

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 13th August 2020 at 7.00 p.m. by video/telephone conference.
Due to Coronavirus restrictions the Council was unable to meet face-to-face.

ACTION

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.

102/20 CHARMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman asked that councillors adhere to the necessary disciplines of a video link meeting.

103/20 MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th July 2020, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and would be signed by the chairman retrospectively. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

104/20 HIGHWAYS

(a) 20mph speed limit: The Clerk reported that North Somerset Council (NSC) could offer no further news on the 20mph limit near the school. They had suggested that a school safety zone marking be installed adjacent to the school warning signs. This would entail a red triangle around children walking and "School Safety Zone" painted on the road. NSC could not say when this would be included in their works programme. Councillor Sewell agreed to follow up both the road markings and the 20mph limit with NSC.

DS

Cllr Trenchard joined the meeting. She had had difficulty logging into the meeting and asked whether the Council could meet face-to-face. The Clerk explained that this would be contrary to the National Association's guidelines and the Council was obligated to offer attendance to as many villagers as wished to attend. Therefore a face-to-face meeting in the Village Hall was not possible at this time. Cllr Sewell offered to trial a different video system.

DS

(b) SpeedWatch: Cllr Trenchard reported difficulties in obtaining a response from Avon & Somerset Constabulary for training for new volunteers and authorising new sites. However, the increased traffic following the lifting of some Covid-19 restrictions had meant that speeds through the village had necessarily reduced. Cllr Trenchard would press for a response from the Police.

PT

(c) Flooding: The Clerk understood that the drains from Hill Lane to Elm Farm had been cleared but it was not known whether they had been surveyed for collapse or whether NSC would be able to extend the works along the B3130 to Washing Pound Lane. The Clerk would follow up, including a photograph of the severely flooded garden at 54 Clevedon Road. She would also stress the Council's concerns about the poor condition of the road surface.

Clerk

(d) Incidents: There were no known incidents, although debris had been seen near Tickenham Garage.

105/20 FOOTPATHS

(a) General matters: There was nothing further to report on the electric fence sign on footpath LA/16 near Cadbury Court Farm or the stone stile on footpath LA16/12. Cllr Perrott would inspect both in due course.

MP

(b) Public Rights of Way Consultation: Cllr Banks reported little response from residents. It had been possible to extend the NSC deadline to 1st October, so the deadline for the local consultation would be extended to 31st August.

JB/Clerk

106/20 PLANNING APPLICATAIONS

(a) New Applications:

20/P/1260/FUL: Former Golden Acres Nursery: Erection of 18 dwellings and associated works. A lengthy discussion took place including the following points: disposal of surface water, exterior appearance of dwellings, sustainability, parking, affordability, effect on neighbouring properties and generation of traffic. The following comments would be submitted to NSC:

- The Council was content with the proposal for 18 dwellings;
- Plots 11, 12 and 13 should be single storey to avoid overlooking nos. 31 and 33 Clevedon Road;
- The B3130 is subject to a considerable amount of water run-off, seriously affecting properties on the south side of the road and causing surface erosion. The Council requests NSC to ensure that adequate drainage is provided;
- The Council stressed the importance of providing 'affordable' properties in the village to provide homes for first-time buyers;
- The Council welcomed the diversion of the public right of way.

20/P/1113/FUH: Diamond Cottage, Cadbury Camp Lane West: Single storey side extension, garage, first floor extension, creation of dormer windows: The Council raised no objections.

20/P/FUH: Elmhurst, 141 Clevedon Road: single storey extensions: The Council raised no objections.

(b) Updates: A list of NSC decisions, previously circulated, was noted.

(c) Enforcement List:

It was noted that vehicles were still parking at 3 Jacklands Cottages, in breach of planning regulations. Cllr Loader said that the owner was endeavouring to get a lower speed limit on the Batch to make it safer for owners to walk to their properties. Although the Council had some sympathy with the resident, it could not support illegal parking. Cllr Sewell wondered whether it would be possible to co-ordinate the whole question of vehicle speeds with NSC. Cllr Sewell and Cllr Loader to liaise.

AL/DS

(d) Engine Lane, Nailsea, Development:

The response from NSC to the Council's concerns about increased traffic through Tickenham had been unsatisfactory and the Clerk had written again requesting a positive solution and information regarding a transport plan specific to North Somerset and which would ameliorate additional traffic through Tickenham. The Clerk would circulate the correspondence for councillors' information. Cllr Trenchard was very disappointed at the lack of action by NSC and suggested the time had come for practical action by residents, e.g. "No HGVs through our village" signs. Cllr Sewell said that TRAG's excellent work was very much focussed on the future, but action was required now to address an increasing problem. Councillors recognised that as a Council they could not take part in practical expressions but would continue rigourously and at every opportunity to press NSC for an infrastructure plan which would address Tickenham's traffic problems.

Clerk

(e) North Somerset Local Plan 2038 – Challenges and Choices:

Papers by Cllrs Banks and Franks had been circulated. Cllr Banks' paper addressed each question within the consultation document while Cllr Franks had highlighted the position with regard to NSC's relationship (or not) with the West of England Combined Authority. Cllr Sewell had also circulated points to be included in the response. The Council agreed that the consultation input provided by Councillors Franks, Sewell and Banks to be collated by Councillor Banks and issued to Councillors for final assessment prior to issuing to North Somerset Council via the Clerk.

JB/Clerk

Cllr Franks expressed concern that the consultation had been issued during the holiday period and was too short to enable many responses. This point would be made in the response to NSC.

(f) Government White Paper: Planning for the Future: The Clerk had circulated the consultation document together with a summary prepared by the National Association

of Local Councils. The item would be included on the September agenda for discussion.

(g) Tickenham Garden Centre: The developers had invited the Council to suggest names for the site for marketing purposes and for the development itself. Councillors were invited to submit suggestions to the Clerk and the invitation would be posted on the village website.

Clerk

107/20 FINANCES

(a) Payments:

Clerk

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary July	£283.27
HMRC July	£71.00
Clerk's expenses July	£14.30
SLCC (2018 cheque lost)	£36.00
CPRE (membership)	£36.00
Somerset Playing Fields (membership)	£15.00
NSC (dog bin)	£14.40
Nisbets (hand sanitizing unit and gel for field)	£143.95

The Chairman had authorised the expenditure on hand sanitizer and any surplus would be purchased by the Hall Committee.

(b) Sources of Income:

Cllr Sewell was concerned that the Council's ability to raise funds other than through the precept was very limited, to the detriment of the services it could provide for residents. Having studied the constitution of the Village Hall Management Committee he believed the Committee should be totally responsible for maintenance costs and outgoings associated with the Hall. He also felt there was opportunity to raise funds through parking charges at the Hall car park for casual users. It was agreed that Cllr Sewell should prepare a paper on the possibility of car park charges for consideration at the next meeting when the item would be high on the agenda.

DS/Clerk

108/20 SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW

The plans were currently displayed in the Committee Room at the Village Hall and on the village website. In order to generate more responses, it was suggested that North Somerset times be asked to publish an article on this and the public rights of way consultation. It was agreed that the deadline for responses be extended to 30th September 2020.

109/20 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Trenchard reported that the Management Committee had carried out a full risk assessment and produced comprehensive guidance for groups wishing to use the Hall following re-opening on 7th September. The Council recorded its thanks and congratulations to the Committee for their considerable efforts in dealing with coronavirus requirements.

Clerk

110/20 VILLAGE FIELD REPORT

Cllr Banks reported that to date 50 residents had responded to the consultation about a replacement tree. The new tree would be planted on National Tree Charter Day – 29th November 2020. Routine maintenance work continued.

111/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk expressed concern that Cllr Ralfs had been unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Franks would contact him.

DF

Cllr Ralfs subsequently sent apologies for non-attendance: he had been unable to access the meeting due to technical difficulties.

112/20 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

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

September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th

Until further notice all meetings will be held by video and/or telephone link.