

INKPEN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Inkpen Sports Club

Those present were: Dr D Thomas, Mr K Evans, Mr R May, Mrs V Tomlinson, Mrs L Wild, and Mrs. G Keene (Clerk). Also attending was: Mr.R Weeks.

1. Apologies were received from: Mrs C Jones, Mr D Wilson, Councillor Stansfeld, Councillor Cole and PCSO Joanna King, who were unable to attend the meeting.

2. Hungerford Neighbourhood Police Report: the September report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

2.1 A brief update was read out by the Clerk. It was reported that rural crime at the end of the harvest was especially low. Several cars had been broken into on Hungerford Common and at Combe Gibbet. PC Claire Drewitt had temporarily left the Hungerford team to work with CID in Newbury and will not return until the New Year.

2.2 The Chairman requested that the police team should be informed that several residents had reported being bitten by dogs on the bridleway and that action should be followed up. The Clerk will remind residents in the village bulletin that owners should control dogs that are aggressive or jump up at other walkers.

Action: Clerk.

3. Planning Sub Committee – see separate minutes.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 29th June 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. The Draft minutes had been displayed on the Inkpen website as required. No comments had been received or recorded.

5. Matters Arising:

5.1 It was recorded that safer roads were needed in villages where cyclists, cycle races and walkers were exposed to pot holes, excessive traffic and drivers who exceed the speed limit. HGV signage had been requested (previous meeting) but the action is often slower than anticipated as WBC has to agree requests in committee.

6. Declarations of Interest: Councillors are the sole Trustees of the Memorial Playing Field Trust and registered with the Charity Commission as the Corporate and Custodian Trustees.

7. Superfast Broadband:

7.1 The September update from the WBC project team had been circulated to members and residents prior to the meeting. It was reported that Cabinet 1 in Inkpen would be upgraded by 30th September (fibre to cabinet). Cabinet 1 (phase 1 contract with BT) is sited at the top of Folly Rd/Post Office Rd. Superfast Berkshire Phase 2 will be covered by Gigaclear who is principally focused on rural communities.

A Superfast update will be placed on the website.

Action: Chairman to update www.inkpen-village.co.uk

8. District Parish Conference

8.1 The district conference will be held on Tuesday 13th October 2015. Following discussion there were no nominations for attendance. No action.

9. Road Closures/Diversions

9.1 A number of road closures and diversions in Inkpen were notified during September, which the Clerk had circulated by email to residents. There was considerable concern from residents that diversions had been made via Bell Lane and Heads Lane – neither were suitable for heavy/ large numbers of traffic vehicles. The planned cycle race on Sunday 27th September had routed traffic via Bell Lane which had been approved by WBC. Several residents had sent complaints to WBC about the use of the narrow lane.

10. Potential Closure of Newbury Magistrates Court

10.1 It was agreed that Inkpen Parish Council would formally record an objection.

Action: Clerk.

11. Financial update:

11.1 a) The clerk gave a financial report to the end of August 2015 in line with the bank statement. It was noted that the invoice for the Election in May had not yet been received (circa £1300). A list of items of expenditure was tabled at the meeting and agreed by those present (list attached). New items of expenditure were agreed: Self Accounting Services - £36; External Audit costs - £120; Web hosting - £180; CPRE membership - £36. All expenditure items were agreed, cheques issued and authorised by two signatories.

b) The Annual Return 2014/2015 signed by the external auditors had been posted on the website.

12. Next Parish Council Meeting is arranged for Monday 2nd November 2015 at 7.30pm at Inkpen Sports Club, subject to availability of Councillors and issues for discussion.

Councillors are asked to note that all items for discussion and decision should be recorded on the Agenda to allow due consideration to be given prior to the meeting and to inform residents. Meeting closed at 20.30hrs

Signed:.....Date: