

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th October 2015 at 7.30 p.m.
at the Village Hall Committee Room

PRESENT: Cllr Bruce Ralfs in the chair, Cllrs Jane Brock, Ranjit Chuhan, David Franks, Alan Hooley, Mike Perrott, Pam Trenchard and Mike Woodey.
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk) and two members of the public.

93/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs John Banks and Ann Loader.

94/15 MINUTES of the meeting held on 10th September 2015, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

Min. no. 84/15: point 4 to read: *Land was subject to a highway improvement line which was subsequently withdrawn: could the line be reinstated?*

Min. no. 84.15: Cadbury Camp Lane West: delete point iv.

Min. no. 86/15: Heading to read *Great Western Air Ambulance*

95/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bus Service: No reply had been received from First Bus but it was understood that the schedules would be reviewed and that in the meantime a mini-bus had been provided for school children.

96/15 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Stone Edge Batch/Jacklands Traffic: There had been no further information from North Somerset Council (NSC) beyond that the Highways Manager was aware of the problems and was investigating options.

Hill Lane/Cadbury Camp Lane West: The Clerk had received a response from NSC stating that the introduction of a 30 mph limit and a No through Road sign on Hill Lane appeared to be straightforward. One resident had requested speed bumps and had been asked to collect the views of others in the lane. In the meantime the Council had been informed that speed bumps were permissible only in a 20mph zone – and such a limit seemed unlikely in Hill Lane. Councillors commented that there were speed bumps in roads with 30mph limits in Nailsea. The outcome of the residents' consultation was awaited.

Councillors expressed ongoing concerns about the situation in Cadbury Camp Lane and the removal of the unofficial parking area. These concerns related to walkers being denied access to the woods from that point, soil being deposited apparently in contravention of Environment Agency regulations and private equestrian facilities at a property in the lane now being used commercially.

After a full discussion it was agreed that

- (i) a letter be sent to Sir Charles Elton (landowner) asking if he would reconsider his decision that the car parking area should remain closed and
- (ii) a letter be sent to the Environment Agency informing them of the movement of soil.

Summerhouse: The Clerk reported that Cllr Nigel Ashton had been unaware that the resurfacing of the road had been removed from the current works programme and was requesting an explanation. The Clerk would follow up.

Incidents: No new incidents were noted.

Missing Footpath Signs Report: NSC had requested help indentifying specific locations where footpath signs were missing. Cllr Hooley had agreed to carry out the survey and his report had been circulated. It was noted that the report referred to specific locations listed by NSC and Cllr Hooley hoped to report on other locations in due course. NSC had provided “waymark” signs. Cllr Hooley was thanked for his report which was duly noted.

Old Lane Junction: The Clerk had requested that the SLOW sign on the road be re-painted.

Waste Collections: It was reported that rubbish was often left in the road and bins were not properly returned to gateways, often making vehicular access difficult. The Clerk was asked to write to the Streets and Open Spaces Department accordingly.

Overgrown Vegetation on Pavements: The Clerk would write again concerning South View Farm.

Monkey Bridge: There was some doubt as to whether the bridge had been repaired: the Clerk would follow up.

Gas Supply Pipe: Cllr Trenchard voiced concerns over the age and state of the gas supply pipe: this matter would be included on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

97/15 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) New Applications

No new applications had been received.

(b) 15/P/1140/O: Golden Acres Nursery: 6 no. single storey dwellings and single storey office building. Approved with conditions. A letter from Mr Andrew Hirst was received and noted.

15/P/1400/LDE: Golden Acres Nursery: Lawful Use for existing use as garden centre. Withdrawn

15/P/1779/TPO: High Trees, Cadbury Camp Lane: Tree works. Approved with condition for replacement of two English oaks.

15/P/1855/F: Stone Edge Cottage: Demolition of infill and construction of building to link cottage and barn; renovations, reconfiguration of barn. Approved

15/P/1871/F: 107 Clevedon Road: Single storey rear extension: Approved

15/P/2043/F: Beechwood, Cadbury Camp Lane: Removal of Condition 9 of planning permission: (Code 3: sustainable development): Withdrawn. This Code was no longer enforceable.

(c) Enforcement notices

Creation of parking space with new vehicular access at Stone Edge Batch: A site visit had been made and a planning application requested.

(d) Hatchintan: Appeal Hearing

Cllr Trenchard had attended this Hearing and was appalled at the lack of preparedness of the NSC officers, who seemed unable to present a case, and opportunities for people to speak were not made clear. The outcome was awaited.

98/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Payments

The following were approved

Clerk's salary September	£213.35
Clerk's expenses September	£9.40
HMRC September	£53.40
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
Ian Trenchard (work in car park)	£55.00
John Carpenter (painting 'phone boxes)	£447.32

(b) Applications for grants

Nailsea & District Community Transport: A grant of £50 was approved.

St Quiricus & St Julietta Church: In view of other anticipated expenditure it was agreed that a decision be deferred until the budget for the next financial year was drawn up.

99/15 VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

Following concerns expressed by the garage owner it was proposed that the drainage channels should be located in the car park to the east of the beech hedge, rather than in the field. A new scope was being prepared and estimates obtained.

It was reported that portable safety barriers had been purchased by the Hall Management Committee for use by hirers when the side doors were open. 5mph speed restriction signs had been installed at either end of the hard area to the west of the hall.

100/15 JEAN BURROWS FUND

Replacing stiles with gates: A numbered plan is attached to the minute book.

The Clerk reported that Roger Triggol was content to install a kissing gate next to the existing stile and gate at Moor Lane (No. 1). The Environment Agency was willing to replace the gate and stile (No. 3) with a 15ft gate incorporating a pedestrian gate. This meant that on Roger Triggol's land there could be three new gates as follows:

No. 1: Kissing gate supplied by NSC at a cost of £283, fitted by Roger Triggol.

No. 2: Self-closing gate fitted by NSC at a cost of £175

No. 3: 15ft gate with pedestrian gate supplied and fitted by Environment Agency

On Stewart Plant's land there could be three new gates as follows:

No. 4: Self-closing gate fitted by NSC at a cost of £175

No. 10: Self-closing gate fitted by NSC at a cost of £175

No. 11: 12ft metal gate with pedestrian gate incorporated at a cost of £150 fitted by Stewart Plant.

The Council approved the provision of new gates as above at a total cost: £958 funded jointly by the balance of the Jean Burrows fund and the Parish Council.

Violets Booklet: Cllr Trenchard said she understood that the original booklet had been found. The Clerk had enquired of Gillian Campbell as to progress in researching Jean Burrows' original notes and was awaiting a reply.

101/15 VILLAGE FIELD

Cllr Hooley reported that the final fencing panel would be in place shortly and a working party would be erecting the screening between the pitch and the neighbouring property. There had been good use of the field in recent months. The quarterly inspection was due in October.

102/15 CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

Tickenham School newsletters

Great Western Air Ambulance – letter of thanks

National Grid – change of staff

Lidl Stores (Nailsea) - revised car parking plans

Licensing applications – none for Tickenham

NSC: Reducing Waste – parish incentive scheme to increase re-cycling

Forestry Commission – Bayes Wood Management Plan: The Tree Officer would review the plan and forward any appropriate comments to the Forestry Commission.

103/15 DATES OF MEETINGS 2015: 12th November, 10th December.