

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 6.30 p.m.
at Tickenham School

ACTION/BY

PRESENT: Cllrs Bruce Ralfs, John Banks, Jane Brock, David Franks. Alan Hooley; Pam Trenchard and Mike Woodey.
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk) One member of the public.

34/18 **APOLOGIES**

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

35/18 **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 8th March 2018, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following addition in min. no. 25/18(v) Further details of the council's events would be considered nearer the time, *including the possibility of a display in the Hall foyer during the week leading up to 11th November and including the Village Market on the 10th.*

36/18 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(i) **Bus services:** A response from North Somerset Council (NSC) was awaited.
(ii) **Speedwatch:** Cllr Trenchard was still awaiting a response from Avon & Somerset Constabulary.

It was noted that the most recent reading of the vehicle-activated speed sign showed an unacceptably high number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit every day. However Speedwatch could not be active until checks were carried out by the Police, including assessment of the existing gun, inspection of the three sites as to their suitability and provision of new high-viz jackets. Three volunteers were needed to man a site – but there was a total of only three volunteers at present. Cllr Hooley asked about the possibility of a sign showing how many vehicles had exceeded the speed limit in a week but Cllr Trenchard said that these were not favoured by the police. After discussion it was AGREED

- that the Clerk be asked to write to Avon & Somerset Constabulary requesting that the issues above be addressed.

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37/18 **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

(a) **HIGHWAYS:**

(i) **HGV Signage:** The Clerk reported that NSC did not believe that the new signage would make any difference to HGVs accessing the Causeway and therefore a change was not required. Cllr Nigel Ashton thought there may be further restrictions required when the impact of the new housing in the area was known and at that time the signage could be reviewed. It was AGREED

- that no further action be taken for the time being but that the situation be kept under review.

(ii) **Incidents:** A vehicle had entered the rhyne near the Monkey Bridge: no further information available.

(iii) **Meeting with NSC and Avon Association of Local Councils (ALCA):** Cllr Banks had attended a recent meeting when NSC had spoken about the devolution of responsibilities to local councils. He said that some councils had been keen to take on more responsibility, even to the extent of repairing roads – something which Cllr Banks could not recommend. Tickenham's roads were generally well maintained by NSC. However the Clerk was asked to contact NSC again about the potholes at Stone Edge Batch.

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(b) FOOTPATHS

(i) Signage: In response to several complaints about dog poo, the Clerk had obtained small circular signs to be fitted to the gates. Several councillors offered to fix them to gate posts on the walk along the river.

(ii) Golden Acres: Cllr Trenchard expressed concern that the former Golden Acres Nursery was unattended but was easily accessible via the footpath, which could result in damage or squatting. It was noted that this was private property and the Council could take no action.

(iii) Barrow Court: The Clerk had received a complaint about mountain bikes using the Barrow Court footpath: she had contacted the NSC Footpaths Officer to ask if the stiles could be re-instated as a deterrent.

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PLANNING MATTERS

(a) New Applications:

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18/P/2136/FUL: 77 Clevedon Road: New two storey dwelling following demolition of existing bungalow. No objections were raised.

18/P/2619/FUH: 135 Clevedon Road: Loft conversion, rear extension and front porch. The Council considered this application in some detail and the following points were raised:

Although described as a loft conversion, this appeared to be the creation of a two-storey dwelling; concern was expressed about intrusion into neighbour's privacy and therefore a site visit by North Somerset Council planning officers was requested so that the effect could be properly assessed.

Provided that the neighbour's concerns are addressed, the Council raised no objections in principle.

18/P/2728/TPO: Birchwood, Cadbury Camp Lane: Treeworks. No objections were raised.

17/P/5098/FUL: Little Thorpe, Cadbury Camp Lane West: Erection of new dwelling following demolition of existing. No objections were raised.

(b) By email consultation:

18/P/2456/FUH: Beauligh, The Ripple: Rear patio extended by 2metres. No objections had been raised.

18/P/2722/FUH: 3 Jacklands Cottages: Retention of retaining wall; new picket fence and gate to frontage. No objections had been raised.

The member of the public left the meeting at this point.

(c) Up-Dates:

17/P/5587/FUH: Badgers Wood, Cadbury Camp Lane: Single storey extension; extension and first floor to garage to form car bay and studio: Approved by NSC.

17/P/7654/FUH: Little Orchard, Church Lane: First floor extension: Approved by NSC.

18/P/2222/FUH: Benington, Orchard Avenue: Single storey rear extension and decking: Approved by NSC.

18/P/2251/MMA: 30 Clevedon Road: Various minor changes to original application no. 17/P/2032/F: Approved by NSC.

18/P/2296/FUH: Badgers Wood, Cadbury Camp Lane: Extension of TV room and garage: Approved by NSC.

18/P/2319/FUH: 105 Clevedon Road: Single storey rear extension: Approved by NSC.

18/P/2349/FUH: 117 Clevedon Road: Single storey rear and side extensions, garage, porch: Approved by NSC.

(c) Notification of planning applications:

It was noted that a neighbour adjacent to one of the above properties had not been notified of an application for significant works to the neighbouring property. The Clerk was asked to check with NSC exactly who was notified of planning applications and to stress that owners of adjacent properties should be informed.

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(d) Hatchintan, Clevedon Road: possible breach of conditions:

The Clerk had asked the Case Officer on what grounds the decision that there had been no breach of conditions had been based. It appeared that the Inspector's comments were not controlled by a formal condition and therefore no action could be taken.

(e) Enforcement List

There were now two current cases on the enforcement list: Sylverah, Cadbury Camp Lane, and land at Stone Edge Batch. With regard to the latter it was noted that the present situation was quoted as 'Appeal to Supreme Court.' The Clerk would enquire as to further progress as this was previously quoted as 'Appeal to High Court.'

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39/18 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary March	£223.17
HMRC March	£56.00
Clerk's expenses March	£8.70
Tickenham Twinning Association (subscription)	£10.00
Avon Local Councils' Association (subscription)	£171.58
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40

40/18 **VILLAGE HALL REPORT**

There had been no meeting of the Hall Management Committee since the last Parish council meeting.

41/18 **VILLAGE FIELD REPORT**

Cancellation of Race Night: Some councillors expressed disappointment at the tone of the Field Committee's communication advising that, following the research carried out by Cllr Woodey, it had been decided to cancel the race night. Cllr Hooley expressed grave concern that the Council appeared not to trust the Field Committee and questioned why the Council had not contacted him, as the Council's representative on the Field Committee, in the first instance. He said the race night was planned as a family event to raise funds for the field and as a result of its cancellation several village groups were the losers. Cllr Woodey said he had researched the legal position and the finding was that if children were admitted, the amount spent by each attendee must be limited. Cllr Brock spoke in support of the Field Committee and questioned why the issue of children attending had been raised: she contended that common sense should have prevailed. Cllr Hooley was adamant that the Council had now formalised a 'duty of care' and asked (but received no formal response) whether it would be exercised over all village events. After a heated exchange of views Cllr Woodey left the meeting. Council moved to next business.

42/18 **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS**

Cllr Banks and the Clerk had completed an audit of the Council's contact groups and drafted a privacy policy, copies of which had been circulated. The Clerk reported that the National Association of Local Councils had obtained agreement that local councils need not appoint a Data Protection Officer by 25th May 2018 and the possibility of a national DPO service was still being investigated. It was AGREED

- that in the meantime the Clerk would attend a Data Protection training day on 30th April 2018 at a cost of £40.00

43/18 **WW1 ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION**

The Clerk reported that due to building works it would not be possible to hold the event at Tickenham Court. It was suggested that the event might be held in the church, it being the next most suitable location near to the river. The Clerk would enquire. Clerk/20.04.18
Cllr Franks had ordered eighteen Perspex blocks and made enquiries about engraving.

44/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Tickenham School newsletters.
Avon & Somerset Police newsletter
Countryside Voice
Nailsea Environment and Wildlife Trust – Notice about an open day on 9th June.

45/18 **DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2018**

Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. as follows: 10th May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council), 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September; 11th October, 8th November, 13th December.