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**Minutes of Inkberrow Parish Council meeting held in The Pavilion, Sands Road.
Wednesday 19th February 2025, commencing at 7.30pm.**

Present: Councillors David Hunter (Chair), Chris Burdett, Rodger Fooks, Dinah Griffin, Elizabeth Jordan, Richard Jordan, Robin Lunn, Jane Neal (Vice chair), Robert Wilcox RFO

Apologies for absence Cllr Anthony Hopkins, Cllrs Nick Dawkes, Ben Hurdman.

In Attendance: 3 member of the public and PCSO Elliott Safer Neighbourhood Team Officer

Democratic fifteen minutes public question time

Terry Bennett updated the meeting on information he receives that he will forward to the Clerk

The overgrowth of shrubbery near Little Nobury Farm on Appletree Lane was discussed and it was agreed that this would be reported to Severn Trent as the land owners.

Plans to celebrate VE day were enquired about – Agenda Item

Wychavon Council have provide some information on the newly planted trees opposite the school. They are part of a planting scheme called Local Authority Treescape Fund (LATF). They have identified the trees and confirm that the species for the scheme have been carefully selected for each site and the trees in Inkberrow offer many different qualities throughout the seasons, the autumn colours of all tree displays are stunning. Wychavon consider the assets will become a feature of the village and will definitely attract a lot of attention as they develop into the landscape.

The trees will be maintained by Wychavon for the next 3 years during their establishment phase, each tree being visited every 2 weeks from April to September. By that point, they should've reached independence and will then form part of the routine highway inspection where Wychavon will identify practical interventions, should they need it.

It was agreed that the lack of consultation was not acceptable, and this should be formally reported to Wychavon

Action PG

- 1. Apologies** Councillor Hopkins and Cllr Hurman.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
 - a. Cllr Fookes Licences and leases
- 3. Previous minutes** January agreed and signed
- 4. Progress from previous minutes** on tracker
- 5. Tracker Updated** during the meeting
- 6. Highway Matters**
 - a. Church Road erosion up to the Lychgate has been reported #73798
 - b. Rubbish on the green lane at the back of Churchway Piece – It was agreed to wait for the owner to complete their works and monitor
 - c. Residual cuttings from 'cutting back' on the High Street to be cleared by the Lengthsman
 - d. It was noted that there are blue 'official' road markings at various points around the '3 miler'

7. Lengthsman Activities

- a. It was noted that the Lengthsman has been busy hedge cutting at the allotment.
- b. The overgrowth on Appletree lane pavements had been addressed.
- c. It was noted that there is an Ash Tree leaning heavily over the main road opposite the Pepper St junction. The Lengthsman would be asked to observe

The meeting was closed to allow open debate on The Neighbourhood Plan

- 8. Neighbourhood Plan** It was confirmed that EC, RL, RW, JB attended the meeting at Wychavon on January 22nd at 4pm with Andrew Ford Senior Planning Officer. It was not considered to be as constructive as originally expected. The Parish Council meeting concluded that the Clerk would ask for the most up to date version from the Neighbourhood Plan Group and that a watchful wait approach would be adopted whilst devolution was ongoing. It was agreed that the work would not be wasted **Action PG**

The Chair wished to formally thank all those villagers who had led this project and committed their time and energy tirelessly into this longstanding piece of work.

The meeting was reopened

9. Police report

- a. PCSO Elliott was in attendance and reported a number of vehicle and trailer thefts in the area. PCSO Elliott advised that physical deterrents such as crook locks were becoming increasingly popular with the public.
- b. PCSO Elliott also agreed that it may be useful for the council to share and discuss the vehicle speed and number data from our VAS radar signs with her team to improve village safety. **Action PG**

10. County Councillor Report

No report was received.

- a. The forms submitted by Cllr Hopkins for £1500 VAS to the County Councillors Discretionary fund would be chased for progress **Action AH**
- b. The meeting discussed the lack of consultation on the LATF Treescape project. This would be communicated to the County Councillor **Action PG**

11. District Councillor report

No report was received

12. Finance Report

- a. The precept has been accepted at 3.4%
- b. The Clerk has applied for PCC monies now that permits have been issued for VAS signs
- c. Clarity had been sought on the mowing quotes and this would be discussed and agreed and March meeting

13. Planning

No planning items

14. Any other business from Clerk or Parish Councillors

- a. Quotes had been received for bark replenishment on the Sands Road play area. It was agreed that this should be purchased and delivered. Volunteers to distribute would be sought
- b. It was noted that the RoSpa safety inspection was due in March
- c. Quotes had been sought to replace the Tractor on the play area Sands Road and these would be circulated for next PC meeting

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- d. Inkberrow WI have raised funds for a replacement octagonal picnic table at the Millenium Green. The PC had been formally asked to match that donation to the village and it was agreed. **Action PG**
- e. The provision of a 'bleed kit' in the village was discussed and it was agreed to seek the advice of the village first responders **Action PG**
- f. An event to mark VE day on May 8th was discussed and it was agreed to ask if Afternoon Tea at the PEC on May 5th was an option **Action PG**
- g. Follow up with WCC highways re the Pothole on Holberrow Green **Action PG**

15. Any other business from the public

None

16. Items for future agenda

- a. Mowing tender
- b. Tractor for Play area
- c. VE day celebrations

Next Meeting March 19th 2025 at 19.30 in the Bowls Club, Sands Road

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