

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD,
INKBERROW, ON WEDNESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2021, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

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

In Attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO.

Apologies: No apologies had been received.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. Objections were received in respect of planning applications 21/01726/FUL and 21/01778/FUL. A member of the public requested the Parish to seriously consider the impact on rural life the current climate change was making, requesting that “green” electricity be considered, particularly when new build was discussed and that an improvement in the local bus service would possibly make a contribution ensuring less cars were on the road. The lack of a defibrillator on the south side of the village was reported as being of some concern.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were no declarations of interest.

2767. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting were agreed to be a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

2768. PROGRESS REPORTS.

Highways. It was noted that CC Highways had been requested to clear all pavements through the village edging the A422 and that a works order had been made. In regard to public footpaths, Cncllr Dinah Griffin explained that whilst the County Council team cleared many miles of footpaths each year a great number remained uncleared and asked for volunteers willing to spend some time in helping to clear footpaths to contact her. Clerk would remind the Company responsible for the grass cutting in the village that the verge in Appletree Lane was part of the grass cutting schedule. The 30mph sign covered by foliage would be reported. **Lengthsman.** County Councillor Laura Gretton was chasing Lengthsman training. **Neighbourhood Plan.** Progress continued with the next meeting scheduled for September. **Sporting Club Inkberrow Licence.** It was anticipated that details of the Licence would be agreed by the end of September.

2769. **POLICE REPORT.** No Police report had been received but it was noted that a successful cycle Smartwater marking event had taken place.

2770. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** County Councillor Laura Gretton reported that she was following up the Lengthsman training, various pavement matters and the problem of the loose drain cover. The need for the cones in Earlscommon Road to be replaced and for road closure notices to contain the exact whereabouts of the closure would be expressed to the Highways Department.

2771. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Councillor Mrs. Audrey Steel expressed disappointment that the planning application at the Golf Driving Range had been turned down, being considered to be outside the development area.

2772. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following Planning applications were recommended for approval: **21/01611 Great Nobury Farm.** Reconfigure ground floor kitchen and dining areas, enclose covered side accessway and loggia, convert loft over side accessway to a bedroom with ensuite, replace existing windows and doors with timber framed windows and doors. **21/01351/AGR Morton Hall Farm** Erection of an agricultural storage building and workshop.

The following applications were recommended for refusal: **21/01778FUL The Bulls Head, High Street.** Retention of Marquee. The marquee was significantly close to neighbouring property, excessive noise had been reported. Whilst wishing to support local businesses the PC had to consider the impact on neighbouring properties. **21/01726/FUL. Lower Bouts Farm.** Erection of live/work unit. It was agreed not sufficient information was supplied in regard to the use of the unit. The environmental report appeared to be out of date.

2773. **QUEEN'S JUBILEE.** The cost of the marquee hire was awaited.

2774. **PLAY AREA INSPECTION.** It was Agreed to accept the quotation from RoSPA for the playground equipment annual inspection each March/April, with an extra inspection to take place immediately.

2775. **STREET FURNITURE.** Cncllr Jane Neal reported on the inspection she had carried out and it was Agreed to repair, paint or replace all the street furniture as was required. Cncllr David Hunter would provide the name of the chemical required for the removal of graffiti which was cropping up around the village.

2776. **TREE PLANTING FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.** It was Agreed £1000 would be allotted for the provision of flowering trees with consideration to be given for residents to adopt and care for a tree planted in their area.

2777. **ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING FACILITY.** Cncllr Mrs. Audrey Steel would make enquiries in regard to any funding that might be available for this provision.

2778. **BONFIRE NUISANCE.** Complaints had been received regarding the nuisance caused to neighbours when garden bonfires had created excessive smoke. Whilst there was no law against burning garden waste it was important to respect neighbours and perhaps advise them of the intention to start a fire.

2779. **LITTER PICKING.** It was Agreed to accept the offer of a free litter picking cart to add the equipment already held and to ask the School if the children might take part in a poster campaign.

2780. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM DC RURAL HOUSING ENABLER.** This item would be considered at the next meeting.

2781. **BUS SERVICE.** A bus service timetable was urgently required.

2782. **COUNCILLORS'/CLERK'S REPORTS & ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.** It was Agreed that the PC representative on the School Governors and the provision of a Christmas tree would be considered at the September meeting.

2783. **ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.** It was reported that the layby at the north end of the village was becoming popular for fly tipping. Clerk would report to the DC.

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