

**INKPEN PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee was held on Wednesday 11th January 201 at 7pm at the Inkpen Sports Pavilion.

Those attending were: Mr K Evans (Chairman), Mrs C Jones, Mr. R May, Mrs M. Marriott, Mrs V Tomlinson and Mrs. Keene (Parish Clerk). Mr Robinson, Mr A Stansfeld (part) and Mr James Cole also attended the meeting. Mr Alex Godden was invited to attend to give a presentation on Heritage and Planning to those attending (see main Parish Council minutes).

1. Apologies were received from: Mrs L Wild and Mrs J Wilson who were unable to attend.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

2.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 23rd November 2016 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

Extensions of residential curtilage in the countryside – ENV22 saved policy

3.1 A comprehensive reply had been given by the Enforcement Officer, who would not be taking any further action on the complaint but gave details to the applicant about the Stage 2 complaints procedure. Following discussion Councillors agreed that they wished to avoid setting a precedent and Councillor Cole volunteered to make a further enquiries at WBC.

Action: Councillor James Cole to make contact with WBC.

3.2 The Red Telephone Box at the Crown & Garter : This is the only remaining public land line in Inkpen for use by visitors, walkers, ramblers, and residents who need help in an emergency and when mobile coverage is nonexistent or poor. BTPT 01488 668205. The Clerk reported that several residents had already written to WBC requesting the retention of the telephone box.

Issues recorded were:

- a) 10 calls were made in the past year – these may have been emergency calls
- b) Inkpen should protect the heritage telephone box
- c) There is intermittent coverage in Inkpen where mobile phones have no service.

Action: The clerk confirmed that the Parish Council submission would be sent before the closing date following her direct dialogue with BT on the retention of the service.

4. Declarations of Interest: *To remind members of the need to record the existence & nature of any Personal, disclosable, Pecuniary or other interests on the Agenda in accordance with the Code of Conduct.*

Mrs C Jones declared a personal interest in the planning application for Knights Acre. As the interest was not financial, Mrs Jones remained at the meeting.

5. Planning Applications

16/03219 Knights Acre, Craven Rd. Inkpen
Change of land use from agricultural to residential garden tennis court.

Following discussion, Councillors recorded: Objection

6. Planning Updates from WBC:

16/02728 Foxglove Farm – steel structure between existing buildings - GRANTED with conditions preventing external lighting - to protect the amenity of the area.

16/03339/COND2 - Hunters Way, Craven Rd.

The Clerk outlined the modification contained in the planning application, for which details had not been sent to the Parish Council for comment.

“Under existing protocols, there is no requirement for the department to consult Parish Councils on such (modification to conditions) applications however all the information provided to this Council is on the Planning website”.

The applicant had requested the installation of 15 external lights on the main dwelling, which would contribute to the light pollution in a dark unlit area; the installation of solar panels adjacent to the neighbouring property.

Councillors recorded: Objection to the modifications and the Clerk was requested to submit an objection.

Action: Clerk

7. Items for reference & information only:– all planning applications are considered against the framework of the Local Plan and the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) a) West Berkshire Core Strategy - Adoption 16th July 2012. b) Ref: National Planning Practice Guidance - new government planning website <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk> .

8. Any Other Business : None raised.

Meeting closed at 20.15 hrs:

Signed:..... Date: