

## **INKPEN PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm at the pavilion  
**Those attending the meeting were:** Dr D Thomas (Chairman), Mr Bates, Mrs Edwards, Mr Hanna, Mrs Jones, Mrs Marriott, Mr J Cole (West Berkshire Councilor)

1. **Apologies:** Mr. May and Mrs. G Keene (Parish Clerk).

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – the draft minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 were approved as a true record and had been displayed on the Parish website. There was one issue arising that of speeding in the village and that was discussed as documented below.

3. **Declaration of Interest:**

3.1 Councillors are the Corporate and Custodian Trustees of the Inkpen Memorial Playing Field – and as such declared ‘personal interest’ in item 7 for Grants made under Section 137.

3.2 The following declaration is made on all minutes for clarification for residents.

Inkpen Parish Council is the Corporate & Custodian Trustee of the Memorial Playing Field Trust and registered with the Charity Commission as the Corporate and Custodian Trustee. Trust meetings and funds are held separately as required by the Charity Commission and confirmed annually to the External Auditors.

*As confirmed by the Charity Commission:* “The Charity is simply managed and administered by the Council and is not a public sector organisation and not subject to the Freedom of Information Act.” All information about the Charity can be viewed on the Charity Commission website.

4. **Matters Arising:**

4.1 a) **Speeding in Inkpen**

The issue of speeding in Inkpen was discussed. J. Cole provided details of options available and a paper he had written regarding speeding in the area. Mr Bates agreed to contact Cheryl Evans of West Berkshire Council ([Cheryl.evans@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:Cheryl.evans@westberks.gov.uk)) to discuss the possibility of Inkpen borrowing a SID and discuss any other options available to reduce speeding.

Action: Mr M Bates

5. **Policy/Plan to cope with Summer Fires**

The concerns about the potential of serious fires as a result of the hot weather were discussed and the awareness regarding contingencies in place by residents. It was agreed that D Thomas would contact the Fire Brigade to discuss the best approach. J Cole to contact Carolyn Richardson to understand West Berkshire Council’s advice to parishes.

Action: Dr D Thomas & Mr J Cole

6. **Use of Pavilion for village emergencies**

It was agreed that the pavilion should be made available to residents where a local emergency occurs, such as loss of electricity or water supply problems. It would be used as a contact point and usage would be granted on a case-by-case basis. The costs would be covered by Inkpen Parish Council

7. **History Group** – [inkpenhistory.uk](http://inkpenhistory.uk)

D Thomas advised that there would be two geophysics surveys taking place in the village this year, starting on 18<sup>th</sup> August and this was part of the conservation appraisal. Other sites in Inkpen would be surveyed in 2023.

8. **MP Meeting with Parish Council Chairman, to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

D Thomas advised that he would be attending this meeting and raising the issue regarding a need for mixed housing in the village. Also, the issue of speeding.

9. **Meeting of Parish Council Chairs to discuss issues of mutual interest**

D Thomas advised that he had attending this meeting and that working with other parish councils would give Inkpen PC greater visibility with WBC

**9.To approve the Expenditure and Financial Statement 2022/2023**

To be discussed at the next meeting.

**8.Date of next meeting:** – date to be agreed by Councilors’ depending on availability.

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**

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