



Minutes of the Meeting of Inkpen Parish Council, Held on 11 May 2026 at 7:30pm in Inkpen Village Hall

Present Councillor John Corne (Chairman), Mark Bates, James Fisher, Clare Macinnes, and District Councillor Dennis Benneyworth

In attendance Angela Boyce (Parish Clerk)

- 1. To elect the Chairperson of Inkpen Parish Council** Cllr John Corne was nominated, there were no other nominations. Resolved: Cllr John Corne was unanimously re elected as Chairperson for 2026/27.
- 2. To elect the Vice Chairperson of Inkpen Parish Council**
Cllr James was nominated, there were no other nominations.
Resolved: Cllr James Fisher was unanimously re elected as Vice Chairperson for 2026/27.
- 3. To complete the Acceptance of Office forms for both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.** Resolved Cllr Corne and Fisher duly signed the 'Declaration of acceptance of office' forms, the Clerk countersigned.
- 4. Appointment of members of committees.** Resolved the following committees were confirmed: **Planning Committee.** All councillors form part of the committee. Cllr Whittaker was nominated as Chair and Cllr Bates was nominated as Vice Chair.
- 5. To receive apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Cllrs Brian Cox, Steven Whittaker, David Thomas, and District Councillors Denise Gaines and Tony Vickers.
- 6. To receive any Declarations of Interest** Cllr Bates declared an interest in Agenda Item 13 (Village Hall grant application) and took no part in the decision.
- 7. Planning**
 - 7.1 Applications**

25/02451/HOUSE The Briars, Heads Lane, Inkpen Common, Hungerford
Retrospective: New access, double garage, workshop, and associated works.
RESOLVED: To maintain the Parish Council's previous objection to the application.

26/00716/FUL Moss Cottage, Craven Road, Inkpen, Hungerford RG17 9DY.
Install Farm Style Metal Gate back form the highway to provide occasional secondary access for agricultural machinery (mower) to allow for maintenance of west paddock area.
RESOLVED: To object to the application on the grounds of highway safety, unnecessary removal of hedgerow, and the availability of alternative access.

26/00938/HOUSE Highfield House, Folly Road, Inkpen, Hungerford RG17 9QB.
Proposal for a new rear single storey extension, new timber cladding to existing rear extensions, replacement rear windows, internal alterations, relocated oil tank and associated landscaping.
RESOLVED: No objection.

Signed _____ Date _____



7.2 Decisions

6/00339/HOUSE Chase End, Craven Road, Inkpen, Hungerford RG17 9DZ. New Dormers in Roof, Single Storey Rear Extension **Approved.**

7.3 To discuss planning applications received after the agenda has been published. There were none.

8. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2026

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2026 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March 2026

9.1 Website issues

Members received an update regarding inaccurate and outdated Parish Council information appearing on an external village website. It was agreed that the owner of the website should again be requested to remove or update the incorrect information. Should this not be resolved, further advice would be sought. The Clerk noted that the new Parish Council website is nearing completion and will be circulated to members before publication.

Action: Clerk to contact the website owner and circulate the draft website.

9.2 Bus Service in Inkpen

The Chair noted ongoing issues with road closures. Lack of coordination between Highways, Street Works, and bus companies. Unauthorised road closures (no permit displayed). The Clerk noted DC Denise Gaines is continuing investigations.

Action: Clerk to contact DC Gaines.

10. Open Forum

There were Speeding Concerns raised

There was a discussion regarding regular speeding around the village.

The Clerk noted Speed Indicator Devices (SID), Approx. £6,000 cost, Portable units approx. £8,000 and significant volunteer commitment required for Speedwatch.

Decision: The Chair to draft bulletin notice.

11. Reports

11.1 Chair's Reports

11.2 Clerk's Report

The Clerk noted the members bids, potentially defibrillators or noticeboards. To be investigated further.

11.3 District Councillor's Reports

DC Benneyworth noted the members bids and the full district council meeting coming up later in the week where a new Chair will be elected.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Correspondence received after the agenda has been published. There was none.

13. Grant request from The Village Hall towards a new boiler. An application was received for £2,500 contribution toward replacement oil boiler.

Signed _____ Date _____



Total cost approx. £4,120 + VAT.

Village Hall has have raised approx. half already.

The Clerk agreed the grant would be covered under Section 19.

Cllr Bates to provide additional quotes for transparency, an updated quote required due to age of original.

Decision: Grant approved subject to receipt of final invoice after installation.

- 14. Data compliance** Members were reminded of their responsibilities under the Council's IT and Data Protection Policy and confirmed their ongoing compliance. The use of private email addresses is not permitted.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

The next meeting of the Council, the Annual Meeting of the Council, will be held on Monday 13 July 2026 at 7:30pm in Inkpen Village Hall.

Signed _____ Date _____