

## TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.00 p.m.  
at the Village Hall Committee Room

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PRESENT: Cllr Bruce Ralfs in the chair, Cllrs Jane Brock, David Franks, Alan Hooley, Ann Loader, Mike Perrott, Roger Triggol and Mike Woodey.  
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk)

33/15 APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllrs John Banks, Matthew Bracey and Pam Trenchard.

The Chairman proposed and the Council agreed that agenda items 5 (Management of Council Assets) and 7(c) (Audit and Accountability for Smaller Authorities) be deferred to the May meeting.

34/15 MINUTES of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

35/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES  
Telephone Kiosks  
Quotations from local tradesmen were awaited.

36/15 JEAN BURROWS FUND

The recommendations of the assessors had been previously circulated. The Council noted that the total recommendations exceeded the funds available and inevitably some adjustment would be necessary. The Council considered each recommendation and the following grants were approved:

BROWN ROCK FARM: NATURE TRAILS AND ORIENTEERING COURSE: Estimated cost: £600. Grant requested: £600. Assessors' recommendation: £600.

Grant approved: £600.

TICKENHAM BRIDGE CLUB: TABLES AND EQUIPMENT: Estimated cost: £570. Grant requested: £570. Assessors' recommendation: £570. It was noted that it was hoped to store the tables at the Village Hall where they would be available for other uses.

Grant approved: £570 on the understanding that storage at the Village Hall is approved by the Management Committee

TICKENHAM CHURCH: RESTORATION OF THE WEST WINDOW AND TOWER PINNACLES: Estimated cost: £60,000. Grant requested: £12,000. Assessors' recommendation: £10,000. It was noted that if necessary the work could be undertaken in two stages – window and pinnacles. If this assessors' recommendation were approved along with the other recommendations, the grants total would exceed the funds available. It was noted that as the church was a Grade 1 Listed Building the Parish Council could make an additional grant from its own funds (say, £3,000) should a further application be received.

Grant approved: £7,000.

It was suggested that a plaque be provided to acknowledge the Jean Burrows grant.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: REFURBISHMENT OF CAR PARK: Estimated cost: £25,000. Grant requested: £20,000. Assessors' recommendation: £15,000. The management of the car park and the Council's involvement would be discussed fully at the meeting of the Council on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Grant approved: It was agreed that £15,000 be set aside for works to the car park and hard area to the west of the building.

It was understood that the external lighting, which had been part of the application but which currently presented a health and safety issue, would be undertaken by the Hall Management Committee as a matter of urgency.

PUBLICATION OF A BOOKLET EXAMINING THE HISTORY OF THOSE REMEMBERED ON THE TWO WAR MEMORIALS IN THE PARISH CHURCH: Estimated cost £190. Grant requested: £190. Assessors' recommendation: £190.

Grant approved: £190

REPLACEMENT OF STILES ON PUBLIC FOOTPATHS WITH SINGLE SELF-CLOSING GATES: The Clerk reported that North Somerset Council could provide gates at a cost of £100 plus £75 for fitting. Cllr Brock pointed out that it was not simply a matter of installing the gates and there were several factors that needed to be considered - for example, ensuring the safety of livestock.

It was agreed that a small group be appointed to investigate possible locations and assess the work involved.

### 37/15 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) New Applications

No new applications had been received.

(b) Up-Dates

The Clerk reported that Mr Withers, 82 Clevedon Road, was appealing the decision to refuse a certificate of existing use for residential curtilage usage of a private drive and barn

### 38/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary March	£213.35
Clerk's expenses March	7.80
HMRC March	£53.40
NSC (dog bin)	£9.60

(b) VAT Refund

The Clerk reported that a VAT refund of £5,327.52 had been received. £3,596.26 was attributed to children's play area equipment and £1,731.26 to other Council expenditure.

(c) Workplace Pension Scheme

The Clerk advised the Council that should a clerk under pensionable age be employed, the Council would be legally bound to provide a pension scheme and contribute to it.

### 39/15 HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Stone Edge Batch: Cllr Loader commented that a large car parked outside of 'Landside' was often protruding into the carriageway. It was agreed that the situation be monitored.

(b) Tickenham Hill: The Chairman reported that all the agreed signage was now in place and (although not part of the works around the junction) it was hoped that the 'cats eyes' towards Tower House Lane would also be reinstated.

(c) Incidents: No incidents were reported

(d) Golden Acres Nursery: It was reported that the footpath had been blocked at the entrance and the hedge was overhanging the path. The Clerk would contact the owner. A

note would be included in the next parish magazine reminding people to cut back overhanging shrubs.

#### 40/15 VILLAGE FIELD

On behalf of Mr David Ellison, Cllr Hooley reported that twenty children had played on the children's play equipment one morning for about an hour as part of a birthday celebration and Easter egg hunt; in the afternoon a family of four who had recently moved to the village, a family with children starting at the school this autumn and one other set of friends already at the school were all using the play area together. This exactly fulfilled the reason for providing the area and the Council welcomed the report.

Unfortunately and despite several attempts, it had not been possible to contact the supplier of the circular seat which remained unfinished. Cllr Hooley asked councillors to contact him with details of anyone who might complete the work in similar style.

#### 41/15 CORRESPONDENCE

School newsletters  
CPRE news

#### 42/15 DATES OF MEETINGS

2015: 14<sup>th</sup> May (*Annual Parish Council Meeting – election of officers*), 11<sup>th</sup> June, 9<sup>th</sup> July, [13<sup>th</sup> August], 10<sup>th</sup> September, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10<sup>th</sup> December.