

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2017 at 6.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall Committee Room

ACTION/BY

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

90/17 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jane Brock.

91/17 **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 13th July 2017, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

92/17 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(a) **Parish Recycling Scheme:** The Clerk had been informed that the Scheme was still in existence but with changes to the recycling collections progress was restricted. However, a new officer had now taken responsibility for moving the Scheme forward.

(b) **Merchant Navy Day:** The Chairman reported on problems with the flag pole which meant it had not been possible to fly the flag properly on 3rd September but those who had attended had appreciated the opportunity to remember family and friends.

93/17 **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

(a) **HIGHWAYS:**

(i) **Tickenham Hill/B3130/Jacklands - Speed Working Group:** The speed monitors were now in place and assurance had been given that the timetable for a possible speed restriction scheme would not be deferred. A draft scheme would be received from North Somerset Council (NSC) in due course.

(ii) **HGV signage:** The Clerk reported that NSC had declined to install an early warning sign for Washing Pound Lane on the grounds that there was already one in place. The Parish Council considered that that sign was too close to the junction and that the wording was inappropriate: "No right turn for HGVs" would be preferable. The Clerk was asked to convey the Council's views to NSC. Clerk/22.09.17

(iii) **Rural Traffic Regulation Orders:** The Clerk had received a letter from Pill & Easton in Gordano Parish Council concerning the lack of consultation by NSC over parking restrictions in rural areas. Although sympathetic, Tickenham Parish Council felt unable to comment as there were no such restrictions in, or needed in, the village. The Clerk would reply accordingly. Clerk/22.09.17

(iv) **Orchard Avenue:** Following contact from a resident the Clerk had asked NSC to deal with the many weeds and potholes in Orchard Avenue.

(v) **Wide Grass Verge:** The Clerk had been informed that the wide grass verge near Garden Park was public highway and therefore permission could not be given for the erection of permanent No Parking signs. It was suggested that a note left on the vehicles might be effective. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owners of the property concerned asking them not to park vehicles on the grass. Clerk/22.09.17

(vi) **Overtaking Mats:** The Clerk had noticed in the Local Access Forum minutes a reference to Tickenham as a suitable location for overtaking mats – a device for the Police to educate drivers of the dangers of passing too close to cyclists. Although to date no contact had been made by the Police, councillors considered that the B3130 would not be an appropriate location.

(vii) Incidents: There had been another accident at the junction of the B3128 and the B3130, resulting in injury to passengers in the car and the attendance of three emergency services. The Clerk reported that NSC were already looking into the possibility of further safety measures. Cllr Trenchard was concerned that it seemed impossible to get information about non-injury accidents so that it could be passed to the Police.

(b) FOOTPATHS:

(i) Seats, Barrow Court: Adrian Brooks had agreed to inspect the seats; however Cllr Perrott said that one of the seats had always been tilted due to the lie of the land.

(ii) Diversion of Footpath LA16/8 Golden Acres: The Clerk said that councillors' comments received had been passed to NSC who would report back in due course.

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PLANNING MATTERS

(a) NEW APPLICATIONS

17/P/1757/F & 1758/LB: Tickenham Court: Restoration and repair works

No objections had been raised in the email consultation

17/P/1908/SWE: Land NW of Godwin Drive, Nailsea: Dismantle o/head lines and replace with new poles and stays.

No objections had been raised in the email consultation.

17/P/1875/F: Land between 92 & 98 Clevedon Road: Erection of two five bedroom houses.

Clerk/22.09.17

Cllr David Franks had some sympathy with this application as, although within the green belt, the proposed layout had little impact on the visual appearance from the road. Cllr Pam Trenchard considered that the evidential information provided was incorrect as it referred to the Apple Store, which was an adjoining site. The comments of neighbours were noted.

After a full discussion the Council agreed to object to the proposal as it would constitute new development in the Green Belt and was therefore inappropriate.

17/P/2004/F: Lime Breach, Cadbury Camp Lane: Two storey self-contained annexe adjacent to main house, primarily for guest accommodation.

Clerk/22.09.17

It was noted that this proposal constituted development within the Green Belt. However, the Council was content with the proposal provided it was used entirely in conjunction with the existing property and must not be used as a separate dwelling.

17/P/2032/F: 30 Clevedon Road: Replacement of existing house with detached house and garage.

Clerk/22.09.17

The Council raised no objections.

(b) UP-DATES:

17/P/0799/F: Overmoor, Hill Lane: Conversion of outbuilding to holiday let.

Approved by NSC.

17/P/1257/F: Wood Smoke, Cadbury Camp Lane: Side extension and refurbishment. Approved by NSC.

17/P/1757/F & 17/P/1758/LB: Tickenham Court: Various refurbishment and reinstatement works to hall, staircase and windows. Approved by NSC.

17/P/1908/SWE: Land NW of Godwin Drive, Nailsea: Dismantle o/head lines and replace with new poles and stays: NSC had raised no objections.

(c) ENFORCEMENT

Two cases remained on the Enforcement List: caravan on land at Stone Edge Batch and vehicle access at 3 Jacklands Cottages.

95/17 **SETTLEMENT PROFILE**

A small group had met to consider the Tickenham settlement profile received from NSC: there had been numerous inaccuracies, including the fact that the profile covered only the area within the old settlement boundary.

96/17 **NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL CORE STRATEGY**

The Clerk had circulated the draft consultation document for individual comment.

97/17 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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The following were approved:

Clerk's salary July	£223.37
HMRC July	£55.80
Clerk's expenses July	£8.50
Clerk's Salary August	£223.37
HMRC August	£55.80
Clerk's expenses August	£9.82
Council for the Protection of Rural England (subscription)	£36.00
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
Local Councils Review (NALC)	£17.00
Tickenham PCC (magazine)	£200.00
Tickenham PCC (churtyard maintenance)	£600.00
Hampshire Flag Company (Red Ensign)	£54.85
Tickenham Flower Show (towards mini-bus)	£100.00
Ian Trenchard (kissing gate/car park weeding etc)	£60.00
Capstan Contractors (car park works)	£3,870.00
Southern Electric ('phone box)	£20.00
Ian Trenchard (car park weeding/tidying)	£60.00

98/17 **MAJOR EMERGENCY PLAN**

Cllr John Banks said the response to the questionnaires had been disappointing. However, the group would continue with the Plan and be ready to assist the emergency services as required in the event of an emergency.

99/17 **VILLAGE HALL REPORT**

Cllr Trenchard said that the refurbishment work was moving forward and to date £3,425 of the Lottery grant remained. The Annual General Meeting had been held, with no change in officers. Letting income was slightly down on last year but the cost of utilities had increased.

It was AGREED

- that a letter of thanks be sent to the Committee for the provision of the electricity supply to the Field.

Clerk/22.09.17

100/17 **VILLAGE FIELD REPORT**

Cllr Hooley said that the boules court was finished apart from some landscaping. The children's play area had received an award from the Somerset Playing Fields Association – details not known.

The Clerk had circulated the Field Annual Report and Accounts. It was AGREED

- that the Report and Accounts be received.

Congratulations and thanks were recorded to Cllr Hooley and the Committee were for their hard work and achievements.

Insurance: The Clerk had explored many sources but had been unable to find appropriate or affordable insurance for the weekly games. The Somerset Playing Fields Association had suggested that 'common sense should prevail' and the Council agreed that no further action was necessary.

The Clerk reported that David Ellison was investigating the possibility of combining the Hall and Field insurance when the Hall insurance became renewable in October.

101/17 **CAR PARK**

The work to the west side of the hall had been completed. It was AGREED
- that a letter of thanks be sent to Paul Loader for all his work in organising and supervising the works to the car park

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102/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following were noted:

Tickenham School: newsletters – The Clerk said that Tristan Merriam was now Head Teacher with Rebecca Underwood spending more time as a class teacher.

There were 80 children in school at the start of the September term.

Countryside Voice

Airport newsletter

Avon & Somerset Police newsletter

103/17 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Housing Development in Nailsea: Cllr Trenchard urged the Council to comment on the planning application for 183 dwellings at Engine Lane, Nailsea, with particular emphasis on the effect on traffic using the Causeway. Although the application contained a Transport Assessment, there was no reference to increased traffic using the Causeway to access Clevedon and the M5J20 and the suggested routes for traffic were not practicable given the narrow country lanes in the area. Cllr Trenchard stressed that the impact on the Causeway, Jacklands area and Tickenham village would be severe and asked the Council to request

- (i) a traffic survey and estimate of the extra traffic that would be generated by the proposed development,
- (ii) that no decision be made on this and other applications until transport networks for development schemes are in place,
- (iii) that Cllr Nigel Ashton be asked to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the Council's concerns.

After discussion it was AGREED

- that Councillor Franks prepare a paper setting out the Council's concerns. The paper would be circulated to councillors prior to submission to North Somerset Council.
- that Cllr Nigel Ashton be invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.

104/17 **DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2017**

The second Thursday in the month at 6.30 p.m. as follows:
October 12; November 9; December 14.