

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 10th December 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 and one member of the public.

Note: Due to technical difficulties Cllr Pam Trenchard was unable to join the meeting until item 179/20.

165/20 APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllr Bruce Ralfs.

166/20 CHARMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman said that North Somerset Council (NSC) considered there was no guarantee that North Somerset would come out of Tier 3 Covid restrictions at review on the 16th December and had asked councillors to encourage everyone to take up the Covid-19 vaccination. Councillors were also encouraged to complete the Care Commissioning Group survey relating to the new Covid-19 vaccinations.

167/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No councillors declared a personal interest in any agenda item.

168/20 MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th November 2020, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and would be signed by the chairman retrospectively.

169/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising other than those on the agenda.

170/20 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that NSC had circulated a consultation on Active Travel but many councils had not received it due its particular format. The document would be circulated again and the deadline for response extended to 15th January 2021.

171/20 SOURCES OF INCOME AND LEVEL OF RESERVES: POSSIBLE CAR PARKING CHARGES

Cllr Sewell referred to the comments from residents, previously circulated, and said it was ironic that proposals to mitigate against concerns had prompted such reactions. He suggested that the proposal for car parking charges be reconsidered and that an increased precept be considered as a way of raising necessary funds. Cllr Perrott wondered whether this was an opportune time to revisit the whole question of management of the hall, field and car park, possibly with a combined management group. After discussion it was agreed to await the formal responses from the Village Hall and Field Management Committees and to consider the whole question of funding and management at the next meeting. Councillor Banks stated that the existing system of 3 bodies/Committees looking after the Hall, Field and Car Park works fairly well with plenty of communication and with many people sitting on more than one of the Committees, which helps with communication.

172/20 HIGHWAYS

(a) B3130 drainage: The Clerk said that Cllr Trenchard had expressed concern that the surveys would not be completed within the promised time-scale, particularly at the western end of the village. It was noted that NSC had confirmed that surveys

would be undertaken from Hill Lane at the western end to Washing Pound Lane at the eastern end.

(b) 20mph Limit: The Clerk had been advised that the new 20mph policy was not yet finalised.

(c) Incidents: There had been an accident at Jacklands Bridge on the 27th November and the police had commented that the driver had been driving too fast on a country road.

(d) Garden Waste Collections: Cllr Perrott said that an error had occurred in the collections table previously issued meaning that bins were not collected on the specified date. The Clerk had contacted NSC stating that in the light of their error communication with residents was essential.

(e) Robbery: It was noted that ten budgerigars and a rabbit had been stolen from a garden in the village.

173/20 FOOTPATHS

(a) Maintenance:

Cllr Perrott said that due to the weather and the increased number of walkers, most footpaths were very muddy. Cllr Hirst had recently walked footpath LA16/25 to Clevedon and commended it as a pleasant walk along the river.

(b) Diversion Order LA/16/23: Notice had been received of a proposed diversion of this footpath at Tickenham Court. The diversion would in fact confirm the route of the path which had existed for many years. Noted.

174/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) New Applications:

20/P/2227/TPO: Hidden Coombe, Cadbury Camp Lane: Fell two ash trees. No objections were raised.

20/P/2930/FUH: 229 Clevedon Road: Demolition of garage, erection of two storey side extension, roof conversion with new roof structure. (resubmission of former application): Although the Council had had no objection to the former application for development at this location, on considering the revised drawings it was felt that this new proposal would increase the mass of the building to such an extent that it would be too large for the site and not compatible with the neighbourhood.

The Clerk was asked to contact NSC regarding two non-planning matters related to 229 Clevedon Road: the boundary hedge was encroaching onto the pavement and mud from the building works was running onto the road and into the drains.

(b) Up-dates: No up-dates were reported.

Clerk

175/20 NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL PLAN 2038: CHOICES FOR THE FUTURE: SECOND STAGE CONSULTATION

Cllr Banks had circulated a further draft response. The draft was approved with no amendments and would be forwarded to NSC.

JB/Clerk

176/20 FINANCES

(a) Payments

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Clerk salary November	£285.53
HMRC November	£71.40
Clerk's expenses November	£8.10
NSC (dog bin)	£14.40

Clerk

(b) Request for Grant

It was agreed that a grant of £50 be made to The Samaritans, North Somerset branch.

Clerk

(c) Request from Tickenham Church

The Chairman had received a letter asking whether the £3,000 grant approved for tower work could be used towards essential pointing work to keep the walls waterproof. Completion of the tower work had not been possible as there were insufficient funds to meet the cost, although all urgent work had been undertaken. Cllr Sewell asked whether the Council was still obligated to this grant, which had been approved in 2016 and whether the church had applied to other sources for funding. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries and the request would be considered at the next meeting.

Clerk

(d) DRAFT BUDGET 2021/22

The Clerk had prepared a first draft budget. This included cuts to many items in order to present expenditure matched to income. Discussion took place around the possibilities of increasing the precept, by how much and whether there were limits on the percentage increase. The Clerk would make enquiries prior to further consideration at the next meeting.

Clerk

177/20 CLIMATE AND NATURE POLICY

Cllrs Banks and Sewell were preparing a paper on how the policy might be implemented. A first step might be to encourage people to use local businesses by including a directory on the new website.

JB/DS

178/20 WEBSITE

Cllr Sewell had circulated a first draft of the new website which was welcomed and some ideas for information to be included had already been suggested. Cllr Banks would contact Mark Crocker thanking him for all his work in the past and asking that a link be provided to the new website from the existing Tickenham Village website.

Councillor Trenchard joined the meeting at this point.

179/20 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Trenchard said that the Committee had not met recently but at the next on 16th December the question of car parking charges would be discussed.

180/20 VILLAGE FIELD REPORT

Cllr Banks reported that the new oak tree had been planted and protective fencing provided. The welcome ceremony would hopefully take place in the spring of 2021.

181/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Trenchard was still concerned about the apparent lack of drain surveys at the western end of the village. This had been covered in earlier discussions (min. no. 172/20(a))

182/20 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

2020: 10th December commencing at 7.00 p.m.

2021: Second Thursday of each month commencing at 7.00 p.m.