

MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON LINE VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL, 2021.

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

Prior to the opening of the meeting Cnllr Jane Neal asked for a minute's silence to acknowledge the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

In Attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO, William Hunt Press Officer.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. Mr. David Willis expressed the desire that the Parish Council continues to ensure the "over flow" car park adjacent to the Village Hall remains freely available for all the sporting clubs and the Village Hall to use and that this facility should not be lost. Mrs. Elizabeth Collins reported that a manhole cover opposite the telephone box required attention and that an area in Pepper Street needed to be included in the grass cutting contract.

There were no apologies for Absence.

2718. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cnllr. Robin Lunn declared a nonpecuniary interest in Agenda item 13.

2719. **MINUTES.** It was Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March be signed as a correct record.

2720. **PROGRESS REPORTS.** The state of the parking area outside the Forge Shop would be reported to CC Highways. **Lengthsman.** Clerk would ascertain exactly what work he was able to carry out under Covid-19 restrictions. **Neighbourhood Plan.** A meeting had been held and progress was being made, but more people were needed to help get the Plan back on track. **Progress on Legal Document with SCI.** Solicitor's comments had just been received and circulated to Members and RFO. **Footpath 643** Cnllr David Hunter continued to seek progress. **Telephone Box refurbishment.** Councillors Rodger Fooks and Anthony Hopkins will liaise with the person doing the preparation work and it was noted that neighbouring householders had kindly agreed for their electricity be used. **Dissolvement of ISLA.** A contract between ICC and ISLA was being prepared and the Bowls Club would have a Licence from ICC to manage The Pavilion. **NOTICE BOARD FOR CAR PARK.** The purchase of a notice board was Agreed at a cost of £865 plus VAT.

2721. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The Year End Report was received with £50,902 in reserves. The accounts had been approved by the Internal Auditor and were currently with the External Auditor. It was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Clerk £447.79, RFO £147.11, Tapcast Ltd – wesbsite y/c April 2021 £534, SmartCut Ltd -mowing in March £157.36, Jane Neal Zoom subscription April £11.99, Lengthsman March £200, Mangen Ltd – allotments aggregate £66.72.

2722. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** 21/00519 Mr & Mrs P Allen, Briony, Withybed Lane. Proposed 2 storey side ext. and single storey rear ext. It was Agreed the application be recommended for approval.

2723. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCLLOR.** Councillor Anthony Hopkins advised Allotment rents were in line with neighbouring Council Allotments. The Inkberrow Allotments were well used and an

important part of village life. He felt the Parish Council should continue to contribute to the upkeep of the Allotments. It was noted that damage and graffiti to road signs had become more frequent and that the Pinhills Road, which could now be labelled as dangerous, was currently being programmed for repair, but the starting date was as yet unknown. The repaired sign for the Worcester bend was awaiting reinstatement. The dates for Lengthsman training were not yet known but Cncllr Anthony Hopkins added that money from his CC "trust money" would be made available towards this training programme. The Covid numbers continued to improve. Cncllr Hopkins advised that this would be his last report as a County Councillor and that he would give his support to any new Councillors that take over after the forthcoming elections.

2724. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.** It was Agreed the Annual Parish Meeting would take place via Zoom on 5th May. The Agenda and Zoom detail would be advertised.

2725. **DATA PROTECTION.** GDPR detail continues to be updated with all PC computers made safe.

2726. **VILLAGE HALL DRAINAGE.** It was noted that the ICC were awaiting the result of the Severn Trent inspection.

2727. **CHURCHYARD MOWING.** It was Agreed the PC contribution towards the Churchyard mowing should be increased to £1,050, staying within the inflationary rate.

2728. **REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.** Everyone was sad to learn that Will Hunt would be leaving his post as PC Press Officer in July. Gratitude and best wishes were expressed to Will for the work he had done on the Parish Council's behalf and for his forthcoming adventures. The Play Area Inspection and the surface improvements to the "overflow" car park would be items for the May Agenda.

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