

**MINUTES OF THE INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD,
ON WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 2022**

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

In attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Christopher Burdett and Mrs. Audrey Steel.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

It was proposed that the PC consider requesting solar panels be installed in any new build planning applications. It was noted that DC was currently giving Officer Judgement on JMB's report on the scope of environmental effects regarding the proposed planning application for a Solar Farm to be installed at the Stockwood end of the Parish. It was noted that Rachel McLean had raised this subject in the House of Commons whilst contributing to the Levelling Up debate.

It was noted that the road edges in Stockwood Lane required tarmacking to reach the verges and that the patch of tarmac on the road outside the Surgery became adrift during heavy rain. It was confirmed that the Coronation celebrations be included in the PC January Agenda.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.

2900. **MINUTES.** It was Agreed the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19th October as a correct record.

2901. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways.** County Councillor Laura Gretton agreed to report the flooding in Withybed Lane following heavy rain, the problem of the patch of tarmac outside the Surgery and advised the white gates were required to remain in situ, but would request to have the village sign and troughs to be moved to a more prominent position. It was noted that it had been proved that the hedge edging the pavement along the strip from The Old Bakery to the Stockwood Lane junction was in the ownership of the adjoining properties. The CC would be contacting the residents involved. The School Crossing remained top priority and it was noted that the warning/flashing school crossing lights would be replaced in January 2023. In the meantime, as a temporary safety solution, the Pedestrian Crossing could be used. County Councillor Laura Gretton would enquire if the CC had intentions of replacing the Crossing Patrol person. **Lengthsman.** The Clerk would remind the CC that the map marking the culverts/grips had not been received. **Neighbourhood Plan.** The work and research continued. **Licence/SCI.** It was agreed a small sub committee be formed (Councillors David Hunter, Jane Neal and Anthony Hopkins) to endeavour to move forward on what had become a stalemate situation.

2902. **POLICE REPORT.** There was nothing locally to report except reminders re scamming – particularly regarding on line purchases of Christmas and Black Friday goods and electrical goods.

2903. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The RFO had prepared a report for circulation together with his recommendation for the Precept for the ensuing year. It was agreed to increase the Precept by 2.8%. It was agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Tapcast Ltd (purchase Office 2021 and installation) £277.00. Rodger Fooks (Planter expenses) £17.57. Clerk £456.81. RFO £152.26. Parfitt Services £60, SmartCut Ltd £281.27. Whats On Publications £400. Rous Lench & Inkberrow British Legion Poppy Appeal £75. St Peter's Church Churchyard mowing £544. Limitless Fabrications (metal notice board) £850 plus VAT.

2904. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS. 22/02324/22/02313 Old Bull Inn, Village Green.** Erection of illuminated and none illuminated signs to the exterior of the building. PC had no objections but

expressed concern with excessive illumination in this area registered as an area of outstanding natural beauty. **22/02093 Mearse Croft, Mearse Lane. Construction of a permanent agricultural dwelling.** PC recommended the application be approved but request the temporary caravan be removed upon completion. **22/02195 Wychens, Holberrow Green. Development of a live/work unit.** PC commented concern as to its use, felt the proposal was not in keeping with the area and was too close to the highway.

2905. **NOTICE BOARD.** It was agreed to place the order with Limitless Fabrications at the agreed quotation of £850 plus VAT.

2906. **BUS SHELTER REFURBISHMENT.** Cncllr Rodger Fooks reported that the interior had been power washed and cracks filled. The base paint would be applied shortly. Cncllr. Fooks was in contact with John Harris regarding the design and would request Mr. Harris' expenses. Permission was given for paint purchase. The map case had been removed and was kept in a safe place prior to the conclusion of the refurbishment.

2907. **PROPOSED SOLAR FARM PROJECT.** PC awaited the official report from the Planning Department following the Officer Judgement on the scope report before making any comment. In the event of a full planning application being received prior to the next PC meeting in January, arrangements would be made for an ad hoc meeting of the PC and a Public Meeting for residents to attend and give their own personal comments to the Members enabling PC Members to make appropriate comments relative to the residents of Inkberrow. It was agreed that as the view from Morton Underhill had not been included in the View Point section of the JBM scope detail it would be drawn to the Planners' attention.

2908. **CHRISTMAS TREE.** It was reported that a sponsor had come forward for the lighting of the Christmas tree. Grateful thanks were expressed. The tree was due to be erected 26th/27th November and would be lit by 1st December.

2909. **INKBERROW PLAYERS.** It was agreed to finance the installation of a new Backdrop Roller for the theatre in the Village Hall at a cost of £1,132.

2910. **BUS SERVICE.** Rachel Mclean MP had acknowledged the PC's letter regarding the bus service and she continued to ensure the service would be improved.

2910. **PARISH CHARITIES.** Cncllr. Robin Lunn would advertise the fact in Whats On that the Parish Charities were available to any resident who might need a little financial assistance.

Signed -----Chairman Date-----

