

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th February 2017 at 6.30 p.m.
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall

ACTION/BY

PRESENT: Cllr Bruce Ralfs in the chair, Cllrs John Banks, Ranjit Chuhan, David Franks, and Mike Woodey.

In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk)

Prior to the formal business Sarah Friend spoke of her work as a village agent with Community Connect, helping people to live independently in their own homes, ensuring that they were not isolated and providing a link between people and available services. Sarah agreed to provide posters that could be displayed in the telephone boxes.

13/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Alan Hooley, Ann Loader and Mike Perrott

14/17 MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th January 2017, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

15/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Parish Recycling Scheme: On behalf of Cllr Loader, the Clerk reported as follows:

Recycling containers would be delivered to the Village Hall for distribution as required.

North Somerset Council (NSC) hoped to provide 2 x 220L compost bins which it was proposed should be sited in the near corner of the Village Field. This led to discussion about the viability of this proposal, not least the question of, management of the bins, their vulnerability to misuse, etc. After a full debate it was **AGREED**

- that the Council could not take responsibility for the bins and unless the Village Hall Committee were prepared to do so, the suggestion was not practicable.

It was noted that rather than the recycling trailer at the March market, an indoor stall might be provided, subject to available space.

Dates were yet to be agreed for the household waste survey.

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(ii) Waste Collections: The Clerk reported on NSC's response to the concerns raised at the previous meeting: large vehicles (e.g. 4x4s) should have no problem accessing the recycling centres although trailers did require a free permit; several factors conspired to make collections inconsistent; litter and bin/box misplacement were a concern and inexcusable and it was hoped this problem would disappear with the penalty clauses contained in the agreement with the new contractors.

(iii) Violets Booklet: The Clerk now had sufficient copies to meet the requests received and a re-print was not required at the present time.

(iv) Local Access Forum: Cllr Chuhan had attended a meeting of the Local Access Forum: the present focus was on map modifications to ensure that all byeways were included. Although the main function of the Forum was to consider byeways and footpaths, access to new housing developments had been discussed and it was hoped to invite a representative from the Planning Department to discuss the provision of appropriate infrastructure and the possibility of the Local Access Forum being included in the consultation process. Councils were invited to

submit any questions to the Forum. The next meeting would be held on 11th April. Cllr Ralfs offered to attend with Cllr Chuhan.

(v) Defibrillator Training: It had been suggested that 13th April, being Maundy Thursday, might not attract sufficient audience to warrant the training on that day. Depending on Hall and trainer availability, it was **AGREED**

- that the date of the Parish Council meeting and Annual Parish Meeting be changed to Thursday 20th April. Clerk/13.02.17

16/17 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

HIGHWAYS

(i) Parking & Signage, Church Lane

The Clerk reported that NSC were not prepared to provide 'pedestrian' signs: their policy was that on country roads with no pavements drivers should be aware that there were likely to be pedestrians in the road. No action was agreed.

The meeting was adjourned to allow a member of the public to speak and reconvened thereafter.

(ii) B3130: Accidents at Jacklands: The Council recognised that accidents which occurred just over the Tickenham/Nailsea boundary were due to high and inappropriate speeds on the approaching Tickenham road, the B3130.. After discussion it was **AGREED** that

- the Council support in principle the request that the 30mph speed limit on the B3130 in Tickenham be extended to join with the 30mph speed limit in Nailsea;
- the addition of additional chevron signage and cats eyes as suggested by the Highways Engineer be supported in principle;
- the Clerk be asked to obtain an estimate of the likely costs and to consult with Nailsea Town Council to ask whether they would be willing to share the cost. Clerk/23.02.17

(iii) Wide verge and footpath: The Clerk had received comment that due to the muddy state of the verge and footpath some pedestrians were walking in the road. The Council deplored the fact that vehicles parked on the grass verge, churning up the soil and damaging emerging bulbs, and this had been aggravated recently by lorries parking there. It was **AGREED** that

- the Clerk would seek permission from NSC to erect a small signing stating 'Please do not park on the verge';
- an appropriate article be included in the parish magazine. Clerk/20.02.17

FOOTPATHS

(iv) Footbridges: The Clerk had reported missing bottom rails on two footbridges over the Middle Yeo.

(v) Gates along the Middle Yeo, Moor Lane towards Clevedon: The footpaths officer had reported that ten gates were required, rather than the seven originally indicated. It was **AGREED** that

- a contribution of £600 be made towards the costs of the additional gates and installation costs. Clerk/23.02.17

(vi) Gates, Moor Lane to the Church: the Clerk had received comment that although the new gates were much appreciated, the areas around the gates would benefit from some gravel as they had become very boggy. It was **AGREED** that

- no action be taken.

17/17 PLANNING MATTERS

NEW APPLICATIONS

17/P/0096/F Jacklands Fishing Lake: Replacement of existing mobile home with log cabin dwelling; new fish prep. area/café/farm shop.

The Council considered that the proposals would enhance the visual appearance of the site and no objections were raised.

17/P/0235/F: High Trees, Cadbury Camp Lane: Single and two storey extensions plus second floor. No objections were raised.

17/P/0241/F: 201 Clevedon Road: Front and side single storey extensions plus detached garage. No objections were raised.

UPDATES

16/P/2842/LB: Tickenham Court: Various restoration works. Refused

South View Farm, Clevedon Road: Use of land as residential leisure area ancillary to use of dwelling house. An Appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against NSC's refusal to grant a certificate of lawful use.

ENFORCEMENT

Landside, Stone Edge Batch: To date no reply had been received to the letter to the Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox MP.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN NAILSEA

Three councils had indicated their willingness to meet to discuss the effects of proposed housing/commercial developments on traffic through neighbouring villages. It was **AGREED** that

the Clerk be asked to convene a meeting with a view to councils jointly lobbying NSC for the provision of a direct link to the M5 J20, as per the conclusion of the West of England Joint Transport Study. Clerk/23.02.17

18/17 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) Payments:

The following were approved for payment: Clerk/20.02.17

Cheques for approval:

Clerk's salary January	£221.03
Clerk's expenses January	£9.20
HMRC January	£55.40
AED Locator (defibrillator maintenance)	£378.00
Tickenham Twinning Association (subscription)	£10.00
North Somerset Council (dog bin emptying)	£14.40
Ian Trenchard (car park)	£30.00

The Clerk said that the payment to AED Locator in the sum of £315.00 approved at the last meeting had been cancelled and a new cheque written to include VAT.

Approved.

(ii) Electronic invoices and payments

The Clerk reported that all signatories were required to sign the mandate authorising electronic banking. It was suggested that the mandate form be forwarded electronically to Cllr Mike Perrott for signature and return. Clerk/23.02.17

(iii) Grant Application

An application for grant had been received from the Samaritans. Although sympathetic to this very worthwhile charity, the Council felt unable to make a grant on this occasion.

19/17 MAJOR EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Chuhan and the Clerk had met with the NSC Resilience Officers. It transpired that for all councils joining the NSC scheme, badges, tabards and insurance for volunteers were provided. Therefore it had been agreed to join the scheme, albeit that the plan template was overly complicated. The working group would meet on 14th February to begin work on the detail with a view to launching the plan at the Annual Parish Meeting when a NSC resilience officer would be the speaker.

20/17 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

A copy of Cllr Trenchard's report had been previously circulated. The Council expressed disappointment that the Management Committee had not approved the provision of WiFi, particularly as this would be important, if not vital, should the Emergency Plan be implemented. However, the Management Committee had agreed to investigate costs and the Council would await further information.

21/17 VILLAGE FIELD REPORT

Following a request to the Clerk, the Field Management Committee had investigated costs of providing play equipment for toddlers and had identified a suitable area. Estimated costs for three pieces of equipment amounted to over £5,000, to which the Management Committee could contribute £1,000. The Council was unable to meet the difference but it was **AGREED** that

- the Management Committee be asked to investigate possible sources of grant following which the Council would reconsider the request.

Clerk/23.02.17

22/17 TICKENHAM SCHOOL

Cllr Franks expressed concern that the school results in the 2016 tables appeared to be below the national average and in the North Somerset table Tickenham School was under-achieving. It was recognised that the figures were only indicators and could be affected by circumstances not always evident to an outsider. The Council was fully supportive of the school and in order to be able to answer any expressed concerns the Clerk was asked to raise the Council's concerns with the co-heads.

Clerk/23.02.17

23/17 VILLAGE MARKET

The Village Market was experiencing difficulty in attracting stallholders mainly due to their taking little or no income. During discussion it was suggested that the market as it stood fell between two stools – neither a craft market nor a farmers' market. The Council recognised that the market was a feature of the village but there was nothing it could do to assist in practical terms. However, it was suggested that the market could be more widely publicised and something more akin to a farmers' market might attract more support.

24/17 CORRESPONDENCE

Tickenham School newsletters: noted.

25/17 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2017

The second Thursday in the month at 6.30 p.m. as follows:

April 13* (Annual Parish Meeting); May 11 (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council); June 8; July 13; [August 10]; September 14; October 12; November 9; December 14.

NB: * The meeting planned for 13th April (the Annual Parish Meeting) may be changed to 20th April depending on hall and speaker availability.