

+TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2015 at 7.30 p.m.
at the Village Hall Committee Room

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

11/15 APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllr Matthew Bracey.

12/15 MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th January 2015, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

13/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Telephone Kiosks

The Clerk had received a quotation from K2 Connect in the sum of £1,150 plus VAT for the repainting of the two telephone kiosks, inside and out. It was agreed that before any decision was made, Cllrs Mike Perrott and Mike Woodey would obtain quotations from local tradesmen. It was stressed that it was important to use the correct red paint.

(b) Moor End Spout /Land Yeo Bank

The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency was aware that the wall west of Jacklands Bridge had partially collapsed into the river. They were monitoring and visiting the site with a view to undertaking interim engineering measures whilst long-term solutions were considered.

14/15 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Stone Edge Batch Signage: The Chairman reported that the new signage was in place, including the directional signs which the Council had originally requested. The Council also noted that the cats' eyes from Tickenham Hill up to West Hill would be replaced. Whilst the new signage was welcomed, it was stressed that it was important that it was not obscured once the roadside trees and shrubs came into leaf. The Clerk would write to North Somerset Council (NSC) accordingly.

(b) Footpath eastwards from 239 Clevedon Road: The Clerk had contacted NSC requesting work to the uneven tarmac surface surrounding the service covers. However, NSC considered this to be a very low priority and although the request would be passed to the engineer no commitment could be given as to when, or if, work would be carried out at some future stage.

(c) Dog Bin Emptying Service: The Clerk had been notified by NSC that the cost for emptying one dog bin would increase from £2 to £6 per empty with effect from 1st April 2015. The Clerk had contacted a private company who were arranging collections for Clevedon, Nailsea and Weston super Mare at a much lower cost and was awaiting a response.

(d) Incidents: There had been two vehicle accidents: at Washing Pound Lane and Old Lane. With regard to Old Lane, the Clerk would contact NSC regarding a water leak which had caused ice to form across the road in the recent cold spell. It was also reported that a cyclist had been blown by the wind into the rhyne on the moor. It was noted that although the number of HGVs going across the moor seemed to have reduced, recently one large lorry had become stuck on the bend at the same time that a funeral was taking place at the church.

(e) Proposed Lidl Store, Nailsea: Cllr Trenchard reported that an article in the local press had included a reference to Tickenham Parish Council's concerns about the effects of the proposed development.

15/15 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) New Applications

15/P/0075/F: 7 Summerhouse: Two storey side extension. Cllr Bruce Ralfs declared a non-pecuniary interest. No objections were raised.

(b) Up-Dates

14/P/2470/F: 107 Clevedon Road: Single storey rear extension and extension to front of double garage. Approved

14/P/2538/F: 203 Clevedon Road: First floor extension to rear. Approved

(c) Landside, Stone Edge Batch: High Court challenge:

The Clerk reported that following the owner's Appeal against the Enforcement Order for the removal of the caravans, a planning inspector had visited the site and recommended a three year temporary approval personal to the owner. The Secretary of State had called in the Appeal and had upheld the Enforcement Order. The owner was now appealing in the High Court against the Secretary of State's decision. It was noted that because the process had moved beyond NSC and local involvement, the recommendation of the planning inspector had not been made known to NSC until the Secretary of State's decision was issued. The High Court Appeal had been heard on 5th February and the decision was awaited.

16/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary January	£213.35
Clerk's expenses January	£9.95
HMRC January	£53.40
NSC (dog bin)	£9.60
J W Triggol (field work)	£60.00
AED Locator (defibrillator maintenance & monitoring) (from Jean Burrows account)	£354.00
Tickenham Twinning Association (subscription)	£10.00

(b) VAT and the Village Hall

The Clerk reported that the constitution and composition of the Village Hall Management Committee were contained within a legal Deed. After discussion the Council concluded that this confirmed that the Management Committee was set up as a committee of the Parish Council. The Council received the Committee's annual accounts and was represented on the Committee. The Clerk had received information from the Hall treasurer indicating that VAT paid by the Management Committee in their last financial year amounted to approximately £700. If VAT were to be claimed back in the future, orders would need to be placed and paid for by the Council and a procedure for reimbursement established. The Clerk would investigate further prior to a final decision being made.

17/15 VILLAGE FIELD

Cllr Alan Hooley said that he had reported the current position to the Hall Management Committee, including use of the play area, arrangements for regular inspections, seats and steps. The Council noted that the circular seat around the large tree in the centre of the field would be installed in early March, together with the two seats at Barrow Court.

18/15 JEAN BURROWS FUND

(a) Available Funds

The Clerk had circulated a revised paper showing the balance available in the Fund - £24,430.62 This did not include the VAT claim (£3,596.26), the £354 defibrillator maintenance cost approved at this meeting and any administration costs. Leaving aside the VAT claim, this left approximately £23,500 available for distribution this year.

(b) Applications For Funding

The Clerk reported on applications received from village organisations and suggestions from individuals. The following assessors were appointed:

Organisations

Village Hall: Refurbishment of the rear car park: estimated cost £25,000. Grant applied for £20,000. Assessors: Cllrs Mike Perrott, Mike Woodey and David Franks.

Tickenham Church: Restoration of the west window and replacement of tower pinnacles: estimated cost £60,000. Grant applied for £12,000. Assessors: Cllrs Roger Triggol, Ann Loader and Pam Trenchard.

Tickenham Bridge Group: Purchase of tables and other small equipment: estimated cost £570. Grant applied for £570. Assessors: Cllrs John Banks and Jane Brock.

Individuals' suggestions

Provision of a nature trail and orienteering course around Brown Rock Farm woodland and up to Cadbury Camp: estimated cost £600. Assessors: Cllrs Alan Hooley and Ann Loader.

The following two suggestions would be researched and considered by the full Council:

Publication of a booklet examining the history of the persons commemorated on the village war memorial: approximate cost £190.

Replacement of footpath stiles with gates for easier access for the elderly and less able: cost unknown.

19/15 CORRESPONDENCE

School newsletters – Cllr Perrott suggested that the Clerk could circulate newsletters to the Council or they could be viewed on the School website.

Notice of Elections: The Clerk had received notice of local elections taking place on 7th May 2015, when parish councillors would need to stand for re-election. She stressed that nomination papers must be delivered by hand to the Town Hall, Weston super Mare, in person or by a personal representative, from Tuesday 24th March until 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 9th April 2015. Nomination packs would be available early in March.

20/15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Care Navigator Service: Cllr Loader distributed information about services provided by North Somerset Care Navigator Service. Their staff were able to help those financially responsible for their own care to plan their future care needs and advise on the range of services available.

21/15 DATES OF MEETINGS

2015: 12th March, 9th April (*Annual Parish Meeting and Jean Burrows decisions*), 14th May (*Annual Parish Council Meeting – election of officers*), 11th June, 9th July, [13th August], 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December.