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**Minutes of Inkberrow Parish Council meeting held in The Pavilion, Sands Road.
Wednesday 20th November 2024, commencing at 7.30pm.**

Present: Councillors David Hunter (Chair), Chris Burdett, Rodger Fooks, Dinah Griffin, Anthony Hopkins, Elizabeth Jordan, Richard Jordan, Robin Lunn (20.30), Robert Wilcox.

Apologies for absence Jane Neal, Paula Gittoes (Clerk), Cllrs Nick Dawkes, Ben Hurdman.

In Attendance: 1 member of the public.

Democratic fifteen minutes public question time

- 1. Apologies** accepted
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
 - a. Cllr Hopkins planning application W/24/01961/CLE
- 3. Previous minutes** amendments required, minutes not signed.
- 4. Progress from previous minutes** on tracker
- 5. Tracker Updated** during the meeting
- 6. Highway Matters**
 - a. Thanks were given to the Eddie Shaw, Andrew Shephard, Richard Hill, and Steve Neal for the removal and replacement of the two VAS signs in the village these are now working and compliment the package of works the PC has done around the school (hedge cutting, reinstating the flashing school lights)
 - b. The barrier by the Tennis Club is damaged. This has been reported on WCC portal Parish Council to request that it is replaced. **Action PG**
 - c. Stockwood Lane parking proposal from WCC is expected for public consultation.
 - d. The collapsed road edge beyond Church Hill has been reported. Parish Council to chase with WCC Highways (#64198 and #6624) **Action PG**
- 7. Lengthsman Activities**
 - a. Corner of Appletree lane and A422. The pavement is covered with grass. Lengthsman to clear. **Action IB**
 - b. Tree works on Chestnut Lane has been completed. There is a tree growing into the wires next to Telegraph pole. To be reported on the WCC portal **Action PG**
 - c. Lengthsman to drop a card into 3 houses to request hedge maintenance **Action IB**
 - d. Work between the School and The Bake House has been completed. A hedge cutter is required to complete further work and improve safety. Approval given to hire equipment. **Action IB**
- 8.** No Item
- 9. Police report.** No police report received.
 - a. An abandoned vehicle on Green Croft Way had been removed.
 - b. The telephone kiosk had been vandalised. The incident had been managed by the Police and the kiosk repaired by BT.
- 10. County Councillor Report.** No report was received.
 - a. £1500 VAS monies forms have been submitted to the County Councillors Discretionary fund
- 11. District Councillor report.** No report was received.

12. Finance Report

- a. This month's expenditure was discussed with a forecast surplus of £1500 expected.
- b. Future legal costs for the CIO licence was discussed
- c. There has been an issue with the invoice from the District Council over the emptying of the bins at the village hall. The RFO agreed to speak to Wychavon District council to re direct the invoices to him. It was anticipated that this cost would be around £4000

Budget for 2025

- a. Precept – Same as last year – Tax base going up.
- b. The mowing tenders for 2025 were received and discussed. Further questions were raised and the costs would be reviewed and agreed at the January meeting as there had been a significant increase in costs, despite a revised requirement of cutting. It was agreed that the Chair would speak to the tendering companies and seek clarification. **Action DH**
- c. Propose precept is increased by inflation figure of 2.9% with a view to review in Jan meeting once mowing costs have been reviewed.

Allotment Fees

- a. Allotment holders – 6 outstanding payment The process for payment arrangements should be reviewed **Action PG /AH**

13. Planning

- a. W/24/01961/CLE land and buildings at Stockwood Lane, Moreton, Underhill Inkberrow. Application for lawful development certificates for the continued use of Tractor Repair Workshop and associated respite area, access track and hardstanding associated with the buildings.
 - i. IPC noted that local concerns had been raised and suggested that Wychavon District Council give legal advice on the position regarding development of this kind **Action PG**
- b. W/24/02237/RM Withyfields Withybed Lane Inkberrow WR7 4JJ For reserved matters, approval for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline approval W/16/ 01712/OU For the erection of 30 dwellings as Approved under Planning reference W/ 16/ 03026/RM- variation of condition 1.
 - i. IPC would continue to object to this application with concerns over the road infrastructure in Withybed Lane and the access to and from the development. There were also concerns raised over the number of houses on the site and the layout. **Action PG**

14. Any other business from Clark or Parish Councillors

- a. Grass Mowing Quotes received and discussed in Finance
- b. Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council noted the date for the meeting and it was agreed that Councillors Lunn and Hunter would attend, with representatives of the neighbourhood plan **Action PG**
- c. Approved IPC tree at the village Christmas Tree Festival in St Peters Church **Action PG**
- d. Approved renewal of membership to Society of Local Council Clerks January 1 2025
- e. Agreed to support the proposal for safeguarding training for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers training
- f. The IPC noted the WCC Draft Streetscape Design Guide

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- g. The Parish Council considered the communication from the Post Office over the alternative locations for the nearest post office, should the village PO close. It was noted that the information in the document wasn't factually correct. There is no viable bus service to Astwood Bank or Bishampton as an alternative. Thoughts about other locations for a Post Office were discussed, including the village shop and it was agreed that Councillor Griffin would mention this to the shop owner to see what possibilities there were **Action DG**
- h. Noted that Wychavon have emptied the overflowing bins and collected blue bag waste collected by volunteers
- i. Noted and it was agreed that the Tommy signs looked very fitting for the Remembrance service. It was also noted that the poppy cascade at St Peters Church had been a fantastic display and a huge thank you to everyone involved in making it and erecting the cascade to the church tower
- j. Noted that Wychavon (and Inkberrow) Emergency Planning document development is on hold awaiting Government steer. Jem Teal will contact the Clerk when in a position to proceed

15. Any other business from the public

None

16. Items for future agenda

- a. Village hall. Electric, Fire, Asbestos report pending, RF is temp Chair, No secretary currently
- b. Land Registry items (Clerk to review and update) **Action PG**
- c. SCI sewage connection

Next Meeting January 15th 2025 at 19.30 in the Bowls Club, Sands Road

Apologies to the Clerk please parishcouncil@inkberrow.org.uk