

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2019 7.00 p.m.
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall

ACTION/BY

PRESENT: Cllrs John Banks, David Franks, Rachel Maby, Bruce Ralfs, Mike Perrott, Pam Trenchard and Steve Williams. Cllr Dan Sewell joined the meeting at 7.30 p.m.
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk)

- 95/19 MEMBERSHIP; It was proposed by Cllr John Banks and unanimously agreed that Mr Dan Sewell be co-opted to fill one of the vacancies following the elections.
- 96/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ann Loader.
- 97/19 MINUTES of the meeting held on 11th July 2019, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record subject to an amendment to min. no. 85/19 Footpaths to read "... Cllr Perrott would be asked to provide a plan ..."
There were no matters arising from the minutes other than those on the agenda.
- 98/19 CLERK'S REPORT
The Clerk had circulated a report on activities since the last meeting. The following arose;
Footpath LA16/6 (above Barrow Court): The Clerk would try to ascertain ownership. Clerk/26.09.19
Plot of land, Tickenham Hill: Cllr Ralfs reported that the site was being used as a deposit for a large amount of waste material, including metal. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether planning consent was required for such use and whether the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) was being adhered to. Clerk/18.09.19
- 99/19 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS
(a) HIGHWAYS
(i) Joint Spatial Plan (JSP) and Joint Local Transport Plan 4:
Since the last Council meeting and following consideration of early submissions, the Examiners had closed the Examinations and issued their findings. They believed that the JSP was fundamentally flawed and that the Strategic Development Locations (SDLs) had not been objectively selected against viable alternatives. They also identified issues around the release of Green Belt land when there were reasonable alternatives outside the Green Belt. The Examiners suggested that modifications would be insufficient to produce an acceptable alternative and that the changes necessary would amount to a complete re-writing of the Plan and a new Examination. They believed that, following consideration of the Councils' response to their findings, withdrawal of the Plan from examination would be the most appropriate option.
It was noted that Tickenham Road Action Group (TRAG) had met with NSC officers to consider technical issues.
Councillors agreed to take no further action for the time being and to await further information from the four authorities.

(ii) Speed Monitoring at the School: In response to the Council's request for a 20mph speed limit in the vicinity of the School, the NSC Highways Engineer had stated that recorded speeds within the legal speed limit of 30mph (rather than the current advisory 20mph) were not sufficiently high to warrant NSC providing calming measures. However, he suggested that a 20mph speed limit might be a possibility – but the Parish Council would have to provide the funding, estimated to be between £5,000 and £8,000. Alternatively, road humps would be in the region of £4,000 a pair. Cllr Sewell reported on discussions with Dr Liam Fox MP, who had been supportive and the school parents would continue to lobby for safety measures. After discussion

it was agreed that NSC Highways Department be asked to prepare a costed scheme for an enforceable 20mph limit. It was possible that applications for grant might be made to, for example, the Airport Community Fund and National Grid.

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(iii) SpeedWatch: Cllr Trenchard had had discussions with the Police about more authorised locations. Tickenham Hill had proved impossible as the Police could not use their van on the Hill because there were insufficient speed limit repeater signs. With regard to the School, there had been difficulties in finding a suitable location for the speed van, although it was possible that the Police motorcycle could be used. Cllr Trenchard would contact a resident with regard to a possible location.

(iii) Stone Edge Batch Vegetation: The Clerk reported that the NSC Highways Engineer continued to contend that it was preferable to leave the vegetation on the south side of the road: if it encroached onto the usable carriageway width and impacted on passing traffic, it would be cut back as soon as possible. He believed that exposing the verge could potentially encourage pedestrians to use the very narrow area as a path, with the danger their being clipped by passing traffic.

The Council considered other options and this led to discussion about the Footpath Project which it was hoped would provide safe walking throughout the length of the village by means of additional permissive footpaths. Cllr Trenchard queried whether the provision of a continuous footpath was the real issue: two recent footpath walks had been very poorly attended. After discussion, Cllr Perrott offered to look at the existing footpath map and come back to Council with possibilities for consideration at the November meeting.

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(iv) NSC re-wilding project: Cllr Franks had contacted NSC about its intended re-wilding programme. Council agreed that the wide verge and the bank from 239 Clevedon Road to the golf course might be suitable locations. The Clerk was asked to obtain more information about the proposals.

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The Clerk had received information about talks arranged by NSC to support the Global Day of Climate Change on 20th September. One of these was 'Re-wilding – greening North Somerset' to be given by Chris Sperring.

(v) Incidents: No vehicular incidents were reported.

(vi) Summerhouse: The Chairman had been contacted by a resident about overhanging leylandii trees. Cllr Ralfs would investigate

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(vii) Signage B3130: On behalf of Cllr Loader, the Clerk had raised the question of repeater speed limit signs from The Star Inn to Jacklands: the NSC Highways Engineer had responded that speed readings within the extent of the old National Speed Limit demonstrated good compliance with a 40mph limit. There was no reason to suggest that actual speeds had risen since implementing the new 40mph limit: therefore there was no justification for installing additional signs along that route. The Clerk would inform Cllr Loader accordingly.

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(b) FOOTPATHS

Footpath Project: This item had been dealt with in min. no. 99/19(iii) above.

100/19 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) The following had been considered by email consultation and comments forwarded to NSC:

19/P/1727/MMA: Golden Acres: diversion of Public Right of Way: There were no objections to the proposal.

19/P/1781/TPO: The Limes, Tickenham Hill: tree works: There were no objections to the proposal.

19/P/1789/FUH: Orchard End, Orchard Avenue: loft conversion, first floor front extension, single storey front and side extension: Provided the neighbour was content, no objections were raised.

(b) NEW APPLICATIONS:

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19/P/1805/FUH: Rock Leigh, Stonehenge Lane: two storey side extension with associated demolitions:

The Council raised no objections in principle although it was unable to identify the proposed use of an area indicated on the proposed block plan to the west of the proposed development and which did not appear on any of the other documents.

19/P/1990/FUH: Little Valley Farm, Old Lane: agricultural building:

No objections were raised.

19/P/1813/RM: Land west of 28 Clevedon Road: access, appearance, landscaping etc re 18/P/5124/OUT (one dwelling):

Council considered that the boundary wall at 1.8m high was aesthetically intrusive and detrimental to the street scene. A height of 1m would be preferred. NSC was asked to ensure that a 2m footpath was provided.

19/P/2006/TPO: The Beeches, Cadbury Camp Lane: tree works:

No objections were raised.

19/P/2010/LDP: 131 Clevedon Road: dual pitched roof double garage:

No objections were raised.

19/P/2037/TPO: Hamilton House, Cadbury Camp Lane: tree works:

No objections were raised.

19/P/2083/TPO: Birchwood, Cadbury Camp Lane: tree works:

No objections were raised.

(c) UP-DATES

Pine Trees, Cadbury Camp Lane: new dwelling following demolition: Approved

Monocot, Cadbury Camp Lane: new dwelling following demolition: still awaiting decision

(d) ENFORCEMENT CASES

18/P/2136/FUL: 77 Clevedon Road

The suspected breach of planning permission had been reported to NSC and acknowledged but to date no further information as to outcome has been received. Cllr Trenchard reported that the enforcement Officer had visited the site very recently.

(e) Consultation for Permitted Development for 5G Masts

Cllr Franks raised this item saying that inevitably heights of masts were increasing so as to be efficient and widths were increasing by approximately one-third. Noted.

101/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman, Cllr Trenchard and the Clerk had met with NSC officers who suggested that, rather than produce (at great cost in terms of money and time) a Neighbourhood Plan that had no legal standing, it would be better to consider options for Tickenham which could be considered for inclusion in the next NS Local Plan, e.g. reinstatement of the settlement boundary, small developments of dwellings for young families, business options etc. Council was undecided as to the preferred way forward but the initial reaction was for a Neighbourhood Plan: although this would need careful consideration, in-depth planning and consultation with the Tickenham community. It was agreed that Cllrs Banks, Trenchard, Maby, Williams and the Clerk would meet to study the maps provided by NSC and provide an initial report to the next meeting. The intention would be to present proposals, whether contained in a Neighbourhood Plan or the NSC Local Plan, for consideration by residents at the Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk/18.09.1919

102/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) PAYMENTS:

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The following were approved for payment

Clerk's salary July	£277.92
HMRC July	£69.40
Clerk's salary August	277.92
HMRC August	69.40
Clerk's expenses July/August	£21.00
North Somerset Council (dog bin x 2)	£28.80
North Somerset Council (election expenses)	£45.00
S E Harris (tree works, car park)	£924.00
Green Thumb (grass treatment, field)	£15.00
John Carpenter (signs and benches)	£550.00
Campaign to Protect Rural England (subscription)	£36.00
Tickenham Church PCC (contribution to magazine)	£200.00
Tickenham Church PCC (churchyard maintenance)	£600.00
Ian Trenchard (work to car park and hedges)	£120.00

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to John Carpenter for his excellent work in restoring the finger posts and other signs.

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(b) REQUEST FOR GRANT

Weston & North Somerset Disability Information & Advice Line had requested support. The Clerk had asked whether any Tickenham residents used the service and was awaiting a reply.

103/19 REVIEW OF REGULATIONS

The following reviews were agreed:

- Financial regulations – Cllr Sewell
- Code of Practice – Cllr Sewell
- Risk Assessment – Cllr Perrott

104/19 WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY AND UP-GRADING

The Chairman and Clerk had arranged an initial meeting with Mark Crocker. It was important that the Council owned the website and controlled content and improvements. Cllr Sewell said that he would be happy to help with a new website and submit examples for consideration. The offer was gratefully accepted.

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105/19 BUILDING VILLAGE COMMUNITY

The Clerk had circulated a "Village Survival Guide" received from Mr Adrian Brooks. Of the Top 10 Sustainability Points, councillors believed that most were met, or partially met, in some form and others were under consideration, e.g. the footpath project and future plans. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would consider each point in detail with the possibility of a village survey to seek residents' views. This could form a topic for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Clerk/JB/asap

106/19 VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Trenchard said that the next Committee meeting would be on 25th September. The refurbishment of the ladies' toilets had been completed.

107/19 VILLAGE FIELD

Cllr Banks said that the Annual General Meeting of the Committee would be held on 16th September. The annual inspection of the play equipment had highlighted some areas requiring attention. Work to the trees had been completed with the exception of cutting back overhang onto the garage area: this would be completed shortly.

108/19 CORRESPONDENCE

Tickenham School newsletters
SSE Energy re phone box supply

Avon Local Councils Association Annual General Meeting: 5th October 2019

North Somerset Council: Summit for town and parish councils: 12th October 2019: It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should represent the Council. If a third place were available, Cllr Trenchard would attend.

North Somerset Council: series of talks to mark Climate Action Day, 20th September 2019: the Clerk would circulate details.

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109/19 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

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

10th October, 14th November; 12th December

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