

# **TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 6.30 p.m.  
in the Village Hall Committee Room

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## ACTION/BY

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Bruce Ralfs (part), Jane Brock, David Franks, Alan Hooley, Ann Loader, Mike Perrott, Pam Trenchard and Mike Woodey.  
In attendance: Cllr Nigel Ashton, Mr Steven Thorne (North Somerset Council) and Vena Prater (Clerk)

In the absence of the chairman at the start of the meeting, Cllr Mike Perrott took the chair.

### 117/17 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs John Banks and Ranjit Chuhan.

### 118/17 **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Nigel Ashton and Mr Steven Thorne who were present to discuss various issues of concern to the Parish Council. (Items 119-124/17 below)

### 119/17 **DEVELOPMENT IN NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES**

Councillors were concerned about the increased amount of traffic resulting from possible developments in neighbouring villages and the huge impact that this would have on traffic passing through Tickenham, particularly to reach the M5 at Junction 20. There appeared to be no improved traffic infrastructure proposed in the Joint Spatial Plan (JSP) to 2026 and this had been confirmed in a meeting with North Somerset Council senior officers on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017. The Parish Council considered that infrastructure proposals in the JSP to 2036 should be brought forward to align with the 2026 programme of development.

Both Cllr Ashton and Mr Thorne agreed with the Council's concerns: in fact many councils had expressed similar views. There was no regulation which prevented developers from building piecemeal: they cherry-picked the sites to be developed and were no longer obliged to contribute towards facility and transport infrastructures. NSC had submitted bids for Government funding based on the need for new infrastructure and different methods of transport; but even if successful no funding would be received prior to development taking place. Cllr Ashton said he genuinely did not have an answer: specialists had been employed to construct the bid but it was a question of money and time – traffic problems would not be solved 'tomorrow.'

Mr Thorne said that the Joint Transport Study (JTS) was being finalised with a package of schemes alongside the JSP. Some of these schemes would be developed into options. Consultation on the options would take place next year, leading to one preferred scheme for the long term. Possible options were not only for roads, but included other possibilities such as rail links. However, it was inevitable that housing would come before transport infrastructure.

Mr Thorne said officers were now working on the development of options and parish council views were very valuable in that process. In response to discussion around the effect development would have on the Causeway, Washing Pound Lane and Church Lane, Mr Thorne said NSC officers would advise councillors on each application, grounds for refusal and possible mitigation. However, refusals

would result in more appeals, in turn resulting in approvals with no conditions imposed.

In answer to a point raised, Cllr Ashton agreed that some transportation methods were outside of NSC's remit. However, the transport team was putting funding bids together and if money were allocated NSC would be the 'host' council for shared projects.

120/17 **SPEED LIMITS: TICKENHAM HILL/STONE EDGE BATCH/JACKLANDS/B3130 (PART)**

Cllr Perrott explained the Council's concerns about speeding in these areas and that discussions had taken place with Mr David Bailey (NSC Senior Highways Engineer) resulting in a proposed project costing in excess of £20,000. The Council had been informed that external funding would be required to guarantee inclusion in the 2018 NSC budget. The Parish Council was reluctant to deplete its resources to this extent and Cllr Perrott asked whether funding would be available from NSC.

Cllr Ashton said that he had approved similar speed limits in other villages and although he was aware of the Tickenham proposal he was not aware of the funding issue. Cllr Ashton would make enquiries and report back. He was also aware of the ongoing situation at the Stone Edge Batch junction and further safety options were being investigated.

121/17 **HGV SIGNAGE: B3130/WASHING POUND LANE**

Cllr Perrott explained the issues around HGVs trying to access Nailsea (particularly the West End Trading Estate) via Washing Pound Lane and the Causeway, ignoring the existing insignificant signage on the B3130. The Council had been informed that a more visible sign was possible (within the constraints of signage regulations) but at a cost of £700.

Cllr Ashton would investigate and report back.

122/17 **FORMER TICKENHAM GARDEN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

Cllr Perrott said that the Council had been disappointed that NSC felt unable to support its request for a footpath from the proposed development to the school and centre of the village, particularly as all the land was in the same ownership and S106 money had been earmarked for other facilities.

Cllr Ashton said it was now too late to take any further action. Although there had been safety issues to be considered, Cllr Ashton conceded that it was regrettable that this had not been looked at in more depth.

123/17 **BUS SERVICES**

Cllr Loader explained that, following changes in the timetables, children leaving school in Nailsea had to wait for an unacceptably long time for a bus to Tickenham. Cllr Ashton would follow up with the bus company.

124/17 **NSC LIAISON OFFICERS**

It was noted that no NSC representative had attended Council meetings for some time. Cllr Ashton confirmed that the scheme was still in place but there were difficulties due to staff shortages. He would, however, speak with the officer concerned.

Cllr Ashton and Mr Thorne were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting at this point.

Cllr Bruce Ralfs took the chair.

125/17 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes other than those on the agenda.

126/17 **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

(a) **HIGHWAYS:**

(i) Incidents: No incidents were reported.

(ii) Wide Grass Verge: Vehicles were still parking on the verge; the Clerk anticipated that NSC would be contacting the residents concerned.

(iii) Causeway/Church Lane: The NSC highways engineer had agreed to look again at the possibility of improvements to the highway opposite the church.

(b) **FOOTPATHS**

No footpath issues were reported.

127/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) **NEW APPLICATIONS**

17/P/2480/NMA: Hamilton House, Cadbury Camp Lane: The Clerk had queried why it had taken from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 23<sup>rd</sup> October to send this application to the Parish Council. Earlier in the meeting Cllr Ashton had said that the application had not been accepted due to the fact that some of the changes went beyond the definition of a non-material amendment and a further application for a minor material amendment would need to be submitted.

(b) **UP-DATES:**

17/P/1321/F: Schloss Adler, Cadbury Camp Lane: Proposed extension to detached garage. Approved by NSC.

17/P/2203/F: 46 Clevedon Road: Extensions, new balcony etc. Application withdrawn.

17/P/2136/F: 171 Clevedon Road: Side and first floor extensions; terrace and new bi-fold doors. Approved by NSC.

(c) **Settlement Profile update meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

The Clerk reported that NSC was arranging individual meetings for each Council to follow up and review its response to the settlement profile consultation. The Clerk would enquire whether Cllrs Banks and Chuhan would be available to represent the Parish Council.

Clerk/17.11.17.

128/17 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following were approved for payment:

Clerk/17.10.17

Clerk's salary October	£223.37
HMRC October	£55.80
Clerk's expenses October	£7.30
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
Grant Thornton (external audit)	£120.00
Ian Trenchard (car park work)	£70.00

It was agreed that a payment of £640 to NSC for traffic surveys be deferred until the report from Cllr Ashton regarding funding had been received.

129/17 **VILLAGE HALL REPORT**

There had been no recent meeting of the Management Committee.

130/17 **VILLAGE FIELD REPORT**

There was nothing to report regarding the Field.

131/17 **DATA PROTECTION**

Cllr Woodey suggested that from his experience it would be prudent to appoint a 'data guardian' and this position might be shared across other councils. The Clerk was asked to enquire whether this was something that NSC might undertake and to consult with Nailsea Town Council as to their procedures.

Clerk/17.11.17

132/17 **NSC JOINT SPATIAL PLAN CONSULTATION**

It was AGREED

- that Cllr Franks be asked to produce a discussion paper for the December meeting, to formulate the Council's response to the JSP consultation document.

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133/17 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Tickenham School newsletter was noted:

134/17 **DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2017**

14<sup>th</sup> December.

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