

WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY, 2018. MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD, ON Wednesday 18th July, 2018.

Present: Councillors Christopher Burdett (Chairman) Elizabeth Collins, Rodger Fooks, Dinah Griffin, Anthony Hopkins, Robin Lunn, Jane Neal and Mrs. Audrey Steel.

In attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk and Robert Wilcox RFO.

Apologies for Absence. No apologies had been received.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Annual Inspection of the Allotments had taken place.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. It was noted that works had been carried out along the roadside hedge in the extension car park at the Village Hall and that a stoned foundation had been exposed. The Speeding through the village was now in the hands of the Police/ Highways. Mr. Harold Baldwin had been appointed the new Allotments Representative and had destroyed a wasp nest on the Allotments site. His small expenses would be extracted from his rent.

2351. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways.** The mowing of the stretch of wide footpath from Stockwood Lane to Stonepits Lane had been raised and a resident had suggested that such a wide cut was not necessary. There was a question of ownership and responsibility. The Parish Council had not arranged for mowing and the CC (whose responsibility it is to ensure footpaths remain open) only clear footpaths to regulation standards. It was noted that the mowing had been done by a resident and whilst no request or permission had been given for the work, a number of residents along the lane had appreciated what had been done and reported that the path had been used more regularly.

Lengthsman. The Lengthsman would be directed to clear the hedge/pavement from the Old Bakehouse to the School and to cut back the hedge overhanging the pavement and road sign on the main road opposite the junction to Pepper Street.

Neighbourhood Plan. It was reported that the 3rd meeting of the Steering Group had been held and that an explanatory leaflet inviting residents to participate would be delivered to every household in the Parish in September. **106 Agreement.** The decisions in regard to the 106 Agreement were awaited.

2352. **POLICE REPORT.** The Police Report was received which included a burglary in Ross Crescent, Interference with a motor vehicle near the Millennium Green and theft of a motor vehicle in Bouts Lane.

2353. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** Councillor Anthony Hopkins reported that the theft of high profile cars being stolen to order in the whole Worcestershire area had increased. The A422 grip level surface had been laid. Speeding tests had been carried out but reports were not yet to hand. The extension of the 30mph in Withybed Lane was being investigated, but this could only be put in force if Traffic Regulations Orders allow it. Surface patching would take place in Withybed Lane/Stockwood Lane next year. 106 Agreement money could not be used for this. CC Officers were looking at the possibility of creating a standing area opposite the School. Cncllr Elizabeth Collins commended Councillor Hopkins for the work he was doing on behalf of the Parish.

2354. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Councillor Mrs. Audrey Steel advised that following the success of the Inkberrow Village Year of Culture, the District Council was asking other villages if they wished to follow Inkberrow's example and advising that the DC would award £5000 for the best

entry. A meeting for Town and Parish Councils within Wychavon had taken place which had included GDPR, Community Land Trust, Housing and Review of the SWDP. In respect of the New Homes Bonus there had been 4 applications for updating village halls. The DC were looking for major projects, not smaller items. It was noted that once the 34 new house build was completed there would be more NHB money for Inkberrow.

2355. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. It was noted that the ICC contribution for the installation of the outside lighting at the Village Hall had not been received. Cncllr. Fooks agreed to make enquiries. It was also noted that the repayment for Lengthsman's invoices were very slow from the DC. The RFO presented the monthly balance sheet and it was agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Clerk £428.70, RFO £140, Lengthsman £265, Inkberrow Horse Show £40, Whats On £390, Luke Farnesworth (playground) £40, Smarcut Ltd. £537.66.

2356. THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE. Cncllr. Elizabeth Collins presented the amended Code and would obtain the cost of printing 1,300 copies for the next meeting.

2357. FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. It was noted that suitable posts to replace the stones in Witybed Lane were being pursued. It was thought the speed offenders were mainly through traffic, not local residents. Police speed check reports were awaited.

2358. CLERK'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS. It was agreed the provision of a Christmas Tree on the Green would be an item on the next Agenda. The Japanese Knotweed on the Bovis Homes site was an enforcement issue with the DC. The Wychavon Games results were awaited.

Signed.....Chairman

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