

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD, ON
WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY, 2021, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.**

Present: Councillors David Hunter (Chairman), Rodger Fooks, Dinah Griffin, Anthony Hopkins, Robin Lunn and Mrs. Audrey Steel.

In Attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO and George Capell Press Officer.

Apologies had been received from Councillors Jane Neal and Richard Jordan.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Annual Inspection of the Allotments had taken place and Airband had given a presentation regarding the installation of gigabit broadband in the village. The installation and router would be free as part of the Government's Project Gigabit. It was noted construction would start in the first quarter of 2022 finishing in the second quarter of 2022.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. It was noted that the public footpath (adj. to the sewage works) was very overgrown. Cncllr Dinah Griffin would follow up.

The Chairman welcomed George Capell the new Press Officer and read out a letter received from Will Hunt, the retiring Press Officer.

2757. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the last PC meeting were agreed to be a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

2758. **ALLOTMENTS.** Plot 15 had been allowed to become overgrown and not kept in accordance with the Tenancy Agreement. The Clerk would give the tenant Notice to have the plot cleared and left in good order by 1st September 2021. Consideration would be given to splitting plots 11 and 15 into two smaller plots – 11a /11b and 15a/15b. Cutting back the hedge down the length of the Allotments would be investigated. Presentation of the Best Kept Allotment Awards would take place at the Flower Show in September.

2759. **PROGRESS REPORTS.**

Highways. The pavements on both sides of the road from the Old Bakery to the School were becoming impassable for pedestrians. Clerk would seek the CC to be responsible for the home owners to cut back their vegetation and for the CC to "slide out" the tarmac on both sides of the road. The manhole cover opposite the 'phone box was still causing problems in spite of numerous requests to have it repaired.

Lengthsman. It was agreed the Parish Council would pay for the training of a new Lengthsman if it would speed up the provision of a Lengthsman. **Neighbourhood Plan.** Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel reported that the last meeting had been productive and that 2 new members had joined the Group.

Sporting Club Inkberrow Licence. Small issues had been sorted with the Club and it had been recommended that the 3 sets of Solicitors should meet to discuss the present proposal. The PC's directive was to control and protect all users of the car park. It was Agreed Cncllrs Jane Neal and David Hunter would instruct the PC Solicitors that a Licence would be given provided it was acceptable to the PC needs. The number of car parking spaces provided in the original planning application would be checked. **Telephone Box.** The refurbishment was complete and thanks were given to Mick Trott, Pete Dufty, Rita Fooks and John and Maureen Davies who had contributed to the work. Thanks also to David Powis who had supplied the laminated history of phone boxes which had been attached inside the Box.

2760. **POLICE REPORT.** No Police report had been received but it was noted that a "Bike Marking" session was being arranged to take place in the Village Hall car park on 5th August, 2021. West Mercia

Constabulary had been asked to maintain a Police presence following complaints from residents in Sands Road regarding antisocial behaviour in the car park . The Community Charter had been completed and details supplied regarding Antisocial behaviour, speeding and theft.

2761. **FINANCIAL REPORT.** The monthly balance sheet and report had been circulated and the RFO presented the Audit Report. It was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Clerk £447.79, RFO £147.11, A. Hopkins £56.39, SmartCut Ltd £413.05, Clerk Broadband £32.15, Parfitt Services £50, Jane Neal (plant boxes) £50.60. It was noted that a donation of £200 had been received from Radford Autograss which had contributed to the Telephone Box refurbishment. The outstanding account from Manby Bowler, Solicitors, in the sum of £660 would be forwarded to the SCI for payment, as agreed.

2762. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILOR.** No report had been received.

2763. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel advised Wychavon was encouraging young people to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. It was noted that the ownership of the path at the bottom of Ross Crescent was now questioned.

2764. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** **21/01498** Hills Yard, Broadclose Lane. Craig Styler Homes, Construction of 2 dwellings. The PC saw merit in the previous application for 2 bungalows but cannot support the current application for 2 large houses close to neighbouring properties. **21/01505** Mr. and Mrs. Bamford, Far Hills Withybed Lane. Single storey rear ext. Plus replacement of flat roof over garage with pitched roof. Agreed to recommend approval of the application provided the development is kept within the ownership of Perrymill Farm.
At this point an extension of time for the meeting was Agreed.

2765. **REPLACEMENT OF STREET FURNITURE.** This item would be deferred to the August Agenda.

2766. **TREE PLANTING FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.** This item would be deferred to the August Agenda.

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