# TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

at the Village Hall Committee Room

PRESENT: Cllr Bruce Ralfs in the chair, Cllrs John Banks, Jane Brock, David Franks, Alan Hooley, Ann Loader, Roger Triggol and Mike Woodey.

In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk)

35/14 APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllrs Matthew Bracey, Mike Perrott and Pam Trenchard; Mr Lyndon Watkins [North Somerset Council (NSC)]

36/14 MINUTES of the meeting held on 13th March 2014, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record. It was agreed that in future draft minutes would be circulated as soon as possible following the meeting.

37/14 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

1. DEFIBRILLATOR: The Chairman reported that he had authorised the purchase of a finger sign, provided by NSC, which would incorporate both the Village Hall sign and the defibrillator sign. The cost would be £180 plus VAT. The action of the chairman was confirmed.
2. CADBURY CAMP TREES: The Clerk reported that NSC had advised that there were no Tree Preservation Orders on individual trees around the encampment but a Woodland Preservation Order did exist on nearby woodland. Noted.
3. TELEPHONE BOXES: The replacement “telephone” sign had been delivered and arrangements would be made to fit it. The Clerk would check whether the electricity supply had been inspected.

38/14 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) JUNCTION OF B3130 AND B3128: There was no further information on the re-instatement of directional signs.

Cllr David Franks reported that, probably due to a blocked gulley, water flowed from Tickenham Hill across the junction. The Clerk would report to NSC.

(b) INCIDENTS: No incidents were reported.

(c) ELECTRICAL WASTE AMNESTY: The Clerk reported that NSC had again requested this Council’s support for an electrical waste amnesty which would prevent electrical items being taken to landfill. The items would be collected in containers inside the Village Hall, be supervised by NSC staff and removed on the same day. The Council agreed to support the event and the Clerk would liaise with NSC regarding a suitable date.

39/14 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) NEW APPLICATIONS

There were no new applications.

(b) UP-DATES:

13/P/0337/F: 239 Clevedon Road: Rear and side extension over garage. Approved.

(c) NSC CALL FOR SITES

The Clerk had previously circulated a letter from NSC inviting suggestions for development sites: the correspondence was noted.

40/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following were approved for payment:

Clerk’s salary February £174.62

Clerk’s expenses February £8.95

HMRC £43.80

Ian Trenchard (planting preparation) £50.00

Somerset Playing Fields Association £10.00

41/14 TREES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Thanks were recorded to Cllr Alan Hooley who, with the exception of two at Summerhouse, had planted all the trees. More would be requested for planting in the Village Field.

42/14 JEAN BURROWS FUND

The Clerk introduced the assessors’ reports and recommendations as follows:

FLOWER SHOW

*Application for funding for temporary protective matting to protect the surface of the proposed children’s play area for use by vehicles accessing the extended parking area on Flower Show day. Estimated cost: £200 - £600. Grant applied for: £200 - £600*

The assessors had been concerned that the matting should be sufficiently durable and had asked the Flower show to provide a sample but the preferred supplier of the heavier duty matting had not been able to provide one. Provided an assurance was received as to the quality and durability of the matting, the assessors supported the application but had not specified an amount.

The Council agreed that a grant of £600 be approved and that the Flower Show be invited to apply for further funds if necessary.

FLOWER SHOW

*Application for funding for a sound system which would offer control of separate areas. Estimated cost: up to £2,000. Grant applied for: £2,000*

No specification or quotation had been received and the assessors had discussed in detail the likely range and quality of the equipment required, stressing that it must be of acceptable standard and appropriate for the task. In the absence of a firm quotation the assessors recommended a matched funding grant of up to £1,750 and the Flower Show was asked to obtain a quotation. Thereafter a quotation from Ultra Light & Sound was received including a list of suggested equipment which would provide separate control of speakers in the marquee, field and hall at a total cost of £1,587.60

The Council agreed that a grant of £1,587.60 be approved.

VILLAGE FIELD – CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA

*Application for funding towards play equipment and ancillary costs. Estimated cost: £25,750. Grant applied for: £12,900*

The assessors had received a detailed application. The Village Field Management Committee had since been advised that a conditional Lottery grant of £10,000 had been awarded and it was anticipated that the grant would be confirmed when the requested further information had been provided. The assessors recommended a grant of £12,900

In answer to a question, Cllr Hooley confirmed that there would be a range of equipment suitable for all age groups and for the disabled.

The Council approved a grant of £12,900

SUGGESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS

One suggestion had been received from a resident:

COMMUNITY MINI BUS

*A community mini bus available for groups and/or individuals in and around Tickenham.*

The assessors had been in favour of the idea in principle but much depended on the level of support in the village. The administrator had sent a brief questionnaire to village organisations and had received varied responses: one respondent would use the bus weekly, while others said ‘occasionally’ or ‘very occasionally’. Pending further research and the preparation of a business plan, the assessors recommended that £12,000 be ring-fenced.

The Council was aware that the success or failure of such a project would depend on support from residents and more information was required concerning likely use. The administrator would continue to obtain as many responses as possible from both groups and individuals. If the level of support were sufficient, then a vast range of other questions would need to be addressed and a business plan would be required. In the meantime, the Council agreed that £12,000 be ring-fenced.

43/14 CORRESPONDENCE

North Somerset Council

North Area Committee agenda

Central Area Committee agenda

Local Access Forum agenda

Streetscene

Tickenham School newsletters

44/14 DATES OF MEETINGS

2014: 8th May (Annual Meeting of the Council), 12th June, 10th July, [14th August],

11th September, 9th October, 13th November, 11th December.