

**MINUTES OF THE INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD,  
ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024, COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM.**

**Present:** Councillors David Hunt (Chairman) Jane Neal, Christopher Burdett, Rodger Fooks, Dinah Griffin, Anthony Hopkins, Richard Jordan, Robin Lunn, Elizabeth Jordan.

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

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** had been received from District Councillors Nick Dawkes and Ben Hurdman.

**DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** Discussions continued with the District Council regarding Emergency Planning – completion of the documentation was awaited. The flooding on Stonepit Lane was discussed and it was noted that the DC Enforcement Officer was considering the effect the new entrances to the development in Stonepit Lane was having on the water flow following heavy rain. The report from the Enforcement Officer was awaited.

3002. **MINUTES.** It was Agreed the Chairman should sign the minutes of the PC meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February as a correct record.

3003. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cncllr. Robin Lunn declared a non -pecuniary interest in item 14 on the Agenda.

3004. **PLAY AREA.** It was noted that works would be carried out by June 2024.

3005. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS DISCRETIONARY FUND.** It was noted that no funding had yet been received.

3006. **ICC NEW CONSTITUTION.** It was noted the transfer dates had been fixed for 16<sup>th</sup> April. 2024.

3007. **DEEDS AND HOLDINGS.** The safe keeping of PC legal documents remained under consideration.

3008. **CAR PARK REFURBISHMENT.** Councillor Christopher Burdett was in discussions with District Councillor Nick Dawkes regarding finance.

3009. **HIGHWAYS.** Cncllr. Dinah Griffin reported that the footpath between Stonepits and the new estate had been referred to the CC Land Management Team. And the Flood Risk Management Team.

*The Chairman closed the meeting at this point for public discussion*

3010. **DEVELOPMENT PLAN.** The RFO advised that a further £7000 was required to reach the Legal Requirement and asked if the team should continue. It was noted that DC Planning would continue to make decisions without consulting the PC and also that the Plan as it now stands would not carry any statutory rights. DC would be invited to attend a future PC meeting via DC Nick Dawkes. Clerk would arrange.

*The Meeting was re-opened*

3011. **LENGTHSMAN.** The Lengthsman had cleared the Bridleway and CC payment had been approved.

3012. **POLICE.** There was nothing within the Police Report that referred to problems in Inkberrow.

3013. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** In his absence, a written report from DC Hurdman was received.

3014. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The Finance Officer presented the monthly report. It was noted that a request had been received for payment towards the cost of the Churchyard mowing season. A payment of £1,171 was Agreed. It was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Staff salaries, Parfitt Services £60, Whats On publication £80. Broadband £45. The RFO would contact Smartcut regarding their quotation for the new season grass cutting. It was Agreed the Entrance Fees for the Parish Games would be paid from PC Funds.

3015. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** W/24/00373/FUL Mearse Croft. Mearse Lane. Retrospective and new permission sought for agricultural buildings including grain silos, chicken sheds and movable hen houses (removal of condition 3 ref 21/02986/FUL)

Approved provided a noise test is carried out regarding the retention of the generator. W24/00344 and 00345. Step Hill, Stockwood Lane. Ext. to rear of existing detached garage to provide additional garage/workshop with storage over. Approved. W/24/00283/FUL. Torite, Stockwood Lane. Proposed new single story ext. new vehicular access and driveway ext. Approved provided Highways were in agreement. W/24/00288/CLE. All Saints Barn, Stockwood Lane. Change of use. Refusal recommended on the grounds that it was believed insufficient time had elapsed to prove there is no demand for live/work unit in this location. W/000413/RM. Reserved matters application for the appearance, landscaping, lay out and scale of one self-build dwelling Stonepit Lane following outline approval. No further comment as PC had recommended refusal of the original planning application.

3016. **PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD.** It was Agreed the notice board should be replaced. In the meantime any PC notices would be placed in the Village Notice Board.

3017. **ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** It was requested that the Team should be involved in any meetings with the DC regarding the Parish Plan.

3018. **PARISH COUNCIL CLERK.** Janet Cresswell's retirement as Clerk was announced and the Chairman gave thanks for such long service and presented gifts of thanks on behalf of the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The closed meeting Agreed that in future certain matters, especially finance/quotations/contracts etc. should be discussed and Agreed in Closed Session.

**CIO Licenses.** The Bowls Club and Tennis Club. **The PC would grant the Lease to the newly formed ICC and the ICC would manage the buildings under the Lease. Once the Lease was given the ICC would create the Licenses. It was suggested rolling 5 year leases be granted. The PC asked that a caveat be added advising the PC Agreed in principle.**

**It was Agreed that the Grass Cutting contract be considered in future at the PC November meetings.**

**It was Agreed that for the Fifteen Minute Public Question Time Members of the Public should announce their name prior to speaking.**

Signed.....Chairman

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