

## INKPEN PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm for those electors' resident in the Parish of Inkpen.

1. **Apologies:** were recorded from Ms Masters.
2. **Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and thanks recorded to those attending.
3. **The Chairman's Report:** the chairman referred to his written report on activities of the Parish Council over the past year, which can be downloaded from the website [www.inkpenvillage.co.uk](http://www.inkpenvillage.co.uk)
4. **The Inkpen Memorial Playing Field report for 2021/22,** for which the Parish Council are custodian and corporate trustees, was discussed by Councillor Jones, who included reference to future planned events for the Queens Jubilee celebrations in June, a cricket tournament, a village fete, and Party in the Park as social gatherings for all those in the village to enjoy. The building and extension of the modernised pavilion was primarily to encourage sport at all levels and it was hoped to include football shortly at a junior level for the 5 to 11 year old children. Councillor Jones was thanked for the report, which can be downloaded from website [www.impft.co.uk](http://www.impft.co.uk)

**The Chairman paid tribute to the late Vanessa Tomlinson,** who had served 2 terms of office on Inkpen Parish Council as a Councillor and then one term as Chairman. Vanessa had been valued for her opinion and tremendous energy for action in the village and the pursuit of opening up the footpaths across the plantation.

### 5. Open Forum:

The Chairman invited questions from residents and responded to those notified in advance of the meeting:

- a) The Parish Council village website had all the notifications of the Annual Meeting as well as being displayed on the 2 remaining notice boards – the notice board by the village hall has been removed by the village hall committee.
  - b) The land behind Robins's Hill is leased by Inkpen Parish Council to keep it available for future affordable rented housing as needed. The cost is £75 per annum. The area is currently used by the Inkpen School and is a protected site for wildlife.
  - c) The Inkpen Parish Council has not met in full since June but has held 8 planning meetings. Covid is very much with us especially in Inkpen where there are a number of very vulnerable people - and we were advised to hold less meetings unless of importance. No councillor or resident has raised any issue requiring a full meeting. The next full meeting is scheduled for May. Covid is still very much with us although reporting of cases has virtually stopped.
  - d) The IMPFT is a charity and conducts business in the same way as other charities. Meetings by phone, email etc are at the discretion of the trustees. The Parish Council is the Corporate Trustee but the IMPFT is NOT the Parish Council. The two bodies need to be completely separate – a requirement of the Audit Commission.
  - e) The Parish Council accounts are displayed on the Inkpen website and have been for the last several years. The current financial year will be on display at the latest by the end of September 2022 as required by law. IMPFT accounts are on the Charity Commission website by the end of June.
  - f) Youth Club – a village youth club can be run at either the pavilion or in the village hall BUT the requirements are for a trained leader with DBS clearance. The last club closed as the leader left and no volunteer replacement was available. Despite advertising no volunteer has come forward to run a club.
  - g) Speeding – is an issue relevant to all rural areas – the recent monitoring undertaken by WBC recorded a 0.2% level of speeding with no further action due to the low incidence of speed. Councillor Jones reported the need to take car registration number and report to Thames Valley Police & try to obtain blue signs for Great Common.
  - h) Social Media – is not a requirement for Parish Councils but publication of legal notices is, by regulation, required on notice boards and the PC website. The Parish Council does not have its own Social Media site or a Social Media Policy, which is regulated and safeguarded against inaccurate and misleading information.
- It was noted that:** more people need to be encouraged to get involved with village life, the Parish Council and IMPFT, the clubs, and what is needed in the village. There will be Parish Council elections in May 2023.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm – the next meeting is Annual Parish Council Meeting is on 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

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