

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 11th June 2020 at 7.00 p.m. by video/telephone conference

Due to Coronavirus restrictions the Council was unable to meet face-to-face. To assist with clarity during the video/telephone conference meeting the agenda had been divided into two sections: items for information only and items requiring decision.

ACTION/BY

PRESENT: Cllr John Banks in the Chair, Cllrs David Franks, Andrew Hirst, Ann Loader, Rachel Maby, Mike Perrott, Dan Sewell, Pam Trenchard and Steve Williams.
In attendance: The Clerk

- 75/20 MINUTES of the meeting held on 14th May 2020, copies of which had been circulated, were approved subject to the correction of a typographical error in min. no. 70/20 and would be signed by the chairman retrospectively.
- 76/20 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the Council had not been able to appoint its officers and representatives for the coming year at the May meeting. The ruling from the National Association was that officers must remain in post until the May meeting 2021 but if a Council so wished it may elect officers at an earlier meeting provided that that meeting could be held in person, not remotely. Noted.
- 77/20 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
Very few requests for assistance had been received over the last few weeks. All volunteers' expenses to date had been refunded and the Clerk would claim payment from the residents who had used the volunteer service. Clerk/20.06.20
- 78/20 POST BOX, STONE EDGE BATCH
Royal Mail had agreed that the closed post box would be sealed, painted black and be maintained by them. The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mike Perrott, thanked the Clerk for her sterling work in achieving this result for the Parish Council, a sentiment that was echoed by the rest of the councillors.
- 79/20 BAYE COTTAGE
No response had been received from Avon and Somerset Police regarding damage to an area of nature conservation interest.
- 80/20 HIGHWAYS
Concern was expressed at the speed of lorries through the village: it was not known whether these were working for National Grid.
- 81/20 CAR PARK
The clerk reported on nuisance caused by cars doing 'doughnuts' at 3.00 a.m. The Council was reluctant to install a barrier and after discussion it was agreed to monitor the situation and to inform the Police and the Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) co-ordinator. Clerk/20.06.20
- 82/20 VILLAGE HALL
Cllr Trenchard reported that the Hall had received a government grant to offset loss of income during the Coronavirus pandemic. The refurbishment of the men's toilets was nearing completion.
The Council was sorry to learn of the death of Peter Hanson who had been closely involved with the Hall and village activities.

83/20 FOOTPATHS

(a) Public Rights of Way Consultation: Information about a NSC consultation on public rights of way had been circulated. The Chairman had drawn together councillors' initial thoughts for consideration and a draft response had been circulated. The Council was keen to include cycle paths, upgrading existing footpaths where possible; this would be particularly appropriate to provide a cycle route to Clevedon although negotiation with Clevedon Town Council would be required. Councillor Trenchard was concerned that some suggestions included footpaths along the river bank: she thought this could be dangerous for children walking to school. In response to Cllr Trenchard's suggestion that the Causeway be closed to traffic, the Chairman said that this was a highway issue not a footpath issue but it might be a proposal that could be considered at some time in the future.

It was agreed:

- that the Chairman and Cllr David Franks open preliminary discussions with the landowners involved in proposals for new footpaths following which details of the consultation would be included on the Council website and in the July parish magazine and input invited from residents.

JB/DF/asap

Further discussion would take place at the July meeting so that responses could be finalised prior to submission to NSC.

Comment [JB1]: ...placing on Tickenham Village website for comments from residents, and eventual submission to North Somerset Council before 1 September 2020.

(b) Cllr Perrott reported that the footpath from Cadbury Court Farm to the village boundary (LA16/26) was overgrown: he would report to NSC. Footpath LA16/6 from Barrow Court to Cadbury Camp Lane was being used by mountain bikers. Preventative measures needed to be taken at the top of the path: Cllr Perrott would liaise with NSC about possible options.

MP/asap

84/20 PLANNING UPDATE

20/P/0566/MMA: 77 Clevedon Road: Approved.

20/P/0804/TPO: Birchwood, Cadbury Camp Lane: Refused as no significant defects and would create a dangerous precedent.

The Clerk reported on a change to how parish council comments would appear on the NSC website.

85/20 FINANCES

The draft financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2020 had been circulated for information. The accounts and supporting documentation had been inspected by the internal examiner and would be delivered to the accountant for audit. The accounts would be considered in detail at the July meeting.

86/20 PLANNING MATTERS

NEW APPLICATIONS

Clerk/20.06.20

20/P/0675/FUL: Riverside, Church Lane: Demolition of cattery and stable blocks and extension to tractor shed to form new dwelling.

The Chairman left the meeting for this item and Cllr Perrott took the chair.

Concerns were expressed regarding the location in the green belt, the conversion from a single-storey to a two-storey dwelling, the relationship to neighbouring 'Greystones', and the lack of parking for Riverside itself. After a full discussion it was agreed to submit the following comment to NSC:

The Parish Council considered that the proposed development was not acceptable due to its prominence when viewed from the south: it would be intrusive and dominant to an unacceptable degree. If permitted due to its possible brown field status, development should be confined to a single-storey dwelling in order to preserve the openness of the green belt across the valley.

87/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS
 (a) PAYMENTS: Clerk/20.06.20
 The following were approved for payment

Clerk's salary May	£283.47
HMRC May	£70.80
Clerk's expenses May	£9.80
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
Ian Trenchard (car park and footpath)	£110.00
John Banks (reimbursement Covid-19 expenses)	£161.11

88/20 SIGNAGE
 The Clerk would report damage to the sign at the top of Moor Lane to NSC.
 It was agreed that the historic cast iron sign at Church Lane and the milestone near
 97 Clevedon Road should be repainted. Clerk/20.06.20

89/20 SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY
 Councillors were reminded that the revised settlement boundary plan needed to be
 finally agreed and sent to NSC. Cllr Banks would circulate the final version for
 approval. JB/27.06.20

90/20 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS
2020: Second Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.00 p.m.
 July 9th, [August 13th], September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th

Please note that until further notice all meetings will be held digitally by telephone
 and/or video link.

