

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.30 p.m.
at the Village Hall Committee Room

ACTION/BY

Prior to the formal business the Council welcomed Mr Geoff Blakeman (chair of the Clevedon School Learning Trust) Mr Dean Hudd (Head Teacher, Tickenham School) and Mr John Wells (Executive Head, Clevedon Learning Trust.) A note of their presentation is attached to these minutes.

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 one member of the public.

01/16 APOLOGIES

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

02/16 MINUTES of the meeting held on 10th December 2015, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the amendment of 'Footbridge, Moor Lane' in min. no. 120/15 to read 'Stile, Moor Lane.'

Clerk/immediate

03/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Post Office: The Clerk had met with the Postmaster who would provide a list of services available in Tickenham for inclusion in the parish magazine. The Head Teacher at Tickenham School had also agreed to include a note in the school newsletter to parents. It was agreed that a free standing sign on the opposite verge to publicise the post office was not viable. Other possibilities were mentioned but as none seemed practicable other options would be investigated. It was suggested that the Postmaster should put a sign in the windows or outside the door of the committee room whenever the post office is open.

Clerk/20.01.16

04/16 COUNCIL DECISION MAKING

Following situations where Council decisions had been unclear, it was **AGREED**

- that in future a clear decision be made for each appropriate item so that it could be properly recorded in the minutes with an action column depicting by whom and by when.

Clerk/immediate

05/16 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Cadbury Camp Lane West: Cllr Hooley reported that there was much support for the reinstatement of the parking area. A letter had been sent to Sir Charles Elton requesting a meeting to discuss the issues. The Chairman read a letter from Mr Geoff Blakeman expressing concern over the actions of some councillors and asking that discussions in Parish Council meetings should be brought to an end. Cllr Hooley said that councillors involved in the residents' group were doing so as individuals, not as councillors, although he would hope that the Parish Council would support its residents. Cllr Mike Perrott said that the fact that the Lane was a bridleway was a prime factor: although the Council had a duty to listen to residents' concerns it could not and should not support or encourage illegal actions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.15 to allow a member of the public to speak and reconvened at 8.23 p.m.

Cllr Hooley said that the group was also following up the question of the deposited soil. Following a comment by the Chairman councillors expressed concern that an

early conversation between him and Mr Blakeman had not been reported to Council. The Chairman conceded that it should have been. It was **AGREED**

- that the letter from Mr Blakeman be noted and circulated to all councillors;
- that 'Cadbury Camp Lane West' be retained on the agenda until the issue was exhausted.

Clerk/19.01.16

Hill Lane:

Signage: The Clerk had been informed by Cllr Nigel Ashton that the 'No Through Road' and 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs would be erected but would have to await a batch order by North Somerset Council (NSC)

Grit Bin: The Chairman had authorised the purchase of a new grit bin which had been ordered at a cost of £180. Noted.

Gas Supply Pipe: The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Wales and the West Utilities who were responsible for gas mains pipes and forwarded the picture of the broken pipe recently excavated. Metal pipes were being replaced with plastic, in order of priority. The area manager would investigate the situation in Tickenham and report back.

Old Lane Signage: The Clerk had requested the early repainting of the SLOW sign on the westerly approach to Old Lane, where there had been another serious accident.

Pavements: The Clerk had written to NSC regarding the proliferation of weeds on pavement and road edges at the western end of the village.

Footpaths: The Clerk reported that due to pressure of work the Footpaths Officer had not yet been able to contact the landowners regarding the replacement gates. The broken stile in Moor Lane had been reported as had the blocked footpath at Golden Acres Nursery.

The Chairman reported that branches were blocking the pavements on Tickenham Hill, particularly opposite Stonehenge Lane. The Clerk would report to NSC.

Clerk/19.01.16

Incidents: The Chairman reported a serious accident at the junction of Old Lane – details unknown. The Clerk would again chase the repainting of the SLOW sign. Clerk/19./01.16

Monkey Bridge: The Clerk was asked to contact NSC regarding the repairs to the Monkey Bridge: these had been scheduled for November but had not yet been carried out.

Clerk/19.01.16

06/16 PLANNING MATTERS

New Applications

16/P/0032/O: former Tickenham Garden Centre: Development to include 41 dwellings and access detail. In view of the complexity of this application, it was **AGREED**

- that an extraordinary meeting of the Council be held to consider the proposals: preferred date Wednesday 27th January 2016 at 10.00 a.m. or 4.00 p.m.

Clerk/immediate

16/P/0294/F: 188 Clevedon Road: Removal of condition 3 to previous planning approval, to allow annexe to become separate dwelling. It was **AGREED**

- that no objections be raised.

Clerk/19.01.16

Up-dates:

15/P/2592/MMA: 77 Clevedon Road: amendment to roof design. Approved.

Furze: The Chairman reported that an enforcement officer had visited the site and was happy that the conditions of planning permission had been met and the case was closed. Noted.

Sylverah, Cadbury Camp Lane West: It was **AGREED**

- that the Clerk be asked to contact the enforcement officer regarding the change of use from private to commercial stables. Clerk/19.01.16

NSC Joint Spatial Plan: Cllr Trenchard had attended another local presentation concerning developments to meet the housing requirements in North Somerset. Although the proposals were not yet finalised, they included 400 homes in Nailsea. Cllr Trenchard was concerned that the road network would not be able to cope with increased traffic and that this would have a huge effect on Tickenham. Existing

links from Nailsea to the M5 at Junction 20 were already inadequate, e.g. The Causeway and Stone Edge Batch. Cllr Woodey also commented on the South Bristol link road currently under construction and believed that this would also increase the amount of traffic through the village as alternative routes were already congested. It was **AGREED**

- to respond to the consultation expressing concerns about the effect of the proposed development in Nailsea on traffic through Tickenham;
- to request that no development take place until a traffic management plan is in place;
- to request a traffic survey through the village to monitor traffic before and after completion of the South Bristol link road. Clerk/19.01.16

07/16

FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was **AGREED**

- that the following be approved for payment:

Clerk's salary December	£213.35
Clerk's expenses December	£10.20
HMRC December	£53.40
Jim Sykes (audit)	£50.00
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
(election expenses)	£156.97
(grit bin)	£180.00
Tickenham Twinning Association (grant)	£300.00

Clerk/19.01.16

National Association of Local Councils (NALC): audit:

Details of the audit procurement arrangements proposed by NALC following the demise of the Audit Commission had been circulated. Under their proposals auditors would be appointed for all smaller authorities who 'opted in.' The Clerk reported that all local councils who had responded to her enquiry had agreed to 'opt in' to the NALC proposal which would take effect from 2017. Councils who did not 'opt out' would automatically be included in the new arrangement for the next five years. It was **AGREED**

- that Tickenham Parish Council would 'opt in' to the NALC audit procurement proposal.

Budget 2016/17

The Clerk had previously circulated a proposed budget for 2016/17. It included a 3% precept increase to £7,004 and two requests for grants: £100 requested by the Flower Show towards costs of the minibus and a request from Tickenham Church for a grant towards the restoration of the west window. The Chairman explained there had been insufficient money in the Jean Burrows Fund to meet the Church's request for £10,000 and he had suggested that £3,000 might be given from the Council's reserves. It was noted that if so minded the Council could support a Grade 1 Listed Building in the parish. It was **AGREED**

- that the budget as presented be approved with the exception of the requests for grants (£100 and £3,000);
- that the requests for grants be considered separately at the next meeting.

08/16 VILLAGE HALL

Car Park Refurbishment

The Chairman had authorised a temporary repair to the rear car park where the channel caused by rainwater flow had created a health and safety hazard.

It was **AGREED**

- that a temporary repair should also be made to the area where the tree had been removed.

Clerk/asap

Paul Loader had indicated that he had revised his thinking about locating the drainage soakaways in the village field. Councillors considered it unlikely that the works would be completed this year. It was **AGREED**

- that Paul Loader be invited to attend the February meeting of the Council to up-date the Council on the refurbishment proposals.

Clerk/25.01.16

Village Hall Rates

The Clerk had been informed that NSC was consulting with village halls and other organisations about rate relief. Discussions around redistributing resources to more organisations would mean that existing organisations who currently benefitted from rate relief may not do so in the future. David Ellison, the Hall treasurer, would be replying on behalf of the Management Committee. It was **AGREED**

- that the situation be noted but that no action be taken unless the Hall Management Committee requested support from the Council.

09/16 VILLAGE FIELD

The Clerk reported that the Play Inspection Company had re-valued the field equipment at £31,489.98. This had been notified to the Council's insurers and would result in an increased premium of £51.70 for a full year and £25 to the next renewal date (1st June 2016). It was **AGREED**

- that the £25 additional premium be paid;
- that Cllr Hooley would check the valuation provided by the Play Inspection Company.

Clerk/19.01.16

AH/asap

Cllr Hooley reported on general matters as follows: large branches had fallen off the central ash tree and been placed in a corner of the field: this would need clearing at some stage; the old fencing which had protected the beech hedge was now broken as was fencing either side of the entrance to the play area; more saplings had been planted in the field and a further 100 were available for any other locations. It was **AGREED**

- that the corner of the field would be cleared prior to the Flower Show;
- that the fence which once protected the beech hedge be removed;
- that Cllr Hooley would obtain quotations for repairs to the fencing to the play area.

Chairman
AH/asap

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10/16 JEAN BURROWS FUND

The Clerk reported that a request for payment of the first instalment (£150) of the grant towards the Brown Rock Farm project had been received. It was understood that the Bridge Club may not require all their £570 grant but final figures were not yet available.

11/16 CORRESPONDENCE

Newsletters from Tickenham School and Bristol Airport were noted
Visit Somerset: The Chief Executive Officer was keen to meet with councils to discuss what his team was doing to encourage tourism. It was understood that there might be a possibility of joint meetings. It was **AGREED**

- to enquire whether Tickenham could join with other councils for a joint presentation.

Clerk/19.01.16

12/16 FOOTPATH MAPS

As previously agreed, Cllr Hooley had posted laminated maps in the telephone kiosks and hoped to be able to display the very large one in the Village Hall.

13/16 DATES OF MEETINGS 2016: Thursdays: 11th February, 10th March, 14th April, 12th May, 9th June, 14th July, [11th August], 8th September, 13th October, 10th November, 8th December

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday 14th January 2016

Tickenham Church of England Primary School

Presentation by Mr Geoff Blakeman (chair of the Clevedon School Learning Trust) Mr Dean Hudd (Head Teacher, Tickenham School) and Mr John Wells (Executive Head, Clevedon Learning Trust.)

Mr Hudd spoke about the status of the school on his arrival in 2012 when Ofsted had rated it the lowest in North Somerset. By February 2014 the school budget had been cut by £50,000 making it necessary to reduce the number of classes from four to three. After considering options, the Governors decided to join the Clevedon Learning Trust as an academy, thus enabling the return to four classes, and since that time the school had gone from strength to strength. It was hoped that the next Ofsted report would be 'outstanding.' Mr Hudd said that in 2015 15 new children joined the school and he had already met with 26 families looking for a Reception class this year.

Mr Wells spoke about the Clevedon Learning Trust and after an approach from the Department for Education regarding working as a group with other schools, Yeo Moor Primary School and Tickenham School had become part of a cluster. He stressed that Tickenham retained its Christian ethos and diocesan status and a diocesan representative sat on the Trust board. Working together had brought much to all participants, sharing services, experiences and events for the benefit of all.

Change to administrative geographical area of Tickenham School: Mr Blakeman said that many parents now send their children from Tickenham to Clevedon School but the administrative geographical area of the school would need to change to enable them to be eligible for transport. It was proposed that the western part of Tickenham (from the golf course) would be in the Clevedon geographical area and the eastern part would remain in the Nailsea area.

Mr Hudd said that about 30% of the total of 76 children were currently from Tickenham. The maximum the school could accommodate was 105.

Mr Wells said that other schools were seeing the advantages of joining the Trust, it would not accept more partners at the risk of compromising its vision.

15.01.16

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