnet Group Village Hall kitchen refurbishment £6,372.56, Mrs. A. Steel for Year of Culture banner £34, John F. Neal for Year of Culture printing £300, Clerk £410.30, Inkberrow Services for repairs to Barley Meadows fencing £200, RFO £136, R. Green Services for fitting Village Hall kitchen £2,964, Lengthsman £192, Robert Evans, Flooring to Village Hall kitchen £1,191.60.

2283. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** Concern was expressed that since the new on line viewing had been installed it was difficult to down load plans. Cncllr Jane Neal would investigate. (*Cncllr. Richard Jordan left the meeting for the next item*) 17/00262 Lords Hill Farm. It was AGREED the application be recommended for approval. (*Cncllr. Richard Jordan returned to the meeting*) The following planning applications were also recommended for approval. 17/00202 Grenway, Stonepit Lane (with the proviso that the wall be softened by vegetation) 17/00196 Bulls Head Farm, 17/00268 Beechcroft Worcester Road, 17/00401 Springmeadow Cottage, Appletree Lane.

2284. **PROVISION OF PERMANENT CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE GREEN.** The offer from the Horticultural Society to plant a tree on The Green for use in the future as a Christmas tree was declined as it was AGREED The Green hosted a number of events throughout the year and space was a priority. The Clerk would express the Members' thanks for the kind offer.

2285. **SUPOORT FOR ST. PETER'S HALL APPLICATION FOR NHB MONEY FOR KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT.** The proposal was supported in principle but there was insufficient monies in the NHB fund at the present time to cover the cost of the project and that the applicants raise money towards the project themselves.

2286. **ALLOTMENTS.** It was noted that the gate had been repaired by Cncllr. Hopkins and it was agreed that plots 3 and 4 be exchanged and that plot 4 be re-let. Providing a 2nd water trough was proving difficult, as the siting of the underground pipes was not known.

2287. **APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR FOR MINOR PC WORK.** It was AGREED that Mr. Andy Smith could be called upon for minor repair work as required up to the sum of £300 without the work being approved by the Members.

2288. **GRASS CUTTING.** It was AGREED the contract with Smart Cut Ltd. be continued.

2289. **MEMBERS' AND CLERK'S ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.** Extension of 30 mph limit Withybed Lane plus Speed Watch for that area.

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

