

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2019 7.00 p.m.
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall

ACTION/BY

PRESENT: Cllr Bruce Ralfs, Cllrs John Banks, Ann Loader, Mike Perrott, Rachel Maby and Pam Trenchard. Five members of the public were present.
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk).

56/19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr David Franks.

57/19 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

- (a) Chairman: It was proposed by Cllr Trenchard, seconded by Cllr Perrott and agreed that Cllr John Banks be elected chairman for the ensuing year.
- (b) Vice-Chairman: It was proposed by Cllr Banks, seconded by Cllr Ralfs and agreed that Cllr Mike Perrott be elected vice-chairman for the ensuing year.
- (c) Field Management Committee: It was unanimously agreed that Cllr John Banks should continue to represent the Council with Cllr Ann Loader as reserve representative. Clerk/17.05.19
- (d) Village Hall Management Committee: It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Pam Trenchard should continue to represent the Council. Clerk/17.05.19
- (e) National Association of Local Councils: It was agreed that representatives be appointed as appropriate.

58/19 **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 11th April 2019, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

59/19 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had circulated a report on activities since the last meeting. Arising from this Cllr Loader raised the issue of speed limits at Jacklands. Whilst recognising the reasoning behind the Council's decision to defer action until the completion of the former Tickenham Garden Centre development, Cllr Loader believed the issues required more urgent attention. In particular she raised the following concerns:

- (i) North Somerset Council (NSC) had agreed to clear the southern verge as part of the contract works but this had not been done: there were now ash saplings growing along the edge and walking up the hill was extremely dangerous;
- (ii) More signage was required from The Star Inn (Cllr Nigel Ashton had agreed to look into this);
- (iii) The hedges on the northern side of the Batch had not been trimmed for some time.

The Clerk was asked to take up these points with North Somerset Council.

Clerk/17.05.19

60/19 **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

(a) Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Local Transport Plan 4 The Clerk had previously circulated a proposal from the Tickenham Road Action Group (TRAG) that a joint meeting be held with TRAG, Parish Council and NSC representatives to discuss technical matters and exchange information. It was agreed that Cllrs Banks and Trenchard would represent the Council. The Clerk would ask NSC for information obtained from recent traffic monitoring. Clerk/17.05.19

Topographical survey: Cllr Banks had circulated information about possible contractors and had received quotations, the lowest of which were South West Surveys (£2,600) and A D Horner (£3,470) He had requested methodology statements from both. The Clerk had asked whether NSC had carried out similar surveys recently but no replies had been received to her two emails. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would chase NSC for a response; should no response be received by Monday 13th May, Cllr Banks was authorised to proceed and to accept the lowest tender. JB/Clerk/10.05.19

(b) Incidents: No incidents were reported.

(c) Signage: It was noted that the weight restriction sign by Washing Pound Lane was leaning over. The grass around the milestone at the same location required strimming. Clerk/17.05.19

(d) Road surfaces: The following were reported: road surface breaking up at various points on the B3130, potholes on Church Lane and a loose drain cover near 220 Clevedon Road. Clerk/17.05.19
It was noted that deliveries of the local newspaper had stopped as it was deemed unsafe to walk along the B3130, where some pavements were non-existent. Cllr Trenchard would endeavour to obtain this information in writing from the distribution company as it would add to the weight of objections to options in the JSP. PT/asap

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Perrott reported that because two stiles were missing or broken, horses had escaped onto the Barrow Court footpath. The landowners were aware.

61/19 **PLANNING MATTERS**

(a) NEW APPLICATIONS

No new applications had been received.

(b) UP-DATES

The Clerk reported on decisions made with regard to recent planning applications.

(c) ENFORCEMENT

The Tree House, Tickenham Hill: North Somerset Council had advised that although the new wall required planning permission it was not considered so harmful as to warrant taking enforcement action. The Enforcement Officer had stated that each case was considered on its individual merits and the situation regarding The Tree House wall would not set a precedent for other unauthorised development. Noted.

(d) DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: 6th June, 9.30 a.m. Weston-super-Mare
Cllrs John Banks, Pam Trenchard, Ann Loader and Rachel Maby would attend to represent the Council.

62/19 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Clerk/17.05.1919

(a) CLERK'S EMPLOYMENT

It was proposed by Cllr Banks, seconded by Cllr Ralfs and agreed that the Clerk's hours of work be increased by one hour from six to seven per week.

(b) PAYMENTS:

The following were approved for payment

Clerk's salary April	£238.30
HMRC April	£59.40
Clerk's expenses April	£7.40
NSC (dog bin)	£14.40
Tickenham Road Action Group (Grant)	£150.00
Ian Trenchard (car park)	£30.00

63/19 **INSURANCE**

Came & Co (Brokers) had recommended that the quotation from Ecclesiastical in the sum of £475.94 be accepted. The Clerk took councillors through the Policy Schedule and answered queries previously raised by councillors. She would check the value of the field equipment since the addition of the toddlers' swing. It was agreed that the quotation from Ecclesiastical be accepted. It was noted that this was the last year of the three year loyalty agreement with Ecclesiastical. Clerk/17.05.19

64/19 **VILLAGE HALL**

There had been no meeting of the Management Committee but Cllr Trenchard reported damage to the front wall of the car park. Clerk to arrange repair. Clerk/17.05.19

The immediate neighbour to the east had reported a crack to the wall of the Drama Group extension but on investigation it was found to be a small surface crack to the render.

65/19 **VILLAGE FIELD**

Following the tree survey, Cllr Banks had requested quotations from contractors. There were several options for the ash tree in the middle of the field, e.g. removal, banding, surgery. Due to varying views on the safety of the tree, it was possible that the Field Committee would request a further visit from the surveyor. Should the tree be removed, it was hoped that an application for a mature replacement could be made to National Grid.

66/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Tickenham School newsletters
Countryside Voice

DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

2019: Second Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.00 p.m.
13th June; 11th July; [8th August if needed]; 12th September; 10th October, 14th November;
12th December

2020: Cllr Banks suggested varying the meeting days in 2020. It was agreed that this be considered at the next meeting.

Clerk/01.06.19