

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

ACTION

PRESENT: Cllrs John Banks, David Franks, Ann Loader, Rachel Maby, Mike Perrott, Bruce Ralfs, Dan Sewell, Pam Trenchard and Steve Williams.
Three members of the public were present.
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk).

The Clerk took the chair for the first two items.

70/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence: all councillors were present.

71/21 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Chairman: It was proposed by Cllr Perrott and seconded by Cllr Loader that Cllr Banks be elected chairman for the ensuing year. Cllr Banks said that he would be willing to take office provided the day of the meetings could be changed from Thursdays. After discussion it was agreed that in future meetings would be held on Tuesday evenings. There were no further nominations and Cllr Banks was duly elected Chairman.

Cllr Banks took the chair at this point.

(b) Vice-Chairman: It was proposed by Cllr Trenchard, seconded by Cllr Banks and agreed that Cllr Mike Perrott be elected vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

(c) Field Management Committee: It was proposed by Cllr Franks, seconded by Cllr Sewell and unanimously agreed that Cllr John Banks should continue to represent the Council.

Clerk

(d) Village Hall Management Committee: It was proposed by Cllr Sewell, seconded by Cllr Ralfs and unanimously agreed that Cllr Pam Trenchard should continue to represent the Council.

Clerk

(e) National Association of Local Councils: It was agreed that representatives be appointed as and when required.

72/21 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Cllr Banks said that although the remote meetings had worked well it was good to be able to meet face-to-face again in the Village Hall.

73/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No councillors declared a personal interest in any agenda item.

74/21 MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th April 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record. Cllr Banks would also sign the minutes of the meetings that had been held remotely.

75/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

76/21 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report had been circulated. She drew attention to a request to North Somerset Council (NSC) for an opinion to determine the scope of an Environmental Impact Assessment for a future application for proposed development of land to the north of Nailsea. If a formal planning application were made and approved it would affect traffic on the B3130 and the B3128, there being two access points shown to

the west of the site (Clevedon Road.) With a further access/egress to the east, this meant that traffic could bypass Nailsea town centre.

It was agreed to write to NSC expressing concerns about additional vehicles which would undoubtedly access the M5 via the B3130 Clevedon Road, which was already proving inadequate for existing volumes of traffic.

Clerk

The Clerk referred to a NSC consultation on parking standards (closing date 28th June.) This would be considered at the next meeting.

Clerk

77/21 REGISTERING VILLAGE GREENS

The Chairman referred to information received about the importance of registering village greens to protect them forever from development. Such a decision regarding the Village Field required very careful thought so as not to limit future possibilities: therefore it was agreed that a paper be prepared for discussion at the next meeting.

JB

78/21 HIGHWAYS

(a) Speed Limits

Notes of a meeting with Mr David Bailey, NSC highways engineer had been circulated. Mr Bailey stated that it would not be possible to extend the 30mph limit eastwards on the B3130 as compliance with the existing 40mph was good and this was considered the most suitable limit for that road. Cllr Sewell considered the opinion totally unacceptable and Cllr Loader spoke of the concerns of her neighbours about speeds on Stone Edge Batch. Cllr Trenchard commented on the NSC plans for sustainable travel - i.e. walking and cycling neither of which was safe in the Stone Edge Batch/Jacklands area. Concerns were also expressed about the delay in releasing the new NSC policy on 20mph limits which the Council was awaiting with regard to the B3130 in the vicinity of the school.

It was agreed to write to the NSC CEO and the newly appointed Executive Councillor for transport requesting a further meeting.

Clerk

(b) Request for Dog Bin, Cadbury Camp Lane:

Maps showing possible locations for a dog bin had been circulated by Cllrs Banks and Sewell. Councillors firmly believed that dog walkers should take dog poo bags home. It was noted that Clapton in Gordano Parish Council had already provided a bin near Wood Lane and poo bags could be deposited in any general waste bin. Furthermore, if NSC agreed to empty the bin, it would cost £144 a year net of VAT. After discussion and bearing in mind the above points, it was agreed that a dog bin would not be provided.

The Clerk would source dog poo notices for the existing general waste bins.

Clerk

(c) Pavement east of the wide verge: It was agreed that Ian Trenchard be asked to cut back the overgrowth.

Clerk

(d) Incidents: The following were reported:

Incident near Garden Park, possibly caused by confusion over the entrance/exit to the site: no details known.

Stone Edge Batch: Skip lorry meeting an HGV causing tailback: no other details known.

Causeway: vehicle in the rhine: no details known

(e) SpeedWatch: Cllr Trenchard said that weekly sessions had resumed: Although no exceptional speeds had been recorded, 800 vehicles were recorded in 45 minutes. It was hoped that a new site near Orchard Avenue would be approved.

- 79/21 FOOTPATHS
 Cllr Perrott reported as follows:
 LA/16/6: top of Barrow Court: A new stile had been provided which would hopefully deter mountain bikers. The steps had been refurbished.
 LA/16/24 & 23: Bridge over the river: Further repairs were required.
 LA16/21: Stone Edge Batch to Old Lane. Stile repairs were needed but stiles would not be replaced by kissing gates due to objections from the farmer concerned. MP
- Cllr Loader raised the issue of the very narrow path on the bank by the fishing lakes. The Clerk would write to the Environment Agency requesting improvements. Clerk
- 80/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS Clerk
- (a) New Applications:
21/P/1238/FUH: 123A Clevedon Road: replacement of conservatory with orangery. No objections were raised.
21/P/1388/AOC: Orchard End, Orchard Avenue: discharge of Condition 4 – arboricultural report. Noted.
- (b) Updates and Enforcement Cases
21/P/0444/FUH: Orchard End, Orchard Avenue: side and first floor extensions. Approved
- Three cases remained on the enforcement list received from NSC:
Beauleigh, The Ripple: Works not in accordance with approved plans. Harm not significant to warrant formal action.
3 Jacklands Cottages: Parking in contravention of planning permission. Legal action being considered.
Land at Stone Edge Batch: Caravan sited on land. Awaiting outcome of Supreme Court hearing.
- (c) The Star Inn: Notice of Appeal against the refusal of permission for the erection of seven dwellings following demolition of the Star Inn. The Council's earlier comments would be forwarded directly to the Planning Inspectorate by NSC and would be considered when determining the appeal.
- (d) Permissions for Garden Works: Cllr Trenchard drew attention to the requirement for planning permission for some garden works, particularly the erection of fences adjacent to highways. The Clerk would include an article in the parish magazine. Clerk
- (e) Tickenham Garden Centre – Section 106 Agreement
 Copies of the Agreement had been forwarded to the chairmen of the Hall and Field Management Committees. It was noted that most of the works itemised for the Hall had already been completed: it was therefore agreed to seek advice from NSC on how this would affect the funding. Clerk
- (f) Golden Acres Nursery
 A question arose about the likelihood of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) for the eighteen proposed properties. The Clerk would make enquiries. Clerk
- 81/21 FINANCES Clerk
- (a) Payments were approved as follows:
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| Clerk's salary April | £291.27 |
| HMRC April | £72.80 |
| Clerk's expenses April | £7.80 |
| NSC (dog bin) | £14.40 |
| J W Triggol (hedge cutting) | £72.00 |
| JustPark (management fee) | £24.00 |
| Quick Call Dave (org.uk domain) | £25.80 * |

* It was noted that this was no longer required as the domain was included with the Council's website. Unless the payment had already been made by Quick Call Dave, the payment to him would not be made.

(b) Car Park: Cllr Banks had circulated a paper showing a current break-even position. The donations would be ring-fenced in the accounts for expenditure on the car park and field facilities.

82/21 INSURANCE

The Clerk had circulated the renewal notice with details of the cover provided. The level of cover for gates and fences appeared low and this would be investigated so that any necessary adjustment could be made. With this proviso, the invoice in the sum of £552.39 was approved for payment.

Clerk

83/21 CAR PARK

(a) Use by hall users: Cllr Trenchard raised a question as to whether hall users had exclusive use of the car park. After discussion it was agreed that hall users should not have sole use of the car park and it was up to users to manage their own parking requirements, bearing in mind that the field and play areas might also be in use.

(b) Potholes: The Clerk would seek advice from Glendale Country (who were carrying out yellow lining) as to whether they could repair the two small potholes.

Clerk

(c) Flower Pots: Cllr Trenchard asked if anyone would like to take over responsibility for maintaining the two large flower pots at the front of the car park. It was agreed that a notice be included in the parish magazine.

Clerk

84/21 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE, 2022

A meeting of organisations had agreed that the Jubilee should be marked with a village celebration. A further meeting would be held when information on national celebrations had been received from the Queen's Pageantmaster.

85/21 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Trenchard said that most activities were now able to return to the hall, with a suggested maximum of thirty people until restrictions were lifted further. A government re-start grant of £8,000 had been received.

86/21 VILLAGE FIELD REPORT

Cllr Banks reported that work continued on improving the gates at the top of the field and provision of a picnic table. Planting of summer bulbs had started. The Clerk would enquire about 'No Dogs' signs.

Clerk

Reference was made to tree carving in Nailsea: this was something that might be considered when the ash tree needed to be felled.

The Clerk would write to the Field Committee reminding them that only activities organised on behalf of the Council were covered by the Council's insurance.

Clerk

87/21 COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Sadly Andrew Hirst had tendered his resignation as a parish councillor from the 21st May 2021. It was unanimously agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to him.

Clerk

88/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Car Park: Electric charging points: Cllr Sewell would prepare a paper for consideration at the next meeting.

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89/21 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2021

Following the earlier decision to change the meeting day, future meetings would be as follows:

The second Tuesday of each month commencing at 7.00 p.m. as follows:

8th June; 13th July; [10th August]; 14th September; 12th October; 9th November; 14th December