

## TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m.  
at the Village Hall Committee Room

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

In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk) and two members of the public.

117/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs David Franks and (retrospectively) Ann Loader.

11815 MINUTES of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following: inclusion of Cllr John Banks under 'Present'; Monkey Bridge: amend 'when; to 'after'; Footpaths, second paragraph: amend 'footpath' to 'footbridge'

119/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising other than those itemised on the agenda.

120/15 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Cadbury Camp Lane West: Cllr Hooley reported that a group of residents was pursuing the reinstatement of the parking area. The issue of the soil deposited on the parking area was being referred by the Environment Agency to North Somerset Council (NSC). Cllr Hooley said he had been surprised to learn that Clevedon Court Estate had notified residents in writing that the soil could remain in place.

Hill Lane: The Clerk reported that Avon & Somerset Constabulary had advised NSC that it would be inadvisable to remove the speed de-restriction signs as this would mislead the public into believing that a 30 mph limit was in place. The Highways Engineer had advised that it would cost approximately £5,000 to obtain a Speed Restriction Order and therefore was unlikely to proceed. The Clerk had again requested the installation of 'No Through Road' and 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs and would follow up.

Gas Supply Pipe: The Clerk had written to British Gas enclosing a photograph of the damaged pipe but to date no reply had been received.

Bristol Water: An article from Bristol Water about works to improve the water supply in the village had been included in the parish magazine.

Incidents: There had been evidence of incidents at Moor Lane and Old Lane. The Clerk would contact NSC again about the repainting of the SLOW sign before Old Lane.

Pavements: It was noted that in some places the edges of pavements looked very neglected due to the growth of weeds, particularly on Tickenham Hill and the B3130 near Cadbury Court Farm. The Clerk would contact NSC.

Footbridge, Moor Lane: It was reported that the footbridge at the end of Moor Lane was broken beyond use: the Clerk had already reported to NSC and would follow up.

Snow Warden: The Council welcomed the appointment of Ian Trenchard as volunteer Snow Warden. He would report damage to the grit bin on Hill Lane to NSC and notify the Clerk accordingly.

121/15 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) New Applications

15/P/2592/MMA: 77 Clevedon Road: Alteration to planning permission 15/P/0484/F to allow amendment to roof design. No objections were raised.

Up-dates:

15/P/2373: Lindum Lodge, Orchard Avenue: Balcony on flat-roofed garage. Approved.

Enforcement Notices: The following were noted:

Land at Stone Edge Batch: Ongoing judicial review.

68 Clevedon Road: Monitoring for removal of unauthorised static caravan.

3 Jacklands Cottages: Planning application requested for unauthorised vehicle access

The Clerk had written to NSC re the return of land at Furze to paddock, as required in the planning permission, but to date no reply had been received.

122/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) The following were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary November	£213.35
Clerk's expenses November	£10.20
HMRC November	£53.40
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
Society of Local Council Clerks subscription	£88.00
Somerset Playing Fields Association subscription	£15.00
Ian Trenchard (tidying car park)	£65.00

Arising from the above, it was agreed that Ian Trenchard be asked to tidy the car park as necessary during the winter months.

(b) Payments between meetings:

David Ellison reimbursement for car park signs      £67.20. Approved

(c) National Association of Local Councils: Audit arrangements

It appeared that not all councillors had received details of the proposals and discussion was therefore deferred to the January 2016 meeting.

123/15 VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

Following the siting of a camper van in the rear car park the Chairman had agreed that appropriate signage should be erected: this would help Jim Sykes to enforce the ruling that no camping was permitted in either car park.

It was noted that people were parking vehicles in the car park and catching the bus into Bristol: there was some debate as to whether this should be discouraged as it could cause difficulties when the hall was in full use. No particular action was agreed.

There was no further information about the refurbishment: the Clerk had requested up-to-date estimates from Paul Loader so that these could be included in the budget considerations in January.

124/15 JEAN BURROWS FUND

Violets Booklet: Efforts were still being made to locate Jean's slides; in the meantime the booklet was complete apart from any contribution which Joan Chapman might wish to make.

Tickenham War Memorial Plaques: The publication of the book had aroused much interest and a resident had come forward with a gold medal given by the village to those who served in the First World War. It was noted that the cost of the books was £375. A contribution of £200 was approved.

125/15 VILLAGE FIELD

Cllr Hooley reported that the location for the oak tree which had been donated had been agreed with the chairman of the Flower Show.

126/15 CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted:

Tickenham School newsletters

Campaign to Protect Rural England newsletters

127/15 POST OFFICE

Cllr Trenchard said that fewer people were using the post office facility based in the village hall and the service was in danger of closing due to lack of customers. She suggested an A Frame board near the car park entrance to better publicise the post office and the Postmaster was willing to provide this; he would also provide a list of the services available for inclusion in the parish magazine.

128/15 DATES OF MEETINGS 2016: Thursdays: 14<sup>th</sup> January, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> June. 14<sup>th</sup> July, [11<sup>th</sup> August], 8<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> December

Following the meeting a plaque was presented to Roger Triggol to mark his long service as a member of the Council.

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