

**INKPEN PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee was held on Monday 14th December 2015 at 7.30pm at the Inkpen Sports Club

Those attending were: Mr K Evans (Acting Chairman), Mrs C Jones, Mr. R May, Dr D Thomas, Mrs V Tomlinson, and Mrs. Keene (Parish Clerk). Mr J Bryant and Mr R Weeks also attended the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from: Councillor A Stansfeld, Mrs Wild and Mr D Wilson, who were unable to attend the meeting. PCSO Joanna King also sent apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

2.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015 were approved as a true record and signed by the Acting Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 The planning application 15/01777 Greenacres, Lower Green is pending a decision by WBC.

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.*

None recorded.

5. Planning Applications

None for consideration.

6. Planning Updates from West Berkshire Council.

15/02565/House Firbank House – Installation of air source heat pumps – Granted.

7. Heritage in West Berkshire

7.1 The Clerk reported that a new report had been issued by WBC ‘culture & environmental protection’, which had key messages on conserving & enhancing the historic environment and its impact on planning.

Details of the report had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and can be downloaded from the WBC website. <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=40478&p=0>

8. WBC - Housing Site Allocations: consultation is between 9th November and 21st December 2015.

8.1 The Clerk reported on the meeting held at Hungerford Town Hall for the proposed 100 new houses, east of the Salisbury Rd. Hungerford. The consultation is on the ‘soundness’ of the proposal. CPRE would object to the ‘soundness’ as planning permission should be refused for major developments in the AONB except in exceptional circumstances. The ‘exceptional circumstances’ have not been proven by the LA. The Chancellor had recently allocated £350m, in the Autumn Statement, to safeguard the countryside – i.e funding for public forests, National Parks and AONBs. It is national recognition at the highest political level.

8.2 Further housing allocations will follow this initial site allocation to respond to the higher projection of dwellings needed in West Berkshire.

Berkshire Core Strategy – adopted 16th July 2012.

For reference – all planning applications are considered against the framework of the Local Plan and national guidance: a) *West Berkshire Core Strategy* - Adoption 16th July 2012. b) *National Planning Practice Guidance*: <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk>. This guidance aims to set out in more detail and underpin the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and covers 38 topics some 500 pages of guidance.

9. AOB: 15/02271 Marchwood, Lower Green. The clerk was asked to contact the enforcement officer as it was reported that the construction did not seem to be in line with the approved planning application.

Meeting closed at 20.00 hrs:

Signed:..... Date: