

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION, SANDS ROAD, ON
WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 2022, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.**

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

In Attendance: Janet Cresswell Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO.

DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. Mr. John Baily reported the dangerous narrowing of Pepper Street due to overhanging greenery. It was noted that the Highways Authority had been informed formally. It was also noted that the 30mph sign entering the village from Alcester was obscured by undergrowth and that the footpath to the Church also required clearing.

2942. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cncllr Jane Neal declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 16 on the Agenda in regard to the Airband cabinet in Pepper Street and signed the Declarations of Interest Record.

2943. **MINUTES.** After amendments to the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting it was Agreed the Chairman sign them as a correct record.

2944. **ALLOTMENTS.** It was Agreed the annual prize for the best Kept Allotment should be one year's free rental. It was confirmed that security of tenure was given to every tenant of the Allotments and that only a very serious demeanour would result in a tenancy being made void. The request for a Conservation Covenant for the Allotments would be investigated. The repairs to the notice board at the Allotments was in hand and the purchase of numbering signs for plots was being investigated

2945. **PROGRESS REPORTS. Highways.** The poor state of repair of the pavement through Appletree Lane would be reported. Councillor Dinah Griffin would contact the CC Footpaths Officer re further gravel at the entrance to more footpaths. It was Agreed to accept the Quotation from SmartCut for the 2022 grass cutting season. **Lengthsman.** Letters would be sent to Councillors Alan Amos and John Hobbs seeking their assistance in getting the Lengthsman training underway as a matter of urgency. The PC Chairman was directed to write to Cncllr Laura Gretton expressing the Parish Council's disappointment in the lack of communication with the PC particularly in regard to the Lengthsman training, none attendance at meetings and not providing a monthly report.

2946. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** (Chairman closed the meeting). Mr. John Baily gave an enlightening report on what the Neighbourhood Plan entailed and what the Group had achieved so far, explaining the Plan was not an audit but was a plan to ensure a viable and vibrant community for the future. He asked that the PC engage and adopt each chapter of the Plan as it progressed. It was Agreed a meeting with PC Members and the Group should be arranged in March, with the PC Members having sight of documents prior to the meeting.

2947. **SCI LICENCE.** The Licence had been circulated and it was Agreed it should be issued to the SCI. The Licence would be considered by the PC for renewal in June of each year and this arrangement would be included in Standing Orders in the form of an Addendum.

2948. **POLICE REPORT.** It was noted shed thefts continued and there had been car thefts within the village. Community Speed Watch was being re established and volunteers were being sought. It was Agreed the current contract with West Mercia Constabulary should remain unchanged.

2949. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** There was no County Councillor report.

2950. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr. Mrs Audrey Steel reported the current Review of Parishes within Wychavon District could possibly mean Kington and Dormston would be included in the Inkberrow Parish with two Cuncillors.

2951. **FINANCIAL REPORT.** The RFO had circulated the Finance and Bank Reports and it was Agreed the following outstanding accounts be paid: Clerk £447.79, RFO £147.11, Parfitt Services £50. A financial investment offered by Alcester town Council was received. Cncllr Rodger Fooks agreed to contact the First Responders in regard to the checking of batteries for the defibrillators.

2952. **PLANNING APPLICATONS.** 21/01986/FUL. Mearse Croft, Mearse Lane. Retrospective and new permissions sought for agricultural buildings including grain silos chicken sheds and movable hen houses. It was Agreed the PC would comment: The PC have noted that the majority of the application is retrospective, with the proposed development being in keeping with the existing. The PC would like to record concern regarding the number of structures on the site and the possibility for further expansion should be monitored and kept to a minimum. It was Agreed the following two applications be recommended for approval: W/22/00280 Knighton Farm, Agricultural steel portal frame building , W/22/00106 Little Barn, Great Nobury Farm, proposed covered shade gazebo structure.

2953. **JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.** Members were given details of the proposed events. Cncllr Robin Lunn would check the timing for the erection of the marquee.

2954. **BUS SHELTER.** It was noted Mr. John Harris would liaise with the people involved with the Harvington project.

2955. **CHARITY EVENT.** Permission was given for a charity event for The Children's Hospital, to be held on The Green. It was Agreed the PC would contribute £50 to the charity.

2956. **DC COMMUNITY LEGACY SCHEME.** It was Agreed the PC would express an interest but had no projects in mind. Cncllr Fooks would advise the Tennis Club of the Scheme.

2957. **ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS.** It was noted that The Health Centre were seeking details.

2958. **OPENREACH CABINET.** It was Agreed the Clerk would write to all parties concerned with the way the Cabinet had been installed at Pepper Street without any consultation.

2959. **2022 CHRISTMAS TREE.** The Christmas tree 2022 would go ahead with new LED lights being purchased and with the placement/erection of the tree being explored in the meantime.

2960. **CLASSIC AND VINTAGE CAR SHOW.** It was Agreed that permission be given to the Car Show being held on The Green on 26th July, 2022.

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

