

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th July 2014 at 7.30 p.m.
at the Village Hall Committee Room

PRESENT: Cllrs Bruce Ralfs, John Banks, Jane Brock, Alan Hooley, David Franks, Mike Perrott and Pam Trenchard.

In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk)

68/14 APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllrs Matthew Bracey, Ann Loader, and Mike Woodey; Mr Lyndon Watkins [North Somerset Council (NSC)]

The Chairman reported that Lyndon Watkins would be leaving NSC this month to take up a post in Newport. The Council recorded its thanks for his support in the past. A new Liaison Officer would be appointed in due course.

69/14 MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th June 2014, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

70/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) TELEPHONE KIOSKS

The Clerk was in touch with K2 Connect regarding refurbishment of the kiosks.

71/14 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) The Clerk was chasing several outstanding items including the signage at Stone Edge Batch.

(b) The Clerk had reported damage to the Monkey Bridge on the Nailsea side.

(c) The Clerk was asked to report the following:

- a blocked gully near Lavender Cottage, allowing water from the B3128 to continue down the B3130

- a blocked gully by Elm Tree Avenue.

- a dropped manhole cover near the entrance to Elm Farm

- overgrown footpath at Tickenham Hill, on the raised section

- overgrown footpath at Stone Edge Batch

It was agreed that for ease of reference the Clerk would keep a spreadsheet of items requiring attention, including dates reported and completion of work.

72/14 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) NEW APPLICATIONS

There were no new applications.

(b) UP-DATES

14/P/1122/F: Rowan Barn: Extensions. Approved

Elm Tree Avenue: It was understood that the siting of the new mobile home was within the terms of the Site Licence and no further action could be taken. However, Cllr Nigel Ashton was following up the question of the new lighting standard. The Clerk had been asked to convey the thanks of the resident for the Council's support.

Hatchintan, Clevedon Road: Cllr Trenchard reported that at the request of a resident she had reported to NSC Planning Department that, contrary to the planning permission, trees on this site were being felled.

73/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) The following were approved for payment:
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| Clerk's salary June | £174.82 | |
| Clerk's expenses June | £8.45 | |
| HMRC | £43.60 | |
| NSC dog bin emptying | £9.60 | |
| All Seasons Gardening Mtce (I Trenchard) | £144.50 | |
| TW and RJ Jones (field works) | £8,668.80 | (This replaced a cheque approved at the previous meeting: following a site meeting a small amount was being withheld pending the first cut and final inspection.) |

74/14 VILLAGE FIELD AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

With the exception of the first cut and final inspection, the ground works were complete, with fencing and gates installed. Delivery of the picnic tables was expected shortly. The Chairman would obtain suitable locks for the gates, and pins would be provided to prevent the gates being lifted off the brackets.

The lottery grant for the play equipment had been received, the quotation from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd had been accepted and it was expected that installation would start week commencing 4th August. Cllr Hooley was in touch with a playground inspection company recommended by Came & Co, the Council's insurers. He was in discussion with the Flower Show Committee regarding fencing off areas to ensure safety on flower show day but maintaining access to the overflow parking field. The opening ceremony would probably be held at 3.00 p.m. on 3rd October (the same day as the school award presentations) with organised games and teas. It was hoped that Tony Roake, Dean Hudd, Liam Fox and Nigel Ashton would attend as well as donors. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £150 towards the costs of the refreshments.

Despite submitting a fixed price quotation, the fencing contractor was asking for a further £200 to meet increased costs of materials: Cllr Hooley was liaising.

The question of whether recovered VAT would revert to the Field Committee was raised but no decision was taken.

Cllr Hooley listed outstanding works including landscaping of the banks and provision of steps, the circular seating around the central tree and a notice board. Un-used chippings would be offered to the Village Hall in the first instance.

75/14 JEAN BURROWS FUND

Community bus: There had been very little response to the notice in the parish magazine and those who had responded indicated that they probably would not use a community bus. It was agreed that the £12,000 ring-fenced be released back to the general funds. Nailsea Community Transport had contacted the Clerk stating that their service was available for Tickenham and perhaps there was opportunity for closer co-operation.

Seat at Barrow Court: Ownership of the land was still to be established.

Grants: The Clerk had received copies of invoices for the new sound system for the Flower Show and the deposit for the equipment for the Children's Play Area and had issued cheques for signature in the sums of £1,587.60 and £10,443.78 respectively.
Approved

Clevedon violets booklet: The Council confirmed that the size and format of the book depended largely on what material was unearthed – which might result in a bound

publication or a paper booklet. It was hoped that as much information as possible would be included.

76/14 CORRESPONDENCE

Tickenham School newsletters – Cllr Perrott reported that from September there would be three classes (effectively reducing the overall capacity to 90 pupils); it was anticipated that the school would receive Academy status from January 2015.

National Grid – Notice of NG's application for a Development Consent Order had been received: details were available at their Nailsea shop (open Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or available to view via PINS' website - <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-west/hinkley-point-connection/>).

Great Western Air Ambulance – It was agreed that a grant of £50 be awarded.

77/14 DATES OF MEETINGS

2014: [14th August – if required for planning applications], 11th September, 9th October, 13th November, 11th December.