

# TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 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, Bruce Ralfs, Dan Sewell, Pam Trenchard and Steve Williams.

In attendance: The Clerk.

Note: Cllrs Maby and Trenchard were unable to take part in discussion due to technical difficulties.

### 113/20 CHARMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman drew attention to the North Somerset Council Citizens' Panel, details of which were available on their website. The hope was that the Panel, membership of which was available to all, would be able to contribute to four surveys each year.

### 114/20 MINUTES of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and would be signed by the chairman retrospectively.

### 115/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### OPEN ACTION PLAN

Cllr Williams suggested an Open Action Plan on which to record projects, responsibility, progress and completion. It was agreed that with an increasing workload this would be helpful. The Clerk would prepare a Plan and populate it from January 2020.

Clerk

### 116/20 CLERK'S REPORT

Noted: there were no issues arising.

### 117/20 SOURCES OF INCOME AND LEVEL OF RESERVES

Cllr Sewell was concerned that, apart from the precept, there were no options for the Council to raise funds and the level of reserves had reduced considerably over the years. He had noted that the constitution of the Village Hall Management Committee specifically held the Committee responsible for the upkeep of the Hall. He therefore questioned whether it was necessary to earmark reserves specifically for Hall maintenance. He did, however, recognise that the situation of the Field Management Committee was different in that, apart from fund raising, they had no means of generating income. Councillors agreed in principle that it was not necessary to specifically earmark funds for Hall maintenance and the allocation of reserves would be addressed when the budget was considered in January 2021 for the following financial year.

Clerk

Following discussion at the last meeting (min. no. 107/20(b) refers), Cllr Sewell had obtained and circulated information regarding possible levels of income from car parking charges at the Village Hall. It appeared that it might be possible to generate income of between £5,000 and £10,000 per year. Cllr Ralfs was concerned that Hall use might be discouraged and cars might park in the road: the challenge would be to manage the exceptions, e.g. school parents and hall/field users. Cllr Sewell contended that with such limited opportunity to raise funds for the benefit of the village, this was one option that should be pursued. It was agreed that Cllr Sewell would prepare a discussion paper setting out the reasoning behind the suggestion, any foreseen problems and how they might be addressed. The paper would be circulated before the next meeting and comments invited prior to formal consideration.

DS

### 118/20 HIGHWAYS

(a) Traffic speeds and 20mph speed limit: Cllr Ralfs spoke about the excessive speeds of vehicles on Tickenham Hill and the lack of 40mph repeater signs. Cllr Loader said that the owner of 3 Jacklands Cottages was collecting information about traffic speeds and the dangers of walking on Stone Edge Batch and she would report in due course. The Clerk would contact the NSC engineer about signage at both locations.

Clerk

(b) B3130 Flooding: The Clerk reported that the drains from Hill Lane to Washing Pound Lane would be cleansed and a CCTV survey undertaken. Although this was welcomed there was concern as to when the works might be undertaken. The Clerk would thank the NSC officer for his response and make further enquiries as to timing.

Clerk

(c) Incidents: There were no known incidents, although an accident on the B3130 had been mentioned on national radio on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

119/20 SPEEDWATCH

As Cllr Trenchard was unable to speak to the meeting, she was asked to submit a written report.

PT

120/20 FOOTPATHS

(a) General matters: Cllr Perrott reported as follows:

Footpath LA16/12: (Jacklands area near Wychwood) It had not been possible for NSC to fix a handrail due to the proximity of a post belonging to a neighbouring property. Cllr Ralfs would ask the owner for permission to fix a handle to the post. There was also another awkward stone stile near the fishing lakes car park which would benefit from a hand rail.

BR

Footpath LA16/28: (south of Baye Cottage) The owner of the cottage had carried out good clearance work and had been thanked by Cllr Perrott;

Footpath LA16/1: (Old Lane to Cadbury Camp Lane) Two trees blocking the path would be reported to NSC.

MP

Cllr Hirst commented on the overgrown and unsafe state of paths at both the eastern and western edges of the village. It was noted that the Environment Agency had previously indicated that the path at the eastern end near the fishing lakes could not be improved due to the possibility of flooding. It was currently maintained by a neighbour. The Clerk would contact NSC about the path at the western end.

Clerk

(b) Public Rights of Way Consultation: Cllr Banks had circulated the draft response to the consultation. The response from residents had been a little disappointing but where possible suggestions had been incorporated. It was agreed that the response as circulated be submitted to NSC before 1<sup>ST</sup> October 2020.

JB/Clerk

(c) Tickenham Walks: Cllr Perrott hoped it would be possible to produce a booklet of Tickenham walks. He would contact the Nailsea Footpath Group for advice following their recent publication and report back on possibilities, costs etc.

MP

121/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) New Applications:

20/P/1818/MMA: Bourne Wood, Tickenham Hill: Alterations to garage; access walkway to garage from dwelling (App. 12/P/0951/F refers)  
The Council raised no objections.

20/P/1885/TPO: Chummock Wood, Cadbury Camp Lane: Tree works to oak.  
The Council raised no objections.

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

(c) Engine Lane, Nailsea, Development:

Following the Council's concerns about increased traffic through Tickenham as a result of this development a further letter had been received from NSC's Lead

Transport Manager. Although the letter was sympathetic and clearly set out NSC's position the Council was not reassured that adequate infrastructure provision would be made to serve this and other major developments to the west of Nailsea. Cllr Franks commented that infrastructure generally would be collectively reviewed in the Local Plan 2038. Councillors agreed that in the meantime it was important to keep their concerns before the NSC team. The Clerk would respond to the letter accordingly.

Clerk

(d) Government White Paper: Planning for the Future: Cllr Banks had circulated a schedule of the twenty six questions posed in the consultation document, together with possible responses. Councillors were invited to submit any comments or suggestions prior to the next meeting so that a final formal response could be formulated.

ALL

122/20 FINANCES

(a) Payments

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary August	£283.47
HMRC August	£9.30
NSC (dog bin)	£14.40
Green Thumb (field treatment)	£115.00

Clerk

(b) National Salary Award for Clerks

The Chairman would circulate details of the Local Government Services' Pay Agreement received by the Clerk. Councillors needed to consider amending the Clerk's salary to coincide with the revised bands of pay.

123/20 SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW

Cllr Banks had circulated the latest draft consultation log prior to the meeting. Cllr Williams was concerned that the proposal did not release land for the type of development which the Council could support, i.e. smaller homes for young families and those who wished to downsize, but simply followed the former boundary with a few tweaks. He would provide a suggested boundary plan for consideration. The consultation period ends on Monday 14 September 2020. It would be necessary to consider the responses received, set up a meeting to take these responses into account, produce a revised Settlement Boundary plan and submit to North Somerset Council.

124/20 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Trenchard would be asked to submit her report for circulation. In the meantime Cllr Loader said that following the Government restrictions announced today, it was hoped that some groups would be able to continue meeting at the Hall following its re-opening on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

PT

125/20 VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

Weedkilling around the perimeter of the car park was authorised at a cost not expected to exceed £100.

Clerk

126/20 VILLAGE FIELD REPORT

Cllr Banks reported that an oak had been chosen to replace the dying ash and would be planted on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December with schoolchildren involved in the event. The children would also use the consultation and voting process as part of their maths learning. The Field Committee was considering the provision of seating at the boules area, had undertaken work to some of the equipment and was purchasing new play equipment.

The Clerk reported that she had asked for the hedges around the field to be cut as was usual at this time of year. Approved.

127/20 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

2020: Second Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.00 p.m.  
October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup>