

# **TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 7.00 p.m.  
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall

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ACTION/BY

**PRESENT:** Cllr Bruce Ralfs in the chair, Cllrs John Banks, David Franks, Ranjit Chuhan, Mike Perrott, Rachel Maby, and Pam Trenchard.  
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk).

44/19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ann Loader and Steve Williams.

45/19 **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

46/19 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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

47/19 **PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) **NEW APPLICATIONS**

Clerk/18.04.19

19/P/0551/LBC: Tickenham Court: Removal of hall false ceiling, repairs to external masonry and roof structure, replacement of timber casements with stone tracery. Provided that English Heritage were content with the proposals, the Council raised no objections.

19/P/0606/MMA: Tickenham Court: Variation of condition to allow changes to oriels window. Provided that English Heritage were content with the proposals, the Council raised no objections.

(b) **UP-DATES**

The Clerk reported on decisions made with regard to recent planning applications. In particular it was noted that the application for conversion of an agricultural barn at Tickenham Court to residential accommodation (18/P/5214/CQA) was refused as it did not fall within general permitted development regulations and its siting between two existing barns was not acceptable for reasons of noise pollution, health and safety.

Although the official decision notice was not yet posted on the NSC website, it was understood that application no. 18/P/5124/OUT for a residential dwelling at Broome Manor Nursery had been approved.

(c) **ENFORCEMENT**

The list of enforcement cases was noted. In response to the Council's complaint about the height of the wall at The Tree House, Tickenham Hill, the Clerk had been informed that a planning application had been requested by NSC. However, the owner had advised that he did not wish to submit an application and as the wall was a replacement for a wooden fence and was not considered to be so harmful as to warrant enforcement action, no further action would be taken. The Parish Council considered this was totally unacceptable and would open the way for other unlawful development. The Clerk was asked to write to NSC expressing the Council's disappointment in the strongest possible terms and requesting that NSC should insist on the required planning application.

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48/19 **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

(a) **HIGHWAYS:**

(i) Tickenham Hill: The Chairman had been informed that the 30mph sign at the bottom of Tickenham Hill, and within the overall 40mph limit was advisory to warn motorists of the bend and junction ahead. No further information had been received as to when the speed monitoring would take place.

A request from Cllr Ann Loader that further consideration be given to providing a 30mph limit on the B3130 from Stone Edge Batch to the 30mph limit at Nailsea was considered. Bearing in mind that the speed limits in the area had only very recently been reviewed and revised, it was suggested that the matter be allowed to lie on the table until such time as the development at Tickenham Garden Centre was imminent, when a 30mph limit from Old Lane

to Nailsea could be requested. Such a proposal would be more comprehensive, would present a much stronger case and be more likely to succeed. Agreed.

(ii) Tickenham Road Action Group (TRAG)

A request had been received for financial support towards the costs of the Group. After discussion it was agreed that a grant of £150.00 towards general running costs be approved. The Clerk would ask for a break-down of how the money had been spent. Clerk/18.04.19

The Clerk had received communication from TRAG suggesting that a survey of the weights of vehicles passing through the village would be beneficial. Councillors believed that the weights of vehicles would not provide additional relevant information.

Cllr Banks had received a suggestion from TRAG that a joint working group be set up to consider improvements to Clevedon Road, which would then be forwarded to NSC for action. e.g. speed limits, traffic calming, pavements, signage etc. Cllr Banks suggested that, rather than suggesting improvements to the B3230, information supporting the inadequacy of the road in its current state would be more helpful and would provide hard evidence in opposing the JSP/JLTP4 options. He favoured a topographical survey which would identify highway widths, substandard sight lines from properties, inadequate footpaths, street furniture, service locations and nitrous oxide levels. After discussion it was agreed to ask NSC to carry out a topographical survey as described and the Clerk would reply to TRAG accordingly. Clerk/18.04.19

(iii) .Heritage Signs

It was agreed to ask NSC to clean and paint the historic cast iron finger posts and mile stone. Clerk/18.04.19

(iv) Incidents: There had been a two-car incident at the junction of the B3130 with Washing Pound Lane. Injury unknown.

Tickenham Hill had been closed following two incidents in neighbouring Wraxall village.

(v) Orchard Avenue

The Clerk was asked to write again the NSC drawing attention to the unsightly and dangerous state of Orchard Avenue. Clerk/18.04.19

(b) FOOTPATHS

(i) Survey: Cllr Perrott had started the survey of footpaths: he would investigate work to styles along the river bank at the eastern end.

(ii) Walks: There would be no footpath walks this summer unless an organiser/leader could be found.

(iii) Golden Acres: The Clerk reported that the developer had requested confirmation that the Council was open to the alternative route for the footpath running to the west of the site. Councillors confirmed that the route discussed on site was to the east and this had appeared acceptable to the developer. The Clerk was asked to convey this to the developer and request a plan of their final proposal. Clerk/18.04.19

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**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Clerk/18.04.19

(a) PAYMENTS:

The following were approved for payment

Clerk's salary March	£227.78
HMRC March	£57.00
Clerk's expenses March	£8.80
NSC (dog bin)	£14.40

(b) ANNUAL AUDIT 2018-19

The Council agreed that as a "smaller authority" it met the criteria for exemption and approved exempt status. The Clerk would continue to complete the accounting process as in previous years and the external audit would be carried out by David Seabright & Co. Clerk/18.04.19

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**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. Two representatives from National Grid would be present to provide an up-date on progress. It was agreed that in future the APM would be held on a day other than the normal Parish Council meeting.

51/19 **VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Trenchard reported that there would be no Post Office on Wednesday afternoons during the forthcoming drama production and on Monday mornings the Committee Room would also be used for drama costumes, sharing with the Post Office and coffee morning. The social evening had been a great success. The fixing of the reflective triangles on the low walls was now being undertaken by David Ellison.

52/19 **CAR PARK**

The Hall management committee had carried out a health and safety check on the car park and the following had arisen:

- 1 tarmac crumbling where the car park joined the pavement: a watching brief to be kept;
- 2 parking bay markings were worn in parts but generally acceptable;
- 3 the yellow 'keep clear' markings in the north west corner of the front car park were worn and needed re-instating
- 4 suggested that the yellow cross hatching to the west of the hall be re-instated and extended to the north west corner of the building and marked as 'disabled parking'.

It was agreed that points 3 and 4 above be implemented: the Clerk would obtain quotations.

Clerk/18.04.19

53/19 **VILLAGE FIELD**

Cllr Banks reported that the tree survey had been carried out: the sad news was that the central ash tree was diseased and two other small trees required removal. Apart from the one tree in the car park, decisions rested with the Field Committee but the Council would consider the report in more detail at its next meeting. In the meantime Cllr Banks would inform the Field Committee about National Grid's tree scheme.

JB/asap

54/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Tickenham School newsletters.

55/19 **DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS**

2019: Second Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

.9<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council); 13<sup>th</sup> June; 11<sup>th</sup> July; [8<sup>th</sup> August if needed]; 12<sup>th</sup> September; 10<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November; 12<sup>th</sup> December

The meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May would be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council when officers and representatives to other organisations would be appointed.