

**Minutes Of Inkberrow Parish Council Meeting Held In The Pavilion, Sands Road.
Wednesday 17th April 2024, Commencing At 7.30pm.**

Present: Councillors David Hunter (Chair), Jane Neal, Rodger Fooks, Dinah Griffin, Chris Burdett, Elizabeth Jordan, Robin Lunn and Richard Jordon.

In Attendance: Robert Wilcox RFO.

Apologies for absence were received from Anthony Hopkins. District Cllrs N Dawkes and B Hurdman

Democratic fifteen minutes public question time, the following points were raised:-

Issues regarding the development on Stonepit Lane.

Light splay from the flood lights at the Football Club.

Update on the latest planning for the Solar Farm. This is going to be under the same planning number as previously. There are now 3 planning applications in under Redditch, not under Wychavon yet, but there is now a new planning officer at Wychavon so should be appearing soon.

3019. Minutes – point 3009 was amended to “Cncllr Dinah Griffin reported that the problem with the footpath between Stonepits and the new estate had been reported to the County Council Public Rights of Way Officer and it would be referred to the County Council Flood Risk Management team.”

3010. Declarations of Interest – there were none.

3011. Matters arising from previous meetings

Playground – it was reported that the fencing was waiting until the weather improved.

Car Park resurfacing – it was reported that District Councillor N Dawkes was looking into funding for this, and will report back to Cllr Burdett.

Deed Holding – this is being held on the agenda until we can confirm the volume that we are looking to hold.

County Councillors financial discretionary contribution – It was reported that this has now been received, a note of thanks will be sent.

Parish Council Notice Board – This had been taken down due to being unsafe, and after discussion, a new board will be ordered from the same company that supplied the events notice board, The Men’s Shed would install this. Thanks were given the Cllr E Jordan for the prompt removal of the old board once it was deemed unsafe.

3012. Highways Matters – County are to be asked regarding the road sweepers and how often they should come, and also the frequency of the drain cleaners as some of the drains are now blocked. (Bottom of Stockwood Lane A422 end)

The signage on the Worcester bend is down again, and this has been reported the Barry Barnes, the A442 is to be closed to add a better “non-skid” surface on this corner at the beginning of May.

3013. Lengthsman – It was agreed to ask the lengthsman to continue with monthly tasks and to also clean the road signage and the Bus Shelter.

3014. Neighbourhood Plan – The money for the improvement of the neighbourhood Plan had been sent back to Groundworks. It was noted that if there was no plan then subsequent S106 money for the village would be issued at 15% not 25%. The Neighbourhood plan committee and District Cllr N Dakes are still waiting to meet.

3015. Police Report – No police report was received, but it was noted that a couple of burglaries were known to have taken place during the past month. Stockwood Business Park and Bouts Lane in the same night.

3016. Report from the County Councillor – No report had been received.

3017. Report from the District Councillors – Both District Councillors were at meetings at Wychavon, but the report from Cllr N Dawkes mentioned awaiting a time to arrange a meeting with the neighbourhood Planning Committee. Pursuing funds in relation to the car park and offering support regarding the latest planning applications that are coming through. Report from Cllr B Hurdman advised that 256 planning applications had been processed in February, and that the out of hours support number for Wychavon was changing. Out of Hours support is now being handled by Redditch and Bromsgrove CCTV service on 01527 912966. The Out of Hours Emergency number is to be used only for emergencies, for example, traveller encampments on council land. We were also advised that Wychavon had invited the Local Government Association to carry out a Corporate peer Challenge.

3018. Finance – The accounts are with the internal Auditors, and would then go to the external auditors. Allowances have been made for new equipment for the new Clerk, possible charges re Land Registry and ICC Licence agreement.

Payments were made to RFO, waterplus, Tapcast, Playsafe and Parfitt Services. A conversation also took place regarding SmartCut and it was agreed that we would stay as we were for this year, but would need to be readdressed in October.

3019. Planning

W/24/00157/FUL Land Off Barley Meadows Inkberrow– refer back to original statement, over development of the site.

W/24/00633/FUL Land at (OS 0246 5916) Holberrow Green– Not enough information to make a comment.

W/24/00638/FUL Bouts Corner Farm Bouts Lane Holberrow Green - Not enough information to make a comment. We have not been advised of what work is going be going on here.

It was noted that we have reservations about the number and vagueness of the work aspect, of these work live units coming through recently.

W/24/00420/FUL Football And Cricket Pitches Sands Road – It is understood that these were previously included in planning, but it was felt that planners need to be made aware

once again that the car park does not belong to the football club, and parking is still an issue.

W/24/00730/RM Long Meadow Farm Holberrow Green – The original planning recommended an agricultural tie, the Parish Council has no objections as long as it complies with the Agricultural Occupancy Condition.

3020. Community Orchard – Cllr R Jordan mentioned that funds were available for a community orchard. This was discussed and Cllr Jordan is going to liaise with the Environmental group to see if this can be taken forward. Reservations were made regarding the upkeep of such a site.

3021. Inkberrow Relay Race – Cllr Neal advised that the relay race was happening on 19th May, from the Football Club, and that the necessary authorities had been advised regarding road use.

3022. Playground safety report – Playsafe have been and completed the annual safety report, some points were raised, and these are being addressed. It was noted that the signage and contact numbers at both play areas would need to change once a new clerk had started.

3023. Any further items from the Clerk or Parish councillors – Cllr Fooks mentioned that The Men's Shed were looking at renovating the seat around the tree on the Village Green, and requested funds for the replacement of the wood.

Community Assets were discussed, but currently nothing was being taken forward.

The Men's Shed were asked if they could look at painting out the graffiti on the edge of the bus shelter.

3024. Further comments from the Public. It was mentioned that the A422 was going to be closed for resurfacing.

Next meeting:- Wednesday 15th May 2024.