

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVLION, SANDS ROAD,  
WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019.**

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

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

**Apologies.** Apologies had been received from Cncllr. Robin Lunn.

**DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** Tenants of the Allotments attended and their objection to the possibility of Allotment land being used for development was noted. It was noted that an Allotment Collective was being arranged. Residents of Sands Road also objected to any development in the area as it raised a road safety issue both for pedestrians and vehicular access to the main road. Cncllr. Mrs. Steel advised that the DC was in the process of reviewing housing need and she thought it important that villagers should be aware of this.

2431. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were no declarations of interest.

2432. **MINUTES.** With the amendment at min. 2425 to read "AGM" and not Presentation Night, it was agreed the Chairman sign the minutes of the PC meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January as a correct record.

2433. **ALLOTMENTS.** *The Chairman closed the meeting for this item.* It was noted that the hedge at the bottom of the Allotments had been trimmed. A meeting would be arranged with the Clerk, Chairman, Cncllr. Anthony Hopkins and representatives of the Allotments to make recommendations to the PC for the future running of the Allotments. *The Chairman re-opened the meeting.*

2434. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways.** The drain at the bottom of Stonepit Lane continued to flood in spite of Highways advising the work had been carried out. A feasibility study would be carried out in regard to the widening of the footpath opposite the school and the possible installation of a zebra crossing. *The Chairman closed the meeting for the School Governor to speak.* The Governor reiterated the safety of the children crossing the road to school was high priority, particular since the crossing patrol warden had retired. It was noted that verges around the village were in poor shape, that 30mph signs had gone missing and that the new sign to the playground was in the wrong place. Cncllr. Dinah Griffin would deal with the footpath sign between the shop and High House Drive. Cncllr. Dinah Griffin reiterated that she was the Footpaths Officer and that pavements were not within her remit. She would also deal with the removal of the kissing gate. It was noted that the grit bin for Morton Underhill had been filled and permission was given for the purchase of grit for the future.

**Lengthsman.** The work on the footpath to the Wrens Nest would be delayed in order for the pavements throughout the village to be cleared of weeds.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** It was noted that the consultation process was going forward and that finance was in hand. Cncllr. Anthony Hopkins requested that declaration of income should be included in the questionnaire in order that the right type of houses at an affordable price could be built. **106/NHB monies.** RFO reported on the work carried out in February.

**Provision of toilets in Playing Fields.** This would be an item for the March Agenda.

**Provision of Dog Waste Bins and Dogs being kept on leads in public areas.** A survey had been carried out and it was confirmed that the dog waste bins were cleared every week. The dog mess continued to be a problem, particularly in the playing fields, with 18 -20 bags of dog excrement being collected from the playing fields prior to every match. It was agreed more bins were required and Cncllr. Mrs. Jane Neal would look at costs. It was agreed that dogs should be kept on leads as this went some way to improving the problem of excrement.

2435. **POLICE REPORT.** Cncllr. Mrs. Jane Neal read the Police report for the current month. A letter of thanks and congratulations had been sent to PC Tony Carter who had been posted out of the area upon promotion.

2436. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr. Anthony Hopkins advised that the budget had been improved with a 3.99% increase. £6m a year is spent in highways issues. Cncllr. Hopkins had spoken to the Police Crime Commissioner re road markings in the School area, asking for his help. The Ross Crescent grit bin was being investigated as was the bin in Appletree Lane. The signs on the Worcester bend had been destroyed again with insurance claims still ongoing.

2437. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** It was noted that dog mess problems were high on the agenda of all local Parish Councils. The Yellow Pages that had been dumped near the sewage works had been reported.

2438. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The RFO had circulated the monthly balance sheet . It was agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Lengthsman £200, DC (dog bin emptying) £89.10, Rowelec Ltd. (electrical installation in new Cabin) £1214.40, St. Peter's Church (Dementia Café Donation) £250, Inkberrow Sports (hire of Pavillion) £150, Arrow Valley Brass £50, Bennett Decoration(ext. decoration new Cabin 1<sup>st</sup> coat ) £500, Bennett Decoration (ext decoration new Cabin final coat) £1000, BigDUG (benches for new Cabin) £1,324.80, Inf. Commissioner data protection sub. £40, Clerk £428.70, RFO £140. N. Biggs (seat repair) £65.

2439. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** 19/00191 The Oaklands, Holberrow Green. Roof conversion and enlargement, addition of carport and porch canopy, application of render and changes to fenestration, new fencing and enlargement of existing driveway. The Parish Council recommended the application be approved. 19/00206 Land off Alcester Road, Radford. Portal frame (steel) general purpose agricultural building for straw, hay and machinery storage. The Parish Council recommended the application be approved. 18/02392/CU Stockwood Cottage, Stockwood Lane. Building operations in association with change of use from B8 storage building to C3 dwellinghouse, together with change of use of land to enlarge permitted garden area, demolition of outbuildings and construction of detached garage and store. The Parish Council recommended the application be approved.

2440. **PLAYGROUND INSPECTION.** It was agreed that John Hicks would be appointed as Playground Inspector for the annual inspection of the two play areas under PC management.

2441. **CAR PARK – QUOTATIONS FOR REPAIR.** Quotations had been received from SE Davies. There had been an increase in the usage of this car park which proved that it was not suitable for heavy vehicles. It was agreed Mr. David Willis and the Chairman would liaise with SE Davies to have the lower area cleared. Drainage, height barrier and involving all stake holders would be considered. It was noted that the containers would be removed within 2/3 weeks.

2442. **GRASS CUTTING 2019.** It was agreed the quotation from Smart Cut should be accepted with a 3% increase on last year’s quote. Appletree Lane verge and the Allotments would be included in the grass cutting schedule.

2443. **ANY FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** It was noted that the Village Litter Pick would take place on 2<sup>nd</sup>.3<sup>rd</sup> March and that the Inkberrow Young Farmers would do a Litter Pick in June.

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