

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2017 at 6.30 p.m.
in 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, Pam Trenchard and Mike Woodey.
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk)

105/17 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ranjit Chuhan and Mike Perrott.

Prior to the formal business Mr John Rose spoke about the roles of local community groups with particular reference to Neighbourhood Watch. He mentioned a number of other groups in the village and hoped they were, or could be, a means of communication. A number of national organisations existed to support people in need (e.g. the Royal Voluntary Service, Village Agents and the Police and Crime Plan) and Mr Rose wondered whether any or all of these groups were known in the village: he asked the Parish Council to consider how to encourage better communication. The Chairman said that at present this was largely achieved through the parish magazine which, as well as the monthly issues to subscribers, was delivered to every household in June and December. Mr Rose was thanked for his presentation.

106/17 **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 14th September 2017, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

107/17 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Stone Edge Batch: Cllr Loader again voiced concern about the overgrowth on Stone Edge Batch which had been reported to North Somerset Council (NSC) in July. The chairman said that NSC were reluctant to permanently remove any of the trees and shrubs as the root systems helped to stabilise the bank.

108/17 **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

(a) HIGHWAYS:

(i) **Tickenham Hill/B3130/Jacklands - Speed Working Group:** The Clerk reported that the speed monitors had been removed and a report from NSC was imminent. While recognising the need to consult with both Nailsea and Wraxall & Failand Councils, Cllr Banks urged the Council to move the scheme forward. It was **AGREED**

- that the Clerk be asked to circulate the report in due course,

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- that when the report and anticipated costs were known, an appropriate amount be included in the 2018-19 budget with the option of withdrawing from the scheme if necessary.

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(ii) **Portable Speed Sign:** The sign was in place and had recorded 1600 speeding vehicles a day in each direction. Thanks were recorded to John Rose for managing the batteries.

(iii) **HGV signage:** The Clerk reported on communications with NSC and it appeared that repositioning of the existing sign as requested would not be within the legal requirements. The Council considered an alternative sign which was more visible and had greater impact: the cost would be £700. It was **AGREED**

- that the Clerk circulate suggestions for appropriate wording,

- that the cost and other issues be discussed with Cllr Nigel Ashton at the next meeting.

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(iv) Incidents: It was noted that Tickenham Hill had been closed for several hours following an incident with a lorry making a delivery.

(v) Wide Grass Verge: Vehicles were still parking on the verge and a local farmer had expressed concerns about accessing his field with large vehicles. After discussion it was **AGREED**

- that NSC be asked to take action,

- that the Clerk write again to the residents concerned.

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(vi) Causeway: It was noted that little had been done to improve the crumbling edge of the highway opposite the church. The Clerk would follow up with NSC. Clerk/18.10.17

In answer to a question, the Clerk reminded the Council that pedestrian warning signs could not be provided: NSC's view was that in country roads where there were no pavements drivers should expect to meet pedestrians walking in the road.

(vii) Pavements: Councillor Trenchard had received comment about the unkempt and slippery state of the pavements at the west end of the village. The Clerk had already reported to NSC.

(b) FOOTPATHS

No footpath issues were reported.

109/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) NEW APPLICATIONS

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17/P/2203/F: 46 Clevedon Road: Loft extension, side extension, conversion of external store and part of garage to accommodation, balcony to rear

Although the Council had no objections in principle, there were concerns about the close proximity to and detrimental effect on neighbouring properties.

17/P/2136/F: 171 Clevedon Road: Single storey and first floor extensions, external terrace on front elevation. The Council raised no objections.

17/P/2242/F: 240 Clevedon Road: Resubmission of app. No. 17/P/0564/F: two storey extensions with detached garage re-sited. The Council raised no objections.

17/P/2354/F 215 Clevedon Road: The Council had no objections in principle provided the roof lines and the proximity of the development were acceptable to neighbouring properties. It was suggested that the first floor window on the east elevation should be glazed with obscure glass.

17/P/2365/TPO: The Limes, Tickenham Hill: Tree works. The Council raised no objections.

(b) UP-DATES:

17/P/0687F: Rear of 131 Clevedon Road: Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling: Refused by NSC.

17/P/1875/F: 92-98 Clevedon Road: Erection of two dwellings. Refused by NSC. Cllr Brock questioned why the Parish Council had objected to this application but not to a previous similar one at the same location. She considered the proposal to be non-pretentious and refusal seemed illogical. The Chairman responded that it was simply a matter of development in the Green Belt and detriment to its openness.

(c) APPEAL AGAINST ENFORCEMENT ORDER

3 Jacklands Cottages: Creation of vehicular access:

The Clerk reminded the Council that as this was an Appeal against an Enforcement Order, the Council's previous comments would not be automatically forwarded. The Clerk was instructed to forward the Council's previous comments to the Inspector.

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(d) 17/P/1250/O: Engine Lane, Nailsea

The Clerk reported that the comments proposed by Cllr Franks and emailed to councillors had been forwarded to NSC.

110/17 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) The following were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary September	£223.17
HMRC September	£56.00
Clerk's expenses September	£26.85
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
Ian Trenchard (car park work)	£40.00

(b) Annual Audit

The Annual Return had been audited by the external examiner with no issues raised.

111/17 **INSURANCE**

The Clerk reported that the Hall insurers were unable to quote for the Council's cover. Councillors suggested that it might be possible to include the Hall cover on the Council's policy and the Clerk was asked to investigate and liaise with the Hall treasurer.

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112/17 **VILLAGE FIELD REPORT**

Cllr Hooley said that the children's play area had received an award from the Somerset Playing Fields Association. The Clerk reported a problem with noise from a bouncy castle generator: she had agreed with the Field Committee chairman that in future bouncy castles should be located on the games area and this requirement had been included in the terms and conditions and on the booking form.

In view of the increased use, it was noted that booking the Field may not ensure exclusive use. The Clerk would include a note to this effect in the terms and conditions.

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113/17 **DATA PROTECTION**

The Clerk reported that under new legislation to be introduced in May 2018 all local authorities would be required to appoint a Data Protection Officer. Data protection procedures would be particularly relevant to employees' records and Emergency Plan information. The Council would await further information from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

114/17 **BUS SERVICES**

Following an item in the parish magazine, the Clerk had received a response from a Tickenham Hill resident stating that the double-decker buses were extremely noisy as they accelerated up the hill and suggesting the re-instatement of single-decker buses. The situation had been resolved within a few days with the appearance of single-decker buses.

115/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following were noted:

Tickenham School:

Nailsea Community Trust – information about grant applications was distributed.

North Somerset Council – As part of the commemoration of the signing of the Armistice to end the First World War, NSC planned to produce a record of all the known North Somerset fallen and events would be organised to commemorate the anniversary of the signing. It was suggested that Cllr Franks should submit a copy of his record of the Tickenham War Memorial and the Clerk suggested that an appropriate event be organised for the village. Further information would be awaited from NSC.

116/17 **DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2017**

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

November 9; December 14. Cllr Nigel Ashton would attend the November meeting.