

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

ACTION/BY

PRESENT: Cllr Mike Perrott in the Chair, Cllrs David Franks, Bruce Ralfs, Ann Loader, Rachel Maby, Pam Trenchard and Steve Williams.
In attendance: The Clerk and one member of the public.

16/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs John Banks and Dan Sewell.

17/20 MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th January 2020, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) NATIONAL GRID: It was noted that trees had been felled near Old Lane. It was understood that this was necessary for the creation of the bell mouth for access to the haul road and that new trees would be planted in due course. The Council would monitor the situation.

(ii) 2020/2021 BUDGET - FLOWER SHOW GRANT: Cllr Ann Loader expressed disappointment that the Council had removed from the budget the £150 grant towards the cost of the minibus. She acknowledged that the Flower Show had donated substantial funds to the Village Hall and Village Field committees but explained that this had been taken from reserves because the hall and the field were integral to the success of the flower show. Cllr Loader and Cllr Trenchard both commented that the Council grant was seen as a sign of general support for the Flower Show.

Cllr Perrott assured Cllr Loader of the Council's support for the Flower Show and believed that were it to be in financial difficulty the council would consider support. He said that the budget was set for this year but the Council would reconsider when setting the next year's budget.

18/20 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk drew attention to items contained in her report. It was particularly noted that (i) the owners of 135 Clevedon Road had apologised for the state of the wide grass verge and offered to carry out any necessary reinstatement and (ii) the defibrillator had been removed from the cabinet but had not been used and the equipment had been returned correctly.

19/20 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

(a) HIGHWAYS

(i) Joint Spatial Plan (JSP) and Joint Local Transport Plan 4:

Information on the Local Plan 2036 was awaited from North Somerset Council (NSC)

The Joint Local Transport Plan 4 (JLTP4) had been published. Cllr Franks noted that "the yellow road" was shown as a cycle route only; the road from Nailsea to M5 J19 was still shown via Tickenham Hill; the road across the Causeway was still included; there was nothing specific about Tickenham itself but he expected this to be in the Local Plan. It was expected that the JLTP4 would be signed off by NSC by the end of March following which the three other local authorities would need to sign it off prior to its referral to inspectors. There was no opportunity for further input. Cllr Perrott said that at the officers' agenda meeting a further meeting with NSC officers had been suggested. Cllr Franks suggested that the matter could return to the March meeting when councillors would have had opportunity to read the NSC officer's detailed report. It was AGREED that further discussion be deferred to the next meeting.

(ii) Speed Monitoring at the School: The Clerk would continue to check with NSC when the new process for 20mph speed limits would be agreed and introduced. The Council would need to agree the extent of the limit, possibly from the Hall to Orchard Avenue.

(iii) SpeedWatch: Cllr Trenchard reported that three new volunteers had taken part in an exercise, with two vehicles clocked at 36 and 39 mph. Approved sites at Tickenham Hill and one more on the B3130 were still awaited.

(iv) Incidents: A fallen tree at the Nailsea end of the Causeway had caused long delays in Tickenham.

(v) Post Pox, Stone Edge Batch: It was noted that the post box had been closed due to safety issues for the postman when crossing the road. It was suggested that changing the collection slot to a time when the road was less busy would help. The Clerk was asked to write to Royal Mail accordingly.

Clerk/21.02.20

(b) FOOTPATHS

(i) Footpath Project: Cllr Perrott would report to the next meeting. He circulated a map produced by Scarlett Ellison who had carried out a litter pick along the footpaths as part of her Duke of Edinburgh's Award project. She had noted that the worst area for litter was opposite the church. The Clerk would check whether the waste bin was still there and whether it was being emptied regularly.

Clerk/21.02.20
MP/12.03.20

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PLANNING MATTERS

(a) NEW APPLICATIONS

Clerk/13.01.20

19/P/3158/FUH: 229 Clevedon Road: Two storey side extension; roof conversion; new single storey garage. Provided the neighbours were content, the Council raised no objections

19/P/3183/FUH: St Quiricus & St Julietta Church: Extension to the north east to provide storage. No objections were raised.

20/P/0021/FUH: 131 Clevedon Road: One bedroom dwelling following demolition of outbuilding. The Council noted that a previous application had been refused and an Appeal dismissed. The Council offered no further comment.

20/P/0125/LDE: The Star Inn: Lawful use Class A3 (restaurants and cafes.) No objections were raised.

(b) UP-DATES

The Clerk reported that application 19/P/3075/TPO (Birchwood, Cadbury Camp Lane) had been approved and that following the removal of adjacent agricultural buildings application 19/P/3095/CQA (Tickenham Court) no longer required permission.

The total TPO on the site at Tickenham Hill/Summerhouse had been confirmed. Cllr Ralfs said that some of the trees and undergrowth had been cleared and there were pigs on the site. The Clerk was asked to report to the NSC Tree Officer.

Clerk/21.02.20

The Nursery, Stone Edge Batch: The Clerk drew attention to a report on the NSC website that it was proposed to provide a pedestrian crossing to access the public footpath.

(c) TICKENHAM GARDEN CENTRE

The Clerk reminded councillors that the developers would be making a presentation to the Council on the 24th February at 7.00 p.m.

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SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW

Cllr Franks outlined the history of settlement boundaries. The Clerk said that the issue of the settlement boundary had arisen when a Neighbourhood Plan was being considered but the advice of NSC officers had been that a review of the boundary would be more appropriate as proposals might be incorporated into the new Local Plan 2036. She reminded the Council that inclusion of land within the settlement boundary could imply potential for development provided all other planning policies were met. The working group had met twice and addressed inconsistencies in the boundary: it was now for the Council to decide on the next steps. It was agreed that further discussion be deferred to the next meeting to allow councillors to consider whether limited development would be welcomed in the village and if so with what restrictions (e.g. affordable housing/smaller properties) and in what locations. The working group would then update the settlement boundary for final review.

All/12.03.20

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) PAYMENTS:

Clerk/21.02.20

The following were approved for payment

Clerk's salary January	£277.72
HMRC January	£69.60
Clerk's expenses January	£8.70
Quick Call Dave (IT work)	£324.80

J W Triggol & son	£72.00
North Somerset Council (bin)	£14.40
North Somerset Council (gates)	£258.00

(b) BUDGET 2020/21: Tickenham church

A letter had been received from the Church treasurer concerning the withdrawal of the grant towards churchyard maintenance. It asked whether the grant towards the parish magazine could be enhanced to compensate for the loss of funding. Looking to the future, the treasurer had said that the whole process of producing and distributing the magazine would be reviewed and different options considered, including distributing the magazine free of charge to the whole village. This would obviate the need for collecting subscriptions, a task which was becoming increasingly difficult for the distributors. Cllr Franks commented that the electricity for the street light outside the church was charged to the church account and perhaps a contribution could be made towards that cost. After a full discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain details of the current costs of producing the magazine and of the anticipated costs for producing a free copy for the whole village.

Clerk/21.02.20

23/20 SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

This item was deferred to the next meeting..

24/20 VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Trenchard reported on the recent meeting of the Management Committee: The postmaster would be retiring in the near future and it was not known whether the Tickenham facility would continue.

Following the recent spate of burglaries, the committee room door had been identified as needing more secure locks.

Improvements to the gents and disabled toilets would be carried out as soon as possible.

An accident had been reported by the karate group: they no longer used special mats due to lack of storage space at the hall.

The facility to pay for hire electronically had been set up and an electronic booking system would be trialled. Forward bookings were good. No progress had been made with an outside sign advertising the hall.

Difficulties in organising and distributing the parish magazine had been mentioned: it was hoped that all groups who contributed to the magazine would consider new ways to make it available to all residents.

25/20 VILLAGE FIELD

Cllr Trenchard said that new play equipment had been ordered and an adult trim trail was being considered. It was hoped to establish regular boules sessions.

26/20 VE DAY COMMEMORATION Friday 8th May 2020

The Clerk reported that a piper had been booked. Various suggestions for an event to follow the formal remembrance were suggested including a ukulele band, sing-along, rock choir, tea dance. A final decision would be made at the next meeting and more suggestions for the event would be sought via the parish magazine.

Clerk/20.02.20

27/20 CORRESPONDENCE

In addition to items circulated the Avon CPRE Annual Review had been received.

28/20 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

2020: Second Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, [August 13th], September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th