

**MINUTES OF INKBEROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION SANDS ROAD INKBERROW ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2017, COMMENCING AT 7PM.**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Members received presentations from applicants including the Football/Cricket Clubs, the Tennis Club, the Bowls Club requesting Section 106 money and the Parish Council's request for NHB money towards the refurbishment of the play area.

**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 Hancox RFO and Mike Pashby Press Officer

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** There were no apologies for absence.

**DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** The question was asked regarding temporary signs and whether planning permission was needed. An objection was raised in regard to the retrospective changes proposed at the development at Great Nobury Farm.

2255. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cncllr. Jordan declared an interest in planning applications 00259, 02049 and 03074 and signed the Declarations of Interest record.

2256. **MINUTES.** With the addition of Cncllr Dinah Griffin's name being added to the Apologies for Absence it was AGREED the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 as a correct record.

2257. **POLICE REPORT.** Police were in Attendance and Tracy Tooze, the newly appointed Rural and Business Crime Officer explained her role particularly in relation to rural areas. Details of communication and reporting crimes would be included in the Whats On report.

**2258. PROGRESS REPORTS**

**Highways.** Cncllr Mrs Steel would request the sign at the top of Pepper Street be placed to be less obstructive to vehicles approaching the main road. Permission was given for Cncllr Hopkins to refill the grit box in the PC ownership. The best use of the map case would be considered at the next meeting. There was a safety issue with schoolchildren accessing the playing fields. Cncllr Hopkins would enquire if the school sign could be replaced to face the main road direction

**Lengthsman.** The Clerk would ask that mud from turf cut along the pavement be removed.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** It was noted that 3 more volunteers were needed for the production of the plan.

**Community Speedwatch.** Cncllr Hopkins reported on the recent Highways data. 3 sites through the village had been tested. Clerk would write to Safer Roads Partnership re concerns of speed by the School and request Police check that section of road. Road markings would be considered at the next meeting.

**106 Agreement/NHB Money.** It was AGREED the PC would support the proposed applications that had been put forward for 106 money but requested that a further consultation when residents' comments could be received. If the applications were successful, once the money had been received, the PC would require assurance of maintenance so the investment is maintained. In respect of the request for £16,000 NHB money to provide a safe well equipped play area, it was AGREED the PC would contribute £10,000 towards the total cost.

**Village Year of Culture.** It was noted functions were booked through December to April 2018.

2259. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Anthony Hopkins reported that temporary speed limit signs were in place on the A442 Worcester Road. The proposal for a footpath extension in Sands

Road was discussed. It was noted that costs involved could impair other pavement work in the village. It was agreed the matter would be included in the next PC agenda.

2260. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Councillor Mrs Audrey Steel advised that the recently formed DC Housing Company had found a site in Evesham and that she had requested that the villages in Wychavon be considered when tenancy was considered. The DC would be considering their budget next week,

2261. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The RFO presented the current financial situation in the light of budget preparation. It was noted that the viability of the Allotments could be questioned and that currently one third of the tenants had not paid their rent. A costing review would be considered at the next PC meeting. The Precept would be prepared and agreed at the January meeting. It was agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Lengthsman £192. Clerk £416.10, RFO £136, Smartcut Ltd £234, Grant Thornton £120, St Peter's Church £500, Cncllr. Hopkins £25.16, Clerk's expenses £163.67, DC (dog bin emptying) £82.20, ICC £72, Sheila Williams (planters) £39.40.

2262. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** 17/02047, 17/02049 and resubmission of 14/00259, Great Nobury Farm. Members expressed their concern in regard to the repeated deviations to the original application and for applications made after work had been carried out. The Clerk was directed to write to the Planning Department expressing the Members' dissatisfaction about the way this development was being allowed to continue in what appeared to be a retrospective way and to ask why the PC's request for the Enforcement Officer to revisit the site had not been confirmed. 17/02229 Byeways, Holberrow Green. DC would be advised that insufficient information was provided to enable PC to comment.

2263. **PLAY AREA.** The final presentation was received. The proposal had been advertised on the Inkberrow web page and the School children had been asked for their opinions. Contributions towards the cost was being sought from the PC, the NH Bonus Scheme, the National Lottery and Tesco's. (£16,000 from the NHB). The Parish Council had approved the application for 106 money and agreed to contribute £10,000 from funds if required.

2264. **CHRISTMAS TREE.** It was AGREED the provision of the Christmas tree on The Green would go ahead as usual. It was AGREED 100 replacement bulbs be purchased.

2265. **DC CHAIRMAN'S RECOGNITION AWARD.** It was AGREED Mr and Mrs. Fred Hunt be recommended for the Award.

2266. **FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** It was noted that speeding continued through the village particularly after dark. Cncllr Hopkins was given permission to spray the edge of the car park alongside Sands Road.

Signed.....Chairman

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