

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th July 2019 7.00 p.m.
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall

ACTION/BY

PRESENT: Cllrs John Banks, David Franks, Ann Loader, Rachel Maby, Bruce Ralfs, Pam Trenchard and Steve Williams.

In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk) and five members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

TRAFFIC SPEEDS

Three residents spoke about the concerns of school parents regarding the speed of traffic near the school. They thanked the Council for providing the speed monitoring camera, which showed that the 20mph advisory signs were being ignored. They believed that an average speed camera would be more effective. Their biggest fear was that a child would be injured before any action was taken and they sought the Council's support.

BREACH OF PLANNING APPROVAL

A resident spoke about the development at 77 Clevedon Road where a bungalow had been demolished to be replaced with a two storey house. It appeared that the new structure was 2m higher than shown in the approved plans. As well as having other concerns, the resident stated that neighbours had not been consulted on the revised application for demolition. He was considering seeking reparation from North Somerset Council and was looking to the Parish Council for support.

82/19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mike Perrott and Steve Williams.

83/19 **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 13th June 2019, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record subject to an amendment to min. no. 72/19 (a) to read "... a meeting with North Somerset Council (NSC) councillors,"

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

84/19 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had circulated a report on activities since the last meeting. Noted.

85/19 **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

(a) Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Local Transport Plan 4: The further submission to the Examiners had been completed and returned to the Programme Officer. This included the results of the topographical survey which confirmed that the B3130 through the village was totally unsuitable for further traffic. The survey results would be posted on the Council's website.

Clerk/19.07.19

Following the suggestion by Cllr Franks at the previous meeting, the Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with NSC councillors, particularly the executive member for planning and transport (Cllr James Tonkin.) Following that meeting it might be prudent to meet with the chairman of Nailsea Town Council to obtain their views on the transport proposals. Wraxall & Failand Parish might be invited to attend such a meeting.

Clerk/16.07.19

With regard to the Examinations of the relevant Matters (6.3,7.4 & 7.7) in September/October, it was unanimously agreed that Cllrs John Banks and David Franks be appointed to represent the Council at the hearings.

Clerk/16/07/19

(b) Speed Monitoring at the School: The Council noted the points put forward by the members of the public. The following arose during discussion:

As Speedwatch was short of helpers it was suggested that school parents might be willing to volunteer: four more would make the scheme viable. Speed checks at school opening and closing times would be helpful in reducing speed.

It was suggested that instead of children and parents walking from the Hall to the School individually, they might be gathered in groups and escorted over the crossing: this might help to reduce traffic speeds. The cost of employing a 'lollipop lady' was prohibitive; therefore a parent volunteer would be needed to lead the groups.

Cllr Franks supported the idea of an average speed camera and councillors concurred. The Clerk was asked to contact NSC to request such a camera.

Clerk/16/07/19

(c) Stone Edge Batch Vegetation: The Clerk reported that the NSC officer felt unable to implement the removal of the roadside vegetation as (i) it would make the route more attractive to pedestrians and (ii) the contractor had raised concerns that removal of the road surface up to the wall might disrupt the integrity of the wall and lead it its being damaged. Councillors considered it was the responsibility of NSC to ensure that pedestrians could use the road, as well as cyclists and vehicles. They therefore asked the Clerk to return to NSC asking how they proposed to make the road safe for pedestrians.

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(d) Stone Edge Batch Signage: NSC had responded saying that there was good compliance with the 40mph speed limit. They saw no evidence that speeds had risen since implementing the speed limit and therefore there was no justification for additional signage along the route. Noted

(e) Tickenham Hill Speed Monitoring: In response to the Council's request for repeater signs, NSC stated that the monitoring had shown a reduction in vehicle speeds and therefore they considered the introduction of the 40mph speed limit to be successful. Therefore additional repeater signs, which would be likely to reduce actual speeds by only 1 - 2 mph, could not be justified. Noted. Cllr Trenchard said that she would request an authorised site on Tickenham Hill for Speedwatch.

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(f) Heritage Signs: A quotation had been received for refurbishing the three finger posts and the milestone in the sum of £450. It was unanimously agreed that the quotation be accepted.

It was noted that the three Tickenham millennium stones would benefit from cleaning/painting as required and the Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation.

Clerk/19.07.19

(g) Incidents: No incidents were reported.

FOOTPATHS

Following the experience of the Open Gardens day, Cllr Banks suggested that the Council should investigate the possibility of a continuous footpath walk through the village: this would involve the use of existing pavements and footpaths plus the addition of new, possibly permissive, footpaths. Cllr Franks gave historical information about the establishment of footpaths and their original purpose. After discussion the Council agreed to review existing footpaths and where additional routes might be needed. To assist with this, Cllr Perrott was asked to provide a plan of existing footpaths throughout the village.

Clerk/16.07.19

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PLANNING MATTERS

(a) NEW APPLICATIONS

No new applications had been received.

(b) UP-DATES

The Clerk reported that it appeared that the application for a footpath diversion at Golden Acres had been withdrawn.

(c) ENFORCEMENT

Cases regarding land at Stone Edge Batch; Stonewood, Stonehenge Lane; and Rose Villa, Jacklands remained on the enforcement list.

77 Clevedon Road: The Council noted the concerns expressed by neighbours and were sympathetic. The Clerk had already reported the suspected breach of planning permission to NSC.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In response to a question raised by the NSC officer, Councillors confirmed that they were concerned about the lack of affordable housing for young families and smaller properties for those wishing to downsize. This raised the question of where such properties might be located. It was agreed that a meeting with the NSC officer would be beneficial and suggested dates were Monday 29th July or Wednesday 31st July 2019.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) PAYMENTS:

Clerk/16.07.19

The following were approved for payment

Clerk's salary June	£277.92
HMRC June	£69.40
Clerk's expenses June (incl. GDPR registration £40)	£59.40
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40

North Somerset Council (speed camera)	£210.00
Came & Co (insurance fee)	£50.00
Village Hall (meetings)	£139.00
South West Surveys (topographical survey)	£3,120.00 (from reserves)
Green Thumb (two field treatments)	£145.00
Tickenham Twinning Association (subscription)	£10.00
Jim Sykes (internal audit)	£50.00
David Seabright (external audit)	£120.00
Southern Electric (phone box)	£20.00

A transfer of £2,600 from the Business Reserve Account was authorised to cover the cost of the topographical survey (net of VAT.)

(b) ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019

Copies of the accounts had been previously circulated. There were no questions raised and the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. Copies of relevant documents would be placed on the Council website. Clerk/15.07.19

89/19 **WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY AND UP-GRADING**

Mark Crocker had agreed to assist with improvements to the website. Possible dates for a meeting with him were Tuesday 20th or Thursday 22nd August 2019.

90/19 **VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Trenchard reported on Hall matters including a health and safety check, concerns about the fire risk presented by stored fabrics, a simpler sound system, and cloakroom refurbishment.

91/19 **VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**

Issues had arisen over car park use, especially when the Hall was in use and school parents were parking. The Council's preference would be that, in order to assist the use of the Hall, parents used only the rear car park. No decision was made to enforce this suggestion. Cllr Trenchard also reported that people using the Brown Rock woodland facilities were accessing the Hall car park via the children's play area. This would be raised informally with the owner.

92/19 **VILLAGE FIELD**

Cllr Banks reported that the tree works had been completed with the exception of the trees on the eastern boundary. On investigation it was evident that the eastern boundary (although not fully visible) was the responsibility of 207 Clevedon Road and necessary tree work would be carried out by the owner. Furthermore, a stock-proof fence would be provided on that side of the boundary.

It was noted that the wooden seats in the Field and the car park would benefit from cleaning and treating. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation. Clerk/16/07/19

Cllr Loader reported that an exterior water tap had been provided.

93/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Tickenham School newsletters

94/19 **DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS**

2020: Cllr Banks suggested that the days of meeting in 2020 be changed to a Monday to Thursday rotation. Cllr Franks spoke strongly against this saying it was normal practice for local authority meetings to be held on the same day of the week; this arrangement also helped the Lettings Secretary in accommodating other users. When put to the vote it was agreed that the meetings pattern should remain unchanged, i.e. the second Thursday in each month.

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

[8th August if needed]; 12th September; 10th October, 14th November; 12th December