

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th October 2016 at 6.30 p.m.
at the Village Hall Committee Room

ACTION/BY

PRESENT: Cllr Bruce Ralfs in the chair, Cllrs John Banks, Ranjit Chuhan, David Franks, Alan Hooley, Mike Perrott, Ann Loader and Pam Trenchard.
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk)

108/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jane Brock and Mike Woodey.

109/16 MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th September 2016, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

110/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Parish Recycling Scheme: Cllrs Loader and Perrott had met with the North Somerset Council (NSC) officer (Dan Cooper) who encouraged the Council to sign up for the Scheme. Communication was part of the scheme and this could be done digitally or with hard copy, e.g. the parish magazine. The NSC recycling trailer could visit the village market, possibly in November. In the more advanced stages of the scheme there might be a community composting area and a central collecting point for replacement bins and caddies. After discussion it was

AGREED

- that the Council sign up to the scheme;
- that Cllrs Loader and Perrott follow up as necessary for the first (Bronze) stage of the scheme;
- that the NSC recycling trailer be invited to attend at the November village market.

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(ii) Local Access Forum: Cllr Chuhan had been unable to attend the meeting of the Forum but had asked for a report on proceedings.

(iii) Major Emergency Plan: Cllr Perrott reported that Kingston Seymour had found the NSC process unduly complicated but a simple template was available on the Government website. It was **AGREED**

- that a working party comprising Cllrs Banks, Chuhan, Loader, Ralfs and the Clerk draw up a draft plan for consideration at the next meeting.

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(iv) Traffic Survey: It was noted that a traffic counter had been installed at the Nailsea end of the Causeway and Cllr Trenchard had requested the information collected.

111/16 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

(i) Tickenham Hill: The ivy-covered trunk had been removed

(ii) Stone Edge Batch: The rut in the middle of the road where the two surfaces met was getting wider and deeper. The Clerk would contact NSC.

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Cllr Franks reported that the gully near Lavender Cottage was still awaiting jetting two years since it was promised.

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(iii) Potholes: The Clerk was asked to report a pothole between 199 and 201 Clevedon Road on the north side.

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(iv) Footpath from Jacklands to Stonehenge Lane: This footpath was very overgrown: the Clerk would report to NSC.

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(v) Parking near Barrow Court: The Clerk reported that it was proposed to mark the parking bays rather than the no-parking bays: there was some feeling that this would encourage parking rather than deter it. The Clerk was asked to enquire whether H markings could be installed outside the relevant properties.

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(vi) Vehicle Activated Signs: The fixed sign at the western end of the village was still not working: Clerk to contact NSC.

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Following information received concerning the portable signs and various drawbacks both to the ease of operation and the value of the data available, it was agreed that this matter be allowed to lie on the table.

(vii) Footpath: Moor Lane to the Church: The final price for providing and installing the gates had been received in the sum of £1,895.00 This included the cost of installing the 2-in-1 gate and the kissing gate on Stewart Plant's land. It was **AGREED**

- that the quotation be accepted.

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(viii) Summer Footpath Walks: Cllr Hooley said that the walks had not proved very popular last year; therefore none had been organised for this year. It was hoped that they might be reinstated next summer.

112/16 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) New applications:

16/P/21183/F: Clevelands House, The Ripple: Extension to existing terrace; reposition and extend stairs to terrace.

No objections were raised.

(ii) Up-Dates:

16/P/0032/O: Tickenham Garden Centre: The Council noted that the application to build 32 dwellings together with office space had been approved in principle, subject to conditions yet to be agreed by the NSC Planning and Regulatory Committee and a S106 Agreement. The Council recognised that the majority of its worries had been included in the Case Officer's report and there were still areas of grave concern, not least access and egress to and from the site and the lack of non-vehicular access to the centre of the village, i.e. the school and village hall. It was **AGREED**

- that the Clerk write to NSC requesting a short period to consider the proposed conditions prior to their being submitted to the Planning and Regulatory Committee.

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(iii) Enforcement: The residential caravan at Fairlight, Clevedon Road, had been removed from the site. 3 Jacklands Cottages (unauthorised vehicle access) and 147 Clevedon Road (front boundary fence) had been added to the list.

3 Jacklands Cottages: it was noted that a dropped curb had been installed without permission. The Council would monitor the situation.

(iv) Joint Spatial Plan: Cllrs Trenchard and Chuhan would attend the consultation meeting on 1st November 2016. The Clerk reported that the Plan provided for a road through the valley to link Nailsea with J20 of the M5 at Clevedon.

113/16 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) The following were approved for payment:

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Clerk's salary September	£221.23
Clerk's expenses September	£9.20
HMRC September	£55.20
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
Ian Trenchard (tidying car park)	£90.00
Tickenham Flower Show (minibus grant)	£100.00

(ii) External Audit: The Annual Return had been approved.

(iii) Application for Grant: Nailsea & District community Bus: It had been confirmed that at least three village residents regularly used the bus and it was **AGREED**

- that a grant of £50 be approved.

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(iv) Council Tax Referendum

The National Association of Local Councils was urging every council to lobby the Government to ensure that council tax referendum principles were not extended to include all local town and parish councils. The Association contended that it was vital that local councils had freedom to raise the resources needed to invest in local services and called on all council to state their opposition to the proposals. It was **AGREED**

- that the Clerk respond in line with the Association's view.

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- 114/16 VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK
 The Clerk reminded the Council that the quotation for the works to the rear car park had been circulated by email and all councillors had indicated their agreement. The quotation was the sum of £8,765.00 plus VAT together with £990 plus VAT for cutting back the tree canopy on the east side of the car park. It was **AGREED** - that acceptance of the quotation from Capstan Contractors be ratified
 The work would be undertaken during the half term week, 24th – 30th October 2016. All interested parties had been informed. The relevant letters in compliance with CDM Regulations 2015 had been issued.
- 115/16 VILLAGE HALL REPORT
 Cllr Trenchard reported on work planned including cleaning, decorating, refurbishment of the cloakrooms, quinquennial inspection of the electrical system and associated works and an outside water tap – all expected to cost in the region of £15,000. Application was being made for a lottery grant but if unsuccessful the scope of the works would need to be reduced.
- 116/16 VILLAGE FIELD REPORT
 Cllr Hooley reported that the Field Committee felt unable to proceed with a facility for BBQs on the children's play area. The Council confirmed that BBQs were permitted for organised events on the main field.
 Cllr Hooley said that the Committee was considering providing two boules pitches in the field, just below the games area. The idea would be fully discussed with the Flower Show Committee. A plan would be provided for consideration at the next Council meeting. AH/31.10.16
 The canopy of the chestnut trees had been raised.
 Cllr Trenchard suggested 'walking football' as an activity for older residents.
- 117/16 JEAN BURROWS FUND – VIOLETS BOOKLET
 Cllr Perrott reported that a further correct copy was awaited from the printer. After discussion it was agreed to purchase 500 copies at a cost of £825; of this, £200 would be met from the Jean Burrows Fund. Copies would be delivered free to every house in the village and thereafter charged at £2 per copy. Copies would also be donated to various relevant groups and libraries.
- 118/16 CORRESPONDENCE
 Tickenham School newsletters
 NSC: Garden waste collections: It was noted that residents needed to register their properties by 18th December 2016, at a cost of £20, for the new green bin service starting on 1st March 2017.
- 119/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
 (i) Cadbury Camp Lane West: Cllr Hooley reported that residents were forming a limited company to look after the lane and it was understood that the Parish Council would be kept informed. The hedges along Hill Lane had been trimmed.
 (ii) Dog bin, Moor Lane: The Clerk would request a new lidded bin from NSC and enquire about the cost of installing. Clerk/23.10.16
 (iii) Gas Supply: Cllr Trenchard again expressed concern about the poor state of the gas supply pipe through the village: it was understood that the pipe would not be replaced until 2030 as it was not deemed sufficiently dangerous or urgent.
- 120/16 DATES OF MEETINGS 2016
 10th November; 8th December.
 The November meeting would be held at Tickenham School, details to follow. Clerk/23.10.16