

# TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 6.30 p.m.  
in the Village Hall Committee Room

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ACTION/BY

**PRESENT:** Cllr Bruce Ralfs in the chair, Cllrs Jane Brock, David Franks, Ann Loader, Mike Perrott, Pam Trenchard and Mike Woodey.  
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk)

John Rose (Tickenham Neighbourhood Watch) and Nick Gough (representing various community groups in Portishead) had been unable to attend the meeting and had asked if they might attend the October meeting: Agreed:

75/17 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs John Banks, Ranjit Chuhan, and Alan Hooley

76/17 **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following addition in min. no. 62/17(a): "Cllr Trenchard expressed surprise ... *very few young children in Tickenham and especially as the mother and toddler group had recently closed due to lack of support and the equipment had been sold.* The Chairman said ...."

77/17 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) **Parish Recycling Scheme:** No information had been received from North Somerset Council (NSC) about the final stage for Tickenham's completion of the Scheme.

(b) **Annual Parish Meeting:** The Clerk reported that the School had agreed to host the Annual Parish Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Details would be arranged nearer the time.

7817 **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

(a) **HIGHWAYS:**

(i) **Tickenham Hill/B3130/Jacklands - Speed Working Group:** No information had been received yet about the installation of speed surveys.

(ii) **Hill Lane:** The Clerk reported that when she visited there was no NSC sign at Hill Lane.

(iii) **Correspondence from Resident:** The Clerk had received a complaint about the overgrown state of numerous footpaths/pavements in the village. She had advised the resident to report directly to NSC.

(iv) **Stone Edge Batch:** It was noted that the bank had not been trimmed for some time and the Clerk was asked to request that it be cut well back, particularly in view of the constant use by large vehicles. Clerk/24.07.17

(v) **Incidents:** Cllr Woodey reported encountering an HGV on Washing Pound Lane going towards the Causeway, the driver saying that she was following her SatNav. The Clerk was asked to request an 'early warning' sign indicating no right turn ahead for HGVs. Clerk/24.07.17

(b) **FOOTPATHS:**

(i) **Kissing Gate, B3130 near 240 Clevedon Road:** The Clerk would ask Ian Trenchard to clear the growth around the kissing gate. Clerk/24.07.17

(ii) **Seats, Barrow Court:** It was noted that one of the memorial seats was tilting. The Clerk would ask Adrian Brooks to investigate. Clerk/24.07.17

(iii) Brambles, Field near Hill Lane: The Clerk would ask the farmer to cut back the brambles encroaching onto the pavement. Clerk/24.07.17

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**PLANNING MATTERS**

**(a) NEW APPLICATIONS**

17/1321/P/F: Schloss Adler, Cadbury Camp Lane: Garage extension No objections were raised. Clerk/24.07.17

17/P/1374/RM: Elm Farm, Agricultural Dwelling: Reserved matters including appearance, landscaping etc. Cllr Jane Brock declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for this item. No objections were raised. Clerk/24.07.17

17/P/1420/O: 28 Clevedon Road: Erection of 1 no. dwelling. No objections were raised in principle but the Council would prefer a 2M wide footpath. Clerk/24.07.17

**(b) UP-DATES:**

South View Farm, Clevedon Road: The Appeal against NSC's refusal to approve the inclusion of land to the west of the property in the curtilage of the dwelling had been dismissed.

Hatchintan, 98 Clevedon Road: Cllr Trenchard had been concerned about the arrival of a large mobile dwelling and had contacted NSC to enquire about siting, landscaping etc. She understood that because the matter had been the subject of an appeal, there were no restrictions on siting. Apparently one of the units on the site had since been removed. Cllr Brock reiterated her previous view that the dwellings caused no nuisance to anyone and deplored the views expressed by some residents over the use of this land.

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**PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES**

The Clerk reported on the meeting of local council representatives with NSC planning and transport officers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The Tickenham representatives had been disappointed to learn that there appeared to be no transport strategy to deal with traffic generated by the large number of residential units which NSC needed to provide by 2026. Rather NSC proposed to concentrate on "smaller scale interventions" e.g. improvements to rail stations, park and ride sites, junctions and signage. Certainly there would be no bypass for Tickenham before 2026. NSC's Joint Spatial Strategy had not yet been approved by the inspector and the authority was now required to provide a further 2,500 units to compensate for any that may not be delivered by 2026. On the positive side and in line with Government policy, the green belt would be developed only as a last resort although there might be some 'exchange' of sites and there just might be some Community Investment Levy funding for local councils for practical solutions such as improved signage. A Nailsea Town Council representative suggested that improved signage should include 'advanced warning' notices particularly to deter HGVs from taking inappropriate routes and NSC officers seemed to warm to this idea. From NSC's point of view, the officers welcomed this joint meeting and proposed to hold further meetings to keep local councils informed.

The Clerk read Cllr Hooley's email in which he expressed much frustration at NSC's lack of any infrastructure plan in the 2026 Spatial Strategy. He thought the joint meeting was a complete waste of time with nothing constructive being contributed by NSC officers. Cllr Ralfs said that in view of the specific request to restrict discussions to local councils and NSC officers, he was reluctant to take any further steps but preferred to await future meetings with officers.

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**CORE STRATEGY MEETING, 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Cllr Trenchard had attended this meeting and reported that the 2036 Strategy Plan included a further 3,300 units for Nailsea and a further 800 for Backwell. In this plan the housing and transport plans were being considered side-by-side. Transport considerations included improvements to the A38 and Nailsea corridors, but there was no provision for a road across the moor to bypass Tickenham. NSC would

circulate a settlement profile showing facilities currently available and how they are used. The information should be checked by local councils. It was agreed that when further information was received about the settlement profile a sub-committee meeting could be called if appropriate.

Cllr Trenchard commented that a number of villages now had Neighbourhood Plans which seemed to carry some weight when considering development. She urged that Tickenham should not be complacent just because it was in the green belt and said that service towns and villages would creep nearer. Cllr Franks encouraged councillors to read the NSC transport documents which contained much information and set parameters.

82/17 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following were approved:

Clerk's salary June	£223.37
Clerk's expenses June	£9.32
HMRC June	£55.80
North Somerset Council (dog bin collection)	£14.40
North Somerset Council (emergency plan cards)	£40.00
S E Harris (tree work)	£240.00
Ian Trenchard (car park tidying)	£60.00

83/17 **MAJOR EMERGENCY PLAN**

Cllr John Banks said the group was still working hard on the Plan, particularly in identifying locations where people might need assistance.

84/17 **VILLAGE HALL REPORT**

Cllr Trenchard reported on work to replace windows in the toilets and kitchen. The up-grading of the cloakrooms was being considered. A bicycle rack would be installed. The next Committee meeting was scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> September.

85/17 **VILLAGE FIELD REPORT**

The Clerk had been unable to obtain insurance cover for the regular weekly games via the Council's current policy but would contact the Somerset Playing Fields Association for advice. She reported on bookings for the field and it was agreed that the School be permitted to bring the school dog to their summer fair. Clerk/14.07.17

Cllr Trenchard had attended the Field Management Committee Annual General Meeting when David Ellison was appointed as Chairman with Alan Hooley as Secretary and John Purcell as Treasurer. Cllr Trenchard was concerned that no attempt appeared to be made to attract new committee members.

Boules pitches: Following levelling difficulties the Committee members were now undertaking the work themselves.

The Clerk would arrange for the hedges to be cut in time for the Flower Show. Clerk/20.07.17

86/17 **CAR PARK**

The work to the west side of the hall would take place from 31 July – 4<sup>th</sup> August during which time there would be no access to the rear car park. Paul Loader had provided all the documentation to comply with Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.

88/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following were noted:

Tickenham School: newsletters

89/17 **DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2017**

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

[August 10 if required]; September 14; October 12; November 9; December 14.