

**MINUTES OF INKERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD, ON
WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL.**

PRESENT: Councillors David Hunter (Chairman), Christopher Burdett, Rodger Fooks, Anthony Hopkins, Richard Jordan, Robin Lunn, Jane Neal.

In Attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Dinah Griffin and Mrs. Audrey Steel.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME It was noted that although the closing date at Wychavon DC for planning application W/23/00270/FUL re construction of a large Solar Farm had passed, a further submission was being made to Redditch Borough Council regarding the piece of land in Feckenham involved in the proposals which lay within the Redditch Borough boundary. It was agreed Inkberrow Parish Council's comments would be passed to Redditch BC Planning. It was also noted that all the "Jubilee Trees" planted were growing well and grateful thanks were expressed to everyone involved in watering the young trees throughout last year's hot summer.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were no declarations of interest.

2457. **MINUTES.** It was Agreed that the minutes of the PC meeting held on 15th March 2023 should be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2458. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways.** The deep and dangerous roadside gutters formed following the top dressing of the Pinhills area of Earlscommon Road would be reported to the CC Highways. **Dangerous pothole at the entrance to the car park in Sands Road.** It was Agreed a temporary repair should be arranged with the possibility of the car park being closed until the repair work was completed. **Lengthsman.** The new Agreement had been received and it was Agreed that Inkberrow should take part in the proposed 6 months trial on carrying out work on the Public Rights of Way network, with such work being included in the existing budget. Using the 5% increase in the Lengthsman's budget PC would suggest work be carried out on the footpath/steps/hand rail leading to the Church with a time scale between March and end of April next year.

2459. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** It was anticipated an update would be available by the end of April.

2460. **SCI/ICC AND SEVERN TRENT DRAINAGE.** It was noted that the suggestion of a survey of the whole system would be considered at the ICC AGM . The suggestion of the Parish Council that the ICC and SCI meet up and agree a way forward would be taken to the ICC AGM.

At this point the Chairman closed the meeting and invited a representative of the SCI to speak
It was noted that the permission being sought was to take out a number of "bends" in the system to ease the flow. SCI would cover all expenses but needed permission to carry out the work.

2461. **POLICE REPORT.** There was no Police report, but it was Agreed that Inkberrow would continue to ask that priority be given to Speeding, Thefts and Graffiti being anti-social behaviour.

2462. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** There was no County Councillors report.

2463. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** There was no District Councillor's report.

2464. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The Annual Report and Accounts for the Millennium Green Trust were received The RFO had circulated the monthly report and balance sheet. Some of the "DC Coronation Events" money had provided Coronation coins for the School children. Costing £556. It was Agreed to donate £100 towards the cost of presenting the 20th Annual Concert by the

Inkberrow Sinfonia in September. It was Agreed to increase the donation towards the Churchyard mowing by 4.6% .

The following payments were approved: Playsafety £234.60, Clerk £442.61, RFO £152.26, Parfitt Services £60, Tapcast Ltd Annual website hosting £78. CALC Membership £1177.73 inc. VAT.

2465. **PROVISION OF BENCH IN PLAYING FIELDS.** The Men’s Shed were awaiting permission from the ICC for this provision.

2466. **WHATS ON MAGAZINE.** It was reported that the Whats On magazine would be back in print in June.

2467. **FENCING IN PLAY AREA.** It was noted that grants had been applied for, also to finance some equipment repairs including the possible replacement of the tractor.

2468. **THE MAP CASE.** The possible siting was being taken to the ICC meeting.

2469. **CORONATION CELEBRATIONS.** The remaining money received from Wychavon would be shared between the Lunch Club and the PEC live screening. It was noted that a Picnic on the Green would be held on Sunday 7th May – notices would shortly be circulated.

2470. **ICC CHARITY STATUS.** With the cost possibly reaching £15,000 grant funding would be sought. County Councillor Laura Gretton would be approached for a donation from her Discretionary Funding. The recommended way forward would be to be create a working party of 2 Councillors, 2 members of the ICC with Mr. John Bailey acting in an advisory role – the group reporting progress to the PC monthly. In the meantime Cncllr Anthony Hopkins would gather background intelligence with Cncllr. Rodger Fooks acting as liaison between the Group and the PC. Cncllr Rodger Fooks would advise the ICC that the Parish Council is anxious to work towards a conclusion of this issue thereby protecting the status of the Trustees.

2471. **INKBERROW TREES.** Cncllr. Richard Jordan was in contact with a tree surgeon re an inspection of the trees which are the responsibility of the PC. Cncllr Jane Neal would forward a list of trees that had previously been compiled. It was Agreed the conifers and laurel hedge edging the Tennis Club were not the responsibility of the PC as they had been planted by the Tennis Club to form a barrier.

2472. **CAR PARK ENTRANCE NOTICE.** It was Agreed that additional signage was required before the entrance of the car park regarding risk. Cncllr. Anthony Hopkins would carry out the required work at a cost not exceeding £100.

2473. **RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLOR MRS AUDREY STEEL.** Regrettably it was learned that Parish and District Councillor Mrs. Audrey Steel was retiring from representing Inkberrow after almost 50 years of service. All Members and staff expressed their thanks for the untiring work and advice they had received from Mrs. Steel over so many major projects the PC had faced over so many years. A card and a bouquet of flowers would be delivered to Mrs. Steel to express everyone’s sincere gratitude.

Signed:-----Chairman Date.....

