

**MINUTES OF THE INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD,
ON WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2023.**

PRESENT: Councillors David Hunter (Chairman) Christopher Burdett, Robin Lunn, Rodger Fooks, Anthony Hopkins, Dinah Griffin. Elizabeth Jordan.

District Councillor Ben Hurdman.

In Attendance: Janet Cresswell, Clerk, Robert Wilcox, RFO

Apologies for absence had been received from Cncllrs. Jane Neal, Richard Jordan and County Councillor Laura Gretton.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST. There were no expressions of interest declared.

DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. **Speed control** was raised with the suggestion of a 20mph being imposed on the A422 within the village. Some Members had attended a meeting with the West Mercia Crime Commissioner in regard to the speeding enforcement on the A442 through the village into Flyford and beyond. The Highway Authority designated the speed limits, with the Police being the enforcers and to lower the speed limit through the village to 20mph would be very difficult. It was noted that a Safety Audit had been booked for the end of October. **Airband.** A large number of the residents living in Midsummer Meadow were present and presented their case, containing 39 signatures, regarding the erection of poles by Airband. It was noted that the PC had immediately contacted Airband for an explanation as no contact had been made from them. The PC were also in communication with Wychavon DC requesting information regarding the original planning permissions given for the construction of properties in Midsummer Meadow back in the 1970s. The residents' case would be forwarded to Airband. Consideration would be given to an open meeting with Airband. District Cncllr. Ben Hurdman agreed to take the matter further with Wychavon DC.

Highways. The uneven pavement outside the Surgery. Highways were considering "patching" this area. The water problem in Stockwood Lane was ongoing with both Severn Trent and Highways being involved.

2537. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th August were Agreed to be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2538. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.** The **resurfacing of the entrance of the car park** had been completed, but the question was raised as to whether the area requested had been covered. **Rural Funding/Legacy Grant.** It was Agreed Cncllrs. Jane Neal and Rodger Fooks would seek information as to whether funding could be sought for the cost of resurfacing the whole of the car park. **Bench in Playing Field.** It was Agreed that the donation towards the cost of the new bench for the Playing fields in the sum of £227 be paid. **ICC Constitution.** It was noted that a draft was in place and following the meeting scheduled for 28th September the amended Constitution could be submitted. Thanks were expressed to John Bailey for his guidance in this matter.

Emergency Plan. It was Agreed to invite Jem Teal to the PC November meeting to give guidance on taking a Plan forward with possibly using the Kempsey Plan as an example and also to explain 106 money options. **School Crossing.** It was noted that Highways were arranging to inspect and repair the faulty lights. It was noted that no applications had been received regarding the School Crossing Patrol vacancy. **Pedestrian safety** from New-U to School on both sides of the A442. The hedges on both sides of the road needed to be cut back for the safety of pedestrians. County Cncllr. Laura Gretton would be asked to enquire if Highways could carry out this work.

2539. **LENGTHSMAN.** The work required for October including cutting back hedges from the junction of Sand Lane to the School was approved.

AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING IN ORDER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO BE DISCUSSED.

2540. **INKBERROW DEVELOPMENT PLAN.** The meeting with Wychavon had taken place and members of the Development plan had been disappointed to learn that the Plan formatting did not reach the required standard. It was Agreed a notice would be included in Whats On seeking anyone with sufficient expertise to come forward and reformat the Plan – funding was available for this.

THE CHAIRMAN RE-OPENED THE MEETING

2541. **SCI FOUL WATER.** The ICC had given the SCI an ultimatum to submit plans for the foul waste connection by the end of September 2023. Cncllr Rodger Fooks would seek information from the ICC regarding progress.

2542. **POLICE REPORT.** Scams continued and were becoming more professional, currently involving new university students. Speeding remained an issue, particularly motorbikes along the A422. Police had agreed to provide a higher profile and it was noted that the Police Commissioner had a small amount of funding that could be used to improve speed awareness. Police continued to look at a few suggestions for improvement to reduce speed in Withybed Lane.

2543. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** A report had been received from County Councillor Laura Gretton. The concrete plinths at the Radford turn are in place for the new chevron board to be erected. The plinths are of lattice construction and would be safer should an impact occur. The Discretionary Fund had been verbally agreed for the CIO, but written confirmation was awaited.

2544. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The RFO had circulated the Balance Sheet and Report. It was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid. The Clerk's and Responsible Finance Officer's salaries. Parfitt Services £60, SmartCut £477. Shaw & Sons £222. Wellers Law Group LLP-ICC constitution 3rd interim.

2545. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following planning applications were recommended for approval: W23/01671/FUL Bouts Corner Farm. Erection of new dwelling and associated works in lieu of that granted under 21/01534. W/23/01703/HP 9 Brecon Close. Erection of proposed rear single storey ext. W/23/01551/CU Land and buildings at OS9979 5842 Stockwood. Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian business use. Erection of stables and forge barn, paddock barn, hay barn, 6 horse turn-out arenas and horse muck heap. (This was approved but concern would be expressed regarding the extra traffic on a narrow lane. Traffic management would be recommended.) W23/01804/FUL. Perrymill Farm, Berrow Field Farm Lane. Proposed erection of new build dwelling to replace existing Dutch barn as approved under ref W/2300057/FUL.

2546. **RISK MANAGEMENT.** Cncllr. Anthony Hopkins would provide information for question 18 on the Risk Management questionnaire.

2547. **MEMORIAL POPPY WREATH.** It was Agreed £50 would be donated to the Inkberrow Branch of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

2548. **PARISH COUNCIL DOCUMENTS.** The list of documents held by Solicitors MambyBowler on behalf of the PC had been requested. The request had been acknowledged but information not yet supplied. Cncllr Anthony Hopkins would seek information.

2549. **ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW.** The Chairman had presented the Allotments Awards and reported that the Show was a great success with excellent produce on show. Everyone involved was congratulated.

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

