

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th April 2016 at 6.30 p.m.
at the Village Hall Committee Room

ACTION/BY

PRESENT: Cllr Bruce Ralfs in the chair, Cllrs John Banks, Jane Brock, David Franks, Alan Hooley, Ann Loader, Mike Perrott, Pam Trenchard and Mike Woodey.
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk) and one member of the public.

41/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ranjit Chuhan.

42/16 MINUTES of the meetings held on 10th and 23rd March 2016, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the planning application no. 13/P/0624/F in minute no. 31/16 Chairman/immediate

43/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Visit Somerset: No response had been received and it was **AGREED**
- that this item be deleted from future agenda

Clerk

(ii) The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations: The School had welcomed the Parish Council's offer and agreed that they would provide medals for the non-Tickenham children. An order had been placed.

44/16 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

(i) Gas Supply Pipe: Wales and the West Utilities had reported that the gas pipe through the village had a very low risk score with a very small number of leaks had been reported over its 2km length. It was stressed that it was important than any suspected gas leaks were reported immediately.

(ii) Footpaths: The Clerk had contacted North Somerset Council (NSC) again about Tickenham Hill and the pavements opposite Hill Lane. The situation at Tickenham Hill was becoming urgent as hedgerow shrubs were overhanging the footpath making it difficult to negotiate.

Clerk/20.04.16

(iii) Parking in Lay-bys: NSC's Engineer had been sceptical that road markings would be effective but agreed that they might be worth trying. The Clerk would follow up.

Clerk/20.04.26

(iv) Potholes: the Clerk had reported various potholes needing repair, together with the centre line on Stone Edge Batch where the surface was being eroded.

(v) Cadbury Camp Lane West: The Chairman reported that he had met with Sir Charles Elton who had indicated that he wished the Lane to remain as a bridleway but with access and parking restored. He required a formal letter from the Council confirming the Council's belief that residents had acquired prescriptive rights. The removal of the soil had been discussed and it had been agreed that this would be carried out by a bona-fide contractor with a letter of authority from Clevedon Court Estate. Discussion ensued around Cllr Franks' belief that there would need to be some legal involvement with NSC: this was questioned by some councillors who saw the way forward as simply restoring the Lane to its former state by the consent of the landowner. After a full discussion it was **AGREED**

- that the Chairman and Cllrs Franks and Hooley should meet to draw up a letter to be sent to Sir Charles Elton stating that residents had acquired prescriptive rights and enquiring about the present position with NSC; Chairman/ASAP

- that the concerns of the residents of the Lane be considered at a future meeting. Clerk/Agenda

(vi) Incidents: It was noted that the car apparently abandoned at Stone Edge Batch had been removed.

45/16 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) New Applications:

16/P/0605/F: Stonewood, Stonehenge Lane: Conservatory: No objections were raised.

16/P/0704/TPO: Monocot, Cadbury Camp Lane: Various tree works including felling of five Ash and one Hawthorn: Without more detailed information of the trees involved, the Council was content to leave the decision with NSC.

16/P/0740/O: Elm Farm, Clevedon Road: Outline permission for agricultural worker's dwelling. The Council made no observations and will await the detailed planning application.

(ii) Up-Dates:

No up-dates had been received.

(iii) Bat surveys

The Clerk had been contacted by a resident who had been surprised to have to submit a bat survey with a planning application for an extension. It was noted that in most cases bat surveys were required for works to roofs where buildings were outside the designated boundaries of Weston-super-Mare, Clevedon, Portishead and Nailsea and built before 1970; buildings inside the boundaries of those towns and within 100m of woodland or next to a significant area of freshwater or built before 1900 also required surveys.

46/16 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) The following were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary March	£213.35
Clerk's expenses March	£14.40
HMRC March	£53.40
North Somerset Council: dog bin	£28.80
Local Councils Review subscription	£17.00

(ii) Council Tax Support Grant

The Clerk reported that NSC proposed to reduce the Council Tax Support Grant to nil by 2019/20. The current payment for Tickenham was £199.

4716 VILLAGE HALL

(i) Car Park Refurbishment Works: The schedule of works prepared by Mr Paul Loader had been circulated. Councillors were concerned that having decided that several large soakaways were needed, it was now proposed to install a single linear French drain to avoid the possibility of further run-off from the field onto a neighbouring property. Other questions included how the hall would remain open during the works and how costs would be affected. Cllr Hooley commented that when considering the field works, the NSC officer had been very helpful. It was **AGREED**

- that more information be obtained regarding the proposed drainage. Clerk/30.04.16

(ii) Asbestos Survey: Cllr Banks reported that nothing requiring urgent attention had been identified in the asbestos survey. It was noted that the plan and the conclusions in the report did not correspond.

(iii) Rate Relief: The Clerk reported that between April and August 2016 NSC would be reviewing all recipients of discretionary rate relief. Organisations would be invited to apply for relief, which would be reviewed on a three-yearly basis.

48/16 VILLAGE FIELD

(i) Annual General Meeting: Cllr Hooley reported that the Annual General Meeting of the Field Committee would be held on 18th May 2016. The new fencing had been installed and the MUGA area had had its first grass cut.

49/16 PARISH RECYCLING SCHEME

The Clerk had received information about NSC's incentive scheme for improved recycling. Cllr Perrott would review and report back.

MP/30.04.16

50/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND SPEED WATCH

Cllr Trenchard reported that at the Annual General Meeting Mr John Rose had been elected chairman of the Neighbourhood Watch group following the resignation of Mr David Seccombe. Cllr Trenchard would take over responsibility for Speed Watch and stressed the need for more volunteers. The Clerk was asked to obtain from NSC statistics for vehicles passing through the village.

Clerk/30.04.16

51/16 CORRESPONDENCE

Tickenham School newsletters, Campaign to Protect Rural England newsletter.

52/16 DATES OF MEETINGS 2016:

It was **AGREED**

- that a 6.30 p.m. start be trialled for a period of six months.

Clerk/12.05.16

Thursdays: 12th May (Annual Meeting of the Council), 9th June, 14th July, [11th August], 8th September, 13th October, 10th November, 8th December