

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 7.00 p.m.
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall

ACTION/BY

PRESENT: Cllr Bruce Ralfs in the chair, Cllrs Ranjit Chuhan, David Franks, Rachel Maby, Pam Trenchard and Steve Williams.

In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk)

Prior to the official business, the Council welcomed two representatives from National Grid who provided an interesting up-date on the Hinckley C project and how the work to install cables and pylons would affect the village. Of particular note was the fact that contractors' vehicles would use the B3120 and B3128 to access the 'haul road' at specified points, but would not be permitted to use any other roads. Access points would be at Washing Pound Lane/Church Lane and Old Lane.

110/18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs John Banks, Ann Loader and Mike Perrott.

111/18 **MEMBERSHIP**

The Council welcomed Rachel Maby to her first meeting and Steve Williams accepted the Council's invitation to become a co-opted member. Both signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

112/18 **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 13th September 2018, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record

113/18 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** (as itemised on the agenda)

(a) **BUS SERVICES**

No further information had been received on the possibility of providing a mini-bus to transport children to Nailsea School.

(b) **TICKENHAM OPEN GARDENS**

The Clerk reported that there had been an excellent response with seven residents willing to open their gardens next year. A committee had been formed and a constitution was being drawn up.

114/18 **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

(a) **HIGHWAYS:**

(i) **Incidents:** No incidents were reported.

(b) **FOOTPATHS**

(i) **Stiles:** The broken stiles along the river bank at the east end of the village had been reported to North Somerset Council (NSC),

(ii) **Footpath from Moor Lane towards Clevedon:** The Clerk reported that the new gates on this footpath were in Clevedon, not in Tickenham as originally thought.

115/18 **LOCAL PLAN 2036**

The Clerk reported that NSC was planning a workshop to discuss the possible Nailsea urban expansion. As such a development would affect neighbouring villages, Parish Councils were invited to nominate three residents to take part. It was hoped that the workshop would provide vital feedback on residents' hopes and fears around the future development. The workshop would be held on Tuesday 20th November at the tithe Barn, Nailsea, at 7.00 p.m. After discussion it was AGREED

- that the following be invited to represent Tickenham: Penny Roberts, Rob Gillingham and Steve Williams. Reserve: David Franks.

116/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

No new applications had been received.

(b) **UP-DATES ON DECISIONS**

There were no new decision notices. The Clerk reminded Council that the decision of the Supreme Court with regard to the residential caravan at Landside, Stone Edge Batch, was still awaited.

Golden Acres Nursery Site: The Chairman reported on a site visit to consider the diversion of the public footpath. After considering all the circumstances it had been informally agreed that the footpath would be diverted to the east of the site and would link with the existing route to the north. Assurance had been given that it would be fully maintained.

117/18 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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(a) **PAYMENTS:** The following were approved for payment

Clerk's salary September	£227.78
HMRC September	£57.00
Clerk's expenses September	£9.30
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
Ian Trenchard (car park work)	£100.00
David Seabright (external inspection of accounts)	£120.00

(b) **EXTERNAL INSPECTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk reported that the external inspection had been completed and the report posted on the website together with other documentation. The external examiner's report, copies of which had been previously circulated, was received.

118/18 **VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Trenchard reported on the recent Committee meeting and the Annual General Meeting. All reports were satisfactory, including an overall healthy financial position although a slight loss had been recorded for the past year. An increase in hire charges was being considered, to be effective from 1st January 2019. It was noted that three users accounted for one third of the annual income: should the Post Office cease to function from the Hall, this would result in a significant loss of income. At the Annual General Meeting Alita Brooks had been elected as the new Chairman of the Management Committee. Thanks had been expressed to the Parish Council for the maintenance of the car park. Cllr Trenchard was thanked for her report.

119/18 **VILLAGE FIELD**

(a) **REPORT:**

Cllr Chuhan reported on the recent Annual General Meeting of the Field Committee. Members were happy with the use of the field, including walking football and the sports day. General maintenance was on-going. A tree survey was being considered. Council noted that it had already approved work to the trees at the top of the field and would await contact from the Field Committee regarding any involvement in a further tree survey. Cllr Chuhan was thanked for her report.

(b) **RACE NIGHT:** The Council considered a response to an enquiry from Mr Alan Hooley concerning the cancellation of the Race Night earlier in the year. After discussion the wording of a reply was unanimously agreed.

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120/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Tickenham School newsletters.

Wraxall and Failand Parish Council: Notice had been received of places available at a planning training session run by the Avon Local Councils Association on 19th

November at the Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall. Cllr Rachel Maby expressed interest and her attendance was approved at a cost of £20.00

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121/18 **DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS**

2018: Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. as follows: 8th November, 13th December.

2019: It was agreed that meetings in 2019 would be held on the second Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

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