

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Prior to the meeting Mr Geoff Blakeman spoke about the proposed administrative geographical changes for Tickenham School. The Council had not yet received notification from North Somerset Council (NSC) about the consultation but it was agreed that Mr Blakeman and Mr John Wells (Administrative Head of the Academy Trust) should attend a future meeting (possibly January 2016) to discuss the proposal in more detail.

PRESENT: Cllr Bruce Ralfs in the chair, Cllrs Jane Brock, Ranjit Chuhan, David Franks, Alan Hooley, Mike Perrott and Pam Trenchard.

In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk) and one member of the public for part of the meeting.

104/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ann Loader and Mike Woodey.

105/15 MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th October 2015, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record. The Clerk was asked to ensure that draft minutes were circulated to councillors as soon as possible following meetings.

106/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bayes Wood Management Plan: The Chairman acting as Tree Officer had studied the tree management plan prepared by the Forestry Commission and was content with the proposals. Noted.

Bus Service: A response from First Bus indicated that with effect from 1st November 2015 changes made to Service A2 through Tickenham would ensure more direct links from Nailsea to Clevedon; furthermore Service X6 now operated every 30 minutes on weekdays; additional evening and Sunday journeys had also been introduced.

107/15 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Hill Lane/Cadbury Camp Lane West: A letter had been received from Sir Charles Elton (landowner) indicating that while he was content for walkers to use the permissive footpaths through Court Woods he was unable to give *carte blanche* access for vehicles to park at Cadbury Camp Lane West and believed it was not feasible to nominate Tickenham residents but deny access to others. Several councillors expressed disappointment that people who had used the parking space for many years were now denied access and there was a feeling that livery stables at one of the properties had accentuated the problem of increased and speeding traffic experienced by residents of the Lane. The comment was made that this change of use from private stables to commercial use had not received planning approval. Cllr Hooley said that some village residents proposed to form a working party to look into the possibility of recovering the parking area. The Council agreed that it was content for this to proceed and would await the group's report in due course. Cllr Franks commented that ultimately it was the landowner alone who could change the current situation.

The Clerk had written to the Environment Agency about the depositing of soil and received an email acknowledgement.

The resident on Hill Lane who had requested speed bumps had been asked to consult with neighbours but to date no further request had been received.

Summerhouse: The Clerk had previously circulated email correspondence indicating that the road resurfacing would take place in December, with a two-day road closure.

Waste Collections: The Council's NSC Liaison Officer had followed up concerns about rubbish and misplaced bins and all should now be in order.

Monkey Bridge: The Clerk reported that a contractor had been appointed to carry out repairs, hopefully in November when traffic management had been agreed.

Gas Supply Pipe: Cllr Trenchard showed a photograph of an exposed gas pipe in a very poor state of repair and the Council was concerned about the safety of residents. The Clerk was asked to write to British Gas expressing concerns and requesting reassurance about safety.

Incidents: There had been evidence of incidents at Stone Edge Batch and Old Lane. There had also been an accident near no. 62 Clevedon Road when a car had overturned when braking to avoid a collision.

Footpaths: Cllr Hooley had received from NSC plans of the numbered footpaths in the village. It was agreed that A3 copies should be displayed in the telephone boxes. Cllr Perrott had reported to the Clerk a very slippery footpath over the river and it was hoped NSC would agree to install wire mesh covering. It was agreed that when the stiles were replaced with gates (as previously agreed), one stile might be salvaged for use elsewhere.

108/15 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) New Applications

15/P/2373: Lindum Lodge, Orchard Avenue: Balcony on flat-roofed garage. No objections were raised.

Up-dates:

Furze, Stone Edge Batch: A letter had been received confirming that the development had been carried out in accordance with the planning permission. On the Chairman's instruction the Clerk had already written to NSC requesting confirmation that following demolition of the old dwelling the area of the bonsai centre with its various outbuildings had been returned to paddock as required.

NSC Core Strategy Consultation

Cllrs Trenchard and Chuhan had attended the consultation on Core Strategy and Housing Allocation for the next five-year plan which was required to be in place before 2017. NSC needed to provide 20,985 homes by 2026. So far 19,270 sites had been earmarked leaving a deficit of 1,715. Additional village sites amounted to 1,139, leaving a final shortfall of 465. Formal consultation would begin in January with publication in April 2016. Councils were required to have five years' forward supply of land in hand. Apart from the former Barrow Hospital no intrusion into the Green Belt was anticipated, although there did appear to be some difference of opinion between NSC officers over this.

Looking forward a further ten years to 2036, the four local unitary authorities would work in partnership: NSC was required to provide a further 26,000 homes. It was hoped that working in partnership would minimise potential problems.

Cllrs Trenchard and Chuhan were thanked for their report and for attending on behalf of the Council.

109/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary October	£213.35
Clerk's expenses October	£9.20
HMRC October	£53.40
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
Southern Electric (phone kiosk)	£20.00
J W Triggol & Son (hedge trimming)	£60.00
I Trenchard (2 x car park tidying)	£60.00

110/15 VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

There was no further information about progress with refurbishment.

The Clerk was asked to include a note in the parish magazine about dog fouling, which had been noticed in the car park.

111/15 JEAN BURROWS FUND

Tickenham War Memorial Plaques: Cllr Franks had completed the booklet (for which the Council had awarded a grant) and the printer's invoice was awaited. The booklets would be free but donations towards the church West Window Appeal would be requested

Violets Booklet: Cllr Perrott reported that the box containing Jean Burrows' notes and documents had been located and the Clerk was endeavouring to locate slides which were missing from the collection. Lesley Hudswell had completed a draft of the booklet which was currently being proof-read and printing options would be investigated.

112/15 VILLAGE FIELD

Cllr Hooley reported that the fencing was now complete as was the screening to the west side of the raised area. Safety inspections were taking place as planned and would continue into 2016. The grassed area had been treated.

113/15 CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

Tickenham School newsletters

Campaign to Protect Rural England – AGM (17th November 2015) and newsletter

Avon & Somerset Constabulary – newsletter

Letter from Mr A Hirst regarding Golden Acres Nursery

114/15 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Banks reported on a meeting of the Committee which had considered plans to replace lighting, hall/car park safety improvements, an asbestos survey and up-dating the ladies' cloakroom. The Committee recognised that the Parish Council was now responsible for the maintenance of the car park. The Clerk noted that further reports should be included on the February and March Parish Council agenda.

115/15 TREES

Cllr Hooley reported that the school had received 400 sapling trees and was seeking suitable locations. Some could be used in the Field and the Clerk had asked whether Mr Stewart Plant could take some. Other suggestions would be welcomed.

Cllr Hooley was liaising with Cllr Ann Loader about a location for a large oak tree which had been donated to the Field.

116/15 DATES OF MEETINGS 2015: 10th December. Dates for 2016 would be included on the next agenda.

It was agreed that coffee and mince pies would be served at the December meeting.