

**MINUTES OF THE INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD, ON
WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 2022.**

Prior to the commencement of the Parish Council Meeting the AGM of the Allotment Holders was held. It was noted all plots were let. It was reported that the security of tenure for tenants was currently not an issue as the Neighbourhood Plan clearly stated that there was no prospect of the Allotment land being used for anything other than the provision of Allotments. Arrangements were being made for the grass at the Allotments to be cut on a regular basis. The brambles spreading from the adjacent field would be cut back and it was agreed the new tenant of Plot 11 would be given permission to erect a small shed.

Present: Councillors David Hunter (Chairman), Dinah Griffin, Anthony Hopkins, Robin Lunn, Richard Jordan and County Councillor Laura Gretton.

In Attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO.

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were received from Christopher Burdett, Jane Neal, Rodger Fooks and Mrs. Audrey Steel.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

From the floor Mr. Coathup raised the question of his remarks not being included in the PC Whats On report or the minutes of the September PC meeting in regard to the proposed Solar Farm at Stock Green and the fact that Wychavon DC had advised the proposal was EIA development. (the minutes were amended appropriately and it was explained that the report in Whats On was not the minutes of the PC meeting.)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were no declarations of interest.

2890 MINUTES. Following the amendment re the report on footpaths for Whats On and the addition of the EIA being carried out in relation to the proposed Solar Farm development, it was Agreed the Chairman sign the Minutes as a correct record.

2891. PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways. . County Cncllr Laura Gretton was seeking the removal of the “white gate” that was obstructing the village name sign, or at least to have it relocated. It was noted that work would be started in clearing the foliage at the bend in Pepper Street during the following week. A discussion about the flashing school crossing lights discovered that a key was required to make them operational (which was being resourced) and that some of the lights may need to be relocated to provide better visibility. It was also discussed that the lights needed to be upgraded with a timer. It was also noted that the Crossing Attendant had resigned. Cncllr Gretton would endeavour to ensure some repairs to the lights would take place during half term. The poor surface of the pavements in Windmill Lane would be reported to Highways. **Lengthsman.** The grass cutting both north and south of the village entrance and south of the bus shelter would be included in the Lengthsman contract for November. **Neighbourhood Plan.** The Group continued to meet and were making good progress.

Sporting Club Inkberrow. A letter would be sent to the PC solicitors advising what action was required.

2892. POLICE REPORT. Thefts from sheds and garages continued as did more and more sophisticated scams. The names of volunteers for Speed Watch were being collated.

2893. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** There was nothing more to report as all matters had been covered during Highways Progress reports. However, Cncllr Laura Gretton agreed to enquire if the County Council had any plans for the Worcester Warriors demise.

2894. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The Finance report for October had been circulated. RFO reminded Members that the budget for the ensuing year needed to be agreed at the November meeting and would circulate proposals for the precept for consideration at the next PC meeting. It was agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: £15 and £5 for Allotment prize winners, Clerk £456.61, RFO £152.26, Parfitt Services £120, Smartcut Ltd £454.36, Clerk, Broadband and postage £62.02, PKF Littlejohn (external audit fees) £240, Ian Butler Lengthsman £210. It was noted that BACs payments were now up and running.

2895. **PLANNING.** W/2201715, 01716 and 01717 Tandou Lrd., Land (OS0422 572) Knowle Fields. It was agreed the PC would support the application provided provision is made to safeguard the long stretch of footpath close to the siting of the proposed barns. The safety of the public using the footpath should be considered if large farm vehicles became involved.

2896. **PROPOSED NOTICE BOARD.** The Clerk would seek an estimate from Limitlessfabrikations in regard to the provision of a double sided notice board.

2897. **PROPOSED SOLAR FARM, STOCKWOOD.** The PC had received notification from Wychavon that the proposal by JBM Solar was classed as EIA development (Environmental Impact Assessment). JBM had notified the PC that some trenching works in this regard had begun as part of the pre-planning application process.

2898. **PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS TREE/RBL WREATH.** It was agreed the PC RBL wreath would be available for the Memorial service. Provision of the Christmas tree was in hand but the electricity supply needed attention.

2899. **BUS SERVICE.** It was agreed a letter be sent to the Bus Service Company (Diamond) regarding the changes made and the current inadequate service. Rachel McLean MP (who was currently preparing a survey on public transport provision in rural areas) would also be made aware that the service was unfit for purpose at present.

Signed.....Chairman

Date