

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

ACTION/BY

PRESENT: Cllr John Banks in the Chair, Cllrs David Franks, Bruce Ralfs, Ann Loader, Rachel Maby, Dan Sewell and Pam Trenchard.
In attendance: The Clerk and one member of the public.

29/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

30/20 CORONAVIRUS PLANNING

In the event that it was not possible to hold meetings and depending on the complexity of the agenda, councillors were content to hold telephone conferences. Further options would be considered should the need arise.

31/20 GOLDEN ACRES NURSERY SITE

Kit Stokes, representing a prospective purchaser of this site, addressed the meeting. He circulated a plan showing a proposal for fourteen properties of three and four bedrooms, including two social housing dwellings. The public right of way was shown going north from the entrance and turning west before joining the existing path to the north. A previous proposal by a different developer was for seven large four and five bedroom properties. Cllr Banks said that the Council was keen that any development should be for smaller properties suitable for down-sizing and young families. Cllr Trenchard believed that some bungalows would be welcomed by residents. Councillors welcomed the proposal and agreed that they would not be averse to more than fourteen dwellings provided some were smaller, i.e. 2/3 bedrooms. Mr Stokes was thanked for his attendance.

30/20 MINUTES of the meeting held on 13th February 2020, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

31/20 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report had been previously circulated. Arising from the report on parking at 3 Jacklands Cottages, the Clerk was asked to follow up the question of parking at Rose Villa, Jacklands.

Clerk/20.03.20

32/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
POST BOX, STONE EDGE BATCH

Cllr Loader was concerned that Royal Mail proposed to remove the Victorian post box due to its dangerous position and low usage. She suggested that it might be moved to a wall at the bottom of Stone Edge Batch (Jacklands Bridge) where it would be more accessible. Cllr Ralfs suggested that the collection time should be changed from the present 4.30 p.m., which was a very busy time of the day for traffic: this could be trialled for, say, four months. After discussion the Clerk was asked to write to Royal Mail with these two options and to point out that the nearest other boxes were at the Village Hall or the top of Tickenham Hill. If neither option were acceptable it would be suggested to Royal Mail that the box be permanently sealed and left in situ as an historic feature which had been in place since 1898 and which the Council would be prepared to maintain.

Clerk/20.03.20

33/20 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

(a) HIGHWAYS

(i) Joint Local Transport Plan 4

The Council welcomed the decision by North Somerset Council to delete the proposed road developments from J20 to Tickenham, through the village and across the moor, from the JLTP4. However, the Plan still needed to be confirmed by the three other local authorities. The Council recorded its thanks to the Tickenham Road Action Group who had been instrumental in securing this amendment.

(ii) NSC Local Plan 2023 – 2038

The Clerk had circulated the Pre-commencement Document setting out the scope, methodology and programme for the Plan. The Chairman and Clerk would consider whether a response was necessary at this stage. The consultation on the Issues and Options Document would be held between May and June 2020.

JB/Clerk/20.03.20

(iii) Speed limit:

The Council noted an incident whereby a boy was in collision with a car and needed hospital treatment, albeit the injury was not serious. The Clerk had sent details of the incident to NSC to enable them to obtain the Police report.

Cllr Sewell had circulated councillors with a tentative suggestion that parking on the B3130 would act as a traffic calming measure. He was aware that this was perhaps not a viable option but he was anxious to do whatever it took to reduce speed through the village and thereby limit the danger to children.

The Clerk had been informed by the NSC Senior Engineer that the proposal for a 20mph speed limit would be investigated in next year's programme (i.e. from 1st April 2020) which showed a £10,000 contribution from the Parish Council towards the works. The Clerk had pointed out that the Council's contribution had not yet been confirmed and further discussions would be held when the potential options were known.

(iv) SpeedWatch: Five school parents had expressed interest in joining the group.

(v) Incidents: As noted above, a young boy had been involved in an accident with a car: he had received stitches in a head wound but suffered no lasting effects. It had been reported that the car was being driven at 25mph on the straight stretch of road near Garden Park.

(vi) National Grid

The traffic lights at Old Lane had been removed temporarily as work on the adjoining site had been halted due to the waterlogged ground. It was anticipated that the work would resume in the following week and the traffic lights re-installed.

(b) FOOTPATHS

Footpath Project

Cllr Perrott had contacted the owner of the land near the Star Inn regarding a possible permissive footpath and a response was awaited.

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PLANNING MATTERS

(a) NEW APPLICATIONS

Clerk/20.03.20

20/P/0267/FUH: 162 Clevedon Road: Detached garage and single storey rear and side extensions.

The sympathetic treatment of the proposed extensions was welcomed and no objections were raised.

20/P/0369/NMA: 77 Clevedon Road: Two additional Velux windows on front elevation.

This application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

(b) UP-DATES & ENFORCEMENT CASES

The Clerk reported that land at Stone Edge Batch, where a large caravan had been sited, and land at Summerhouse, Tickenham Hill, where waste had been deposited, remained on the NSC enforcement list. As mentioned in the Clerk's report, parking at 3 Jacklands Cottages had been reported.

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SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW

It was noted that the revised proposals for the Golden Acres Nursery site included fourteen three and four bedroom dwellings. These would go some way to addressing the Council's perceived need for properties for young families and those wishing to downsize. Cllr Banks suggested that it might, therefore, not be necessary to extend the settlement boundary, thus releasing land for potential development. It was agreed that no further work on the settlement boundary be undertaken until the formal planning application for the Golden Acres Nursery site was received and at that stage the situation would be reviewed.

In the meantime, the Clerk had received correspondence from a resident on Tickenham Hill drawing attention to several areas of land that, with sympathetic design, might be

appropriate for development. The resident was thanked for his interest and the Clerk would reply in line with the Council's decision above.

36/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) PAYMENTS:

The following were approved for payment

Clerk's salary February	£277.92
HMRC February	£69.40
Clerk's expenses February	£10.70
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
National Assoc. of Local Councils (subscription)	£181.22

The Clerk explained that NatWest bank had failed to change the Council's correspondence address: therefore no bank statements or cheque book had been received. The Bank had promised to address the problem and issue the necessary documents as soon as possible. The Clerk reminded the Council that on-line banking had been approved some time ago and it was agreed that this should be implemented without delay.

Clerk/09.04.20

(b) BUDGET 2020/21: Tickenham Church

The Clerk had received the following breakdown of costs for producing the parish magazine: Regular monthly distribution including June & December £2,180

Current income from subscriptions and advertisements: £2,303

Cost of distributing free of charge to every household: £4,080

The Clerk reminded the Council that distributors were increasingly unwilling to be responsible for collecting subscriptions and the Church was concerned about safety issues given the increased traffic on the roads, many of which had no pavements. The Council considered options for distribution as follows and the Clerk was asked to convey these to the Parochial Church Council:

- (i) Paper copy by post for those who provide stamped, addressed envelopes
- (ii) Encourage more people to pay online
- (iii) Email copy to subscribers
- (iv) Copy available on village and church websites

The Council recognised the not insignificant community value of the magazine and it was agreed that a contribution of £600 be made towards its publication for the current year. Clerk/20.03.20

37/20 SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

Cllr Sewell suggested and the Council agreed that the webmaster should be responsible for ensuring that the village website (and therefore the Parish Council element) was accessible. The Clerk would seek assurance from Mark Crocker regarding accessibility. Clerk/20.03.20

38/20 VILLAGE HALL

There had been no meeting of the Hall Management Committee during the past month.

39/20 VILLAGE FIELD

Cllr Banks said that at its next meeting the Field Committee would be considering the future of the diseased ash tree, drainage of the sports pitch, new play equipment, funding for new projects and future events, including regular boules meetings.

He said that following the huge success of the Open Gardens Day last year and in addition to new parking arrangements for this year, the group would like to open the field for overflow parking. Parking would be managed by members of the Field Committee and it would be their decision on the day as to whether the Field should be used, dependent on weather and ground conditions. After discussion it was agreed by a majority vote to allow the Field to be used for parking for this year's event. Cllr Sewell offered to ask whether the School might make its car park available.

DS/09.04.20

40/20 VE DAY COMMEMORATION Friday 8th May 2020

The Clerk had not been able to secure a band for a tea dance at a reasonable cost. Cllr Banks said that the Field Committee had planned a boules event on the same day and if the timing could be re-scheduled this would provide a community activity following the formal commemoration. The timing would then be:

- 11.00 a.m. Church bell ringing
- 2.55 p.m. The Last Post and Reveille (bugler)
- 3.00 p.m. The Battle's O'er (piper)
Followed by tea/coffee/soft drinks and cake
Sing-along with music on CD
- 4.00 p.m. Boules event and picnic in the field

41/20 CLEVEDON LITERARY FESTIVAL

Cllr Loader reported that as part of the Clevedon Literary Festival there would be a talk on the Clevedon Violets and permission was sought to re-print the Jean Burrows booklet for sale at the event. The Council was happy to give its consent. A contribution of a small number of the booklets would be appreciated.

42/20 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no further correspondence of note apart from that previously circulated.

43/20 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on the 9th April. A consultation on the settlement boundary review would not now take place and there would be no speaker.

44/20 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

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

April 9th (Annual Parish Meeting) May 14th (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council), June 11th, July 9th, [August 13th], September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th