INKPEN PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Council, held on Monday 11th November 2024 at 7:30pm at Inkpen Village Hall

Present: Councillor Bates (Chairman), Corne, Durham and Fisher

In attendance: Angela Boyce (Parish Clerk Kintbury) and two members of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence Councillors Cox, Dr Thomas and Macinnes and District Councillors, Dennis Benneyworth, Denise Gaines and Tony Vickers.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered.

- 3. Planning
 - 3.1 Applications

24/01418/FULMAJ Oak Dean Inkpen. Erection of replacement dwelling and garage, following removal of existing; with associated parking, turning, landscaping, access, ecological enhancements and extension to residential curtilage. **There were no objections.**

3.2 **Decisions There we none**

- 4. To confirm and sign the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 16th September 2024 RESOLVED, the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2024 were signed as a true and accurate record.
- 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September 2024
 - 5.1 Draft questionnaire progress There was a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Durham will review the questionnaire and the PC will defer it at a later date.
 - 5.2 Email and website update Cllr Corne is in the process of updating the website. He will keep the PC updated. In the meantime, The Chair has published a temporary website where details of the PC can be found. <u>https://www.inkpenvillagehall.org/inkpen-parish-council</u>. It was noted that the old website still contains old contact details. Action The clerk to arrange for this to be removed.

There was a discussion regarding the design statement on the website. Cllr Durham will look into updating the document.

- 6. Open Forum There was nothing to report.
- 7. Reports
 - 7.1 Chair's Reports. There was nothing to report.
 - 7.2 Clerk's Report. The Clerk noted that the members bids are currently open.
 - 7.3 District Councillor's Reports. There was nothing to report

8. Correspondence

Email received regarding a tree being taken down in the village. The clerk spoke to WBC, this tree was taken down without permission, no further action required.

- **9. PC laptop** To discuss and approve purchasing a new PC laptop. The clerk has been looking into laptos, it was narrowed down to 1. The clerk to look into a full cost of laptop and software and will report back to the PC at the next meeting.
- **10.** Advent Experience To discuss and approve a contribution to the WBB Advent Experience. After a discussion the PC agreed they would not be in a position to contribute to the fund on this occasion.
- 11. Salt bins To discuss and approve a contractor to refill the salt bins. The clerk circulated the cost for WBC to refill the salt bins, £129.79 + vat per bin to refill. The Clerk informed the PC AMT services can refill the bins for a lower cost. There was a discussion, it was agreed to go with AMT Services.
- **12. Rospa report.** To discuss the current playground inspection. The clerk circulated a recent Rospa inspection report. The Clerk will review the report. It was agreed for the clerk to look into a company to quote to come out and check the report and quote for the repairs.
- **13. CIL** To discuss the Parish CIL receipts. The Clerk has emailed WBC regarding CIL receipts and is currently waiting for an update.
- **14. Finance** The following payments were approved.

 14.1 Payments

 Election costs
 £80

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Clerks salary September and October	£703.25
HMRC PAYE September & October	£155.60
Village Hall hire (3 sessions)	£45
Grounds Maintenance	£625
WBC Bin collection and Rospa	£110.65
WBC Field Rent	£75

There being no other business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:43pm.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 27th January, 7:30pm at Inkpen Village Hall.