

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION SANDS ROAD ON
WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2017.**

Present: Councillors Elizabeth Collins, Rodger Fooks, Richard Jordan, Dinah Griffin, Jane Neal and Mrs. Audrey Steel.

In attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO. Mike Pashby Press Office.

In the absence of the Chairman it was AGREED Councillor Richard Jordan should be Chairman for the February meeting.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. It was noted that the population figures for Inkberrow on the website were incorrect. Cncllr. Jane Neal will make the correction. It was noted that the annual meeting of the Millennium Green Trust would take place on 20th March in the Pavilion, 7.30pm.

2266. **APOLOGIES** for absence were received and accepted from Cncllrs. Christopher Burdett, Anthony Hopkins and Robin Lunn.

2267. **ALLOTMENTS.** It was noted that there remained an outstanding rent for an allotment. The gate fastening continued to be a problem and in the absence of the PC Allotments representative, Cncllr Hopkins, it was agreed the matter of Allotments would be included in the March agenda.

2268. **MINUTES.** It was AGREED the minutes of the PC meeting held on 18th January be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2269. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways.** It was noted that the official bollards in Withybed Lane would be removed by Bovis Homes once the development had been completed. All other items left on the verges throughout the village would be there illegally, with owners, in the event of an accident, held liable. Cncllr. Holt would chase the Engineer in regard to road repairs in particular in respect of the potholes in Withybed Lane. The fencing was being repaired at Barley Meadows and it was noted that some edging bricks had been damaged in that area. **Lengthsman.** There was no extra work for the Lengthsman for February/March. **Neighbourhood Plan.** No further progress was reported. **Community Speed Watch.** The meeting was closed to receive the CSW report. It was noted that 282 checks had been made with 39 reported to West Mercia Constabulary. Letters had been sent to the offenders. Vetting had caused some delays but the system was being simplified. Pepper Street and Stonepit Lane will now be included in the CSW programme. The data from the speed signs would shortly be collected. **Tennis Club Lease.** Nothing further was reported. The application **for NHB money** to replace the Millennium Green boardwalk was progressing. **Village Year of Culture.** The latest leaflet was being distributed throughout the village. **Adoption of Open Space, Bovis Homes** The site meeting had presented the position that the work had not been started and so therefore made it difficult to make a decision. The matter would be discussed further at the next meeting.

2270. **POLICE REPORT.** There was no Police report but it was noted that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was not working well. This would be brought up at the next PACT meeting.

2271. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr. Clive Holt reported on the County Budget. It was noted that an additional 2% would be added to Adult Social Care, that the Lengthsman Scheme would continue, that the Divisional Fund will be renewed and that additional funding for highways

would include a £6m one off fund for 2 years to improve pavements with a £2m for one off town centre improvements. Cncllr. Holt agreed to take the issue of the pavements in Stonepit Lane to the Highways Officers.

2272. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS. Both Cncllr Wilkinson and Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel were present and it was noted that the DC budget would be presented the following week, that the NHB scheme would have changes made in April and would include a request that money was asked for larger schemes not small piece meal ones. Approximately £8000 currently stood in the NHB Scheme for Inkberrow. Resurfacing the second car park would be discussed at the next PC meeting and it was noted that this could be included in a large project being considered within the 106 Agreement fund. Clerk would invite Sally Banks to attend the next meeting to advise progress on this. Cncllr. Mrs. Steel advised that a Neighbourhood Plan carried more weight for PC remarks on planning applications.

2273. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. The monthly balance sheet was received and the following accounts were approved for payment: Clerk £509.69 (to include 3 months expenses)RFO £136, Lengthsman £192, Magnet Group £6,372.56, Village of Culture £334 (printing and banner)

2274. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The following applications were recommended for approval: W/16/02930 Hunters Lodge, Worcester Road. W/17/00063 Little Rock, Pepper Street. Application W/16/03039/PN New 4 bed house, land adj. to Grey Gables Surgery was recommended for refusal. It was considered to be too large for the plot, would be considered over development within such close proximity to neighbouring properties. The access on to a busy main road, on a bend and close to a pedestrian crossing was considered unsuitable and could be dangerous.

2275. MEMBERS' /CLERK'S REPORTS. It was noted that a large blue oil drum had been left at the entrance to the layby on the main road. It was noted that individual event sponsorship for the Wychavon Games would cease, but the PC would continue to sponsor the Games. It was noted that Inkberrow achieved 7th out of 20 entrants with 1,800 people taking part in the Games. It was AGREED to give permission for the Classic Cars event to take place on the Green. The kind offer of the Horticultural Society to provide a tree suitable for Christmas decoration on the Green would be considered at the next PC meeting.

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