

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th October 2014 at 7.30 p.m.
at the Village Hall Committee Room

PRESENT: Cllr Mike Perrott in the chair, Cllrs John Banks, Jane Brock, Alan Hooley, Ann Loader, Pam Trenchard, and Mike Woodey.
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk)

89/14 APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllrs David Franks, Bruce Ralfs and Roger Triggol; Nigel Ashton and Mike Newman (North Somerset Council)

90/14 MINUTES of the meeting held on 11th September 2014, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

91/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) Telephone Kiosks - Maintenance

The Clerk was still awaiting a response from K6 Connect with regard to maintenance. The Clerk would contact the Clerk at Kingston Seymour to find out who maintained their kiosk.

(b) Telephone Kiosks - Use

After discussion it was agreed that it would be difficult to maintain the kiosks free of damp in order to house a library: perhaps the solution was simply to keep them looking cared for.

92/14 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) Footpath east from 239 Clevedon Road: The Clerk reported that the lady who had taken NSC to court over raised covers had lost her case. Cllr Perrott offered to ascertain ownership of the covers and take photographs so that the Clerk could write to them regarding lowering the covers to a safe level.

(b) Incidents: There had been a serious accident on Tickenham Hill involving a car and a motor cycle.

93/14 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) New applications:

14/P/1983/F: Beechwood, Cadbury Camp Lane: Demolition of existing house and construction of replacement dwelling: The footprint of this proposed dwelling was slightly smaller than that previously approved and the impact on trees was lower. The Council raised no objections.

14/P/2083/F: Garden Park, 100 Clevedon Road: Removal of conditions 1 & 5 attached to planning permission 11/P/1999/F to allow for (1) permanent siting of railway carriage and (5) serving of all types of food, with hours not restricted to the opening times of the nursery:

After careful consideration the Council agreed that they would have no objection to the removal of condition 1. With regard to condition 5, the Council was content with the change to 'all types of food' so long as opening hours were restricted to those of the nursery (as at present contained in this condition.)

(b) Up-Dates

14/P/0755/LDE: 82 Clevedon Road: Use of access to land. Refused

14/0867/F: Elm Farm, Clevedon Road: Siting of mobile home for agricultural worker. Approved with conditions

14/P/1703/F: Golden Acres Lodge, Clevedon Road: Double garage/store. Approved

12/P/2209/LDE: Landside Stone Edge Batch: Siting of residential caravan. Appeal withdrawn. Cllr Trenchard reported that this application had been called in by the Secretary of State as a gypsy site and would be considered with other such applications with a decision expected by 12th January 2015. The Council had no knowledge of this being considered a gypsy site and the Clerk was asked to write accordingly to NSC to enquire about this new designation.

94/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary September	£174.62
Clerk's expenses September	£8.30
HMRC September	£43.80
NSC (dog bin)	£9.60
ALCA (clerk's training course)	£75.00

(b) Nailsea & District Community Transport – application for grant

Councillors recalled that this community bus service was available for Tickenham residents but little was known about how often the bus ran, fares, hire charges etc. The Clerk was asked to make enquires and include a suitable article in the village magazine. The request for a grant would be considered at the next meeting when more information was available.

95/14 VILLAGE FIELD AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Cllr Alan Hooley reported on the very successful opening of the children's play area on 3rd October 2014, attended by Dr Liam Fox and the Rev Tony Roake. The steps to the raised play area were now in place and a handrail would be provided.

A question was raised as to whether VAT to be claimed on the costs of field works and play equipment should be credited to the Parish Council or the Field Committee. After a full discussion regarding the options available and the legal implications, it was agreed that the VAT should be held by the Parish Council as the body responsible for making the purchases. There was, however, the option of making a comparable grant to the Field Committee at a later date if the Parish Council was so minded.

96/14 JEAN BURROWS FUND

Seat at Barrow Court: Cllr Hooley had visited the area and put forward three options for siting a seat: (i) the original location suggested; (ii) a site farther up; (iii) a position just below the rings. It was agreed that option (iii) was the preferred location. However, it was noted that there were sufficient funds available to provide seats in all three locations if considered appropriate. Cllr Hooley would get costings for providing and installing seats and the matter would be considered again at the next meeting. It would also be necessary to consider how the seats would be maintained.

Finances: The Clerk reported that the £20,000 Fixed Interest Deposit had matured and the bank had placed the money in the Parish Council current account, rather than the Jean Burrows account. The Clerk was authorised to make the necessary transfers.

Cllr Ann Loader reported that the defibrillator had been removed from the cabinet (as reported at the last meeting) when a member of the Mothers & Toddlers Group had been taken ill. The Council again expressed its gratitude for the availability of this equipment, made possible by Jean Burrows.

97/14 CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:
CPRE Annual Report
School newsletters

98/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the school hoped to acquire academy status as part of the Clevedon Multi-Academy Trust by 1st December 2014

99/14 DATES OF MEETINGS

2014: 13th November, 11th December.

2015: All meetings would be held on the second Thursday of the month.