

**MINUTES OF INKBERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION SANDS ROAD ON  
WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016.**

**Present:** Councillors Christopher Burdett (Chairman), Elizabeth Collins, Rodger Fooks, Dinah Griffin, Anthony Hopkins, Richard Jordan and Mrs. Audrey Steel.

**In attendance:** Janet Cresswell, Clerk, Robert Wilcox RFO and Mike Pashby, Press Officer.

**DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** Resurfacing of the roads affected by the new development was raised. It was noted that repair work would be carried out upon completion of the development.

2207. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Jane Neal and Robin Lunn.

2208. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were no declarations of interest.

2209. **MINUTES.** Following correction of typographical errors it was AGREED the minutes of the PC meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**2210. PROGRESS REPORTS.**

**Highways.** The Clerk was directed to write to Rooftop Housing concerning the parking and driving of heavy vehicles across the grassed area separating Chestnut Lane and the A422. The overhanging hedge at the bottom of Church Hill would be cut back (Councillor Mrs. A. Steel) in order to prevent vehicles driving on the wrong side of the road and disturbing the bank. The hedge cutting in Sands Road was in hand. (Councillor Anthony Hopkins). Clerk would again refer the broken barrier in Sands Road to the Hub. Councillor Hopkins had in hand the refurbishment of the notice boards on the Green and the bus shelter. Councillor Mrs. Steel was making enquiries in regard to widening the footpath from Morton Underhill to the village to include cyclists.

**Lengthsman.** The Lengthsman would be asked to clear the pavement from the Worcester bend into the village.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** There had been no response in regard to volunteers to set up a Neighbourhood Plan. As an interim measure updating the Parish Plan could be considered.

**Speed Watch.** There had been no response in regard to volunteers for Speed Watch. If not enough names came forward Speed Watch would not be viable.

**Tennis Club Lease. New Homes Bonus and 106 Agreement Money. Village Hall extended car park.** The public meeting held in September had been well attended. It was understood that the Solicitor would be required to draw up the Tennis Club lease and the Commissioners would need to approve it. To get PC support all organisations would be required to provide evidence of Consultation, a Business Plan and prove the need and the benefit to the community. It was suggested that a "project manager", completely neutral, be employed to lead on behalf of all organisations to give the best chance of success to this important opportunity. The possibility of including a sum of money in the PC precept to finance this would be considered at the next PC meeting.

**Village Year of Culture.** The events would commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 and a programme would be available early in the new year.

2211. **POLICE REPORT.** Thefts of car and thefts from motor vehicles were reported. Loud music had been reported and 2 dog bite incidents.

2212. **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr. Clive Holt reported on a number of highway improvements across the county and that Barley Meadows had been adopted by the CC. The Boundary Commission had changed Ward Boundaries. Inkberrow, currently with Redditch, would be moved to the revamped Worcester constituency.

2213. **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.** Cncllr Mrs. Steel reported on the recent Parish and Town Council meeting which had included the problem of crime prevention in rural areas. A four year plan was being investigated.

2214. **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.** The monthly balance sheet had been circulated. It was AGREED the following outstanding accounts be paid: Clerk £410.50, RFO £136.00, Inkberrow Services Ltd. £1,180, Lengthsman £232, ToolPart (purchase of Marquee) £889.60, Smartcut £378, St Peter's Church (Churchyard mowing 2 instalments) £400.

2215. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following applications were recommended for approval: W/16/01488 Pinhills farm, first floor bathroom ext. W/16/02169 Jondale, Windmill Lane. Conversion of garage to form bedroom and shower room/toilet for elderly relative and construction of single storey garage. In regard to application W/16/00421 Change of use from designated highway to garden land, Oak Barn, Prior Farm Lane, PC was not qualified to comment.

2216. **SUPERFAST BROADBAND.** Frustrations were reported on the slow process of bringing Superfast Broadband across the village. PC would support the provision being speeded up and would ask the developers at Brookfields to give it their support.

2217. **DOG WASTE BIN.** The trial bin along the 3 miler had received 216 deposits in the three month trial period. The Clerk was directed to order a bin to be situated at the corner of Appletree Lane and Knighton Lane. Mr. K. Greatbatch and Cncllr. Elizabeth Collins were thanked and congratulated on their very effective research.

2218. **NEW HOMES BONUS APPLICATION.** The Village Hall had requested monies from NHB to provide a new kitchen in the Village Hall. Clerk would advise the required procedure before PC approval could be given.

2219. **ALLOTMENTS.** Thefts from the allotment had been reported. Clerk would arrange meeting with Police and Allotments representatives to meet in regard to security.

2220. There were no further comments from the public.

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

