

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

ACTION

PRESENT: Cllrs John Banks, David Franks, Ann Loader, Rachel Maby, Dan Sewell and Pam Trenchard.

One member of the public was present.

In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk).

104/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mike Perrott, Bruce Ralfs and Steve Williams; Cllr Nigel Ashton (Ward Councillor)

105/21 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman made no opening remarks.

106/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No councillors declared a personal interest in any agenda item.

107/21 MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th June 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

108/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Car Park lining: It was expected that the yellow lining would take place during the school summer holidays.

109/21 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report had been circulated.

(i) Attention was drawn to the need to replace the Council's laptop (the property of North Somerset Council.) Purchasing a replacement would cost £400-500. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach NSC for a replacement. Failing that, Cllr Sewell kindly offered to provide a laptop, including maintenance cover.

It was agreed that a sum be included in future annual budgets for replacement of equipment and that when necessary other options (e.g. lease to own) should be considered.

Clerk

(ii) Cllr Ashton was supporting the Local Government Association in lobbying to allow councils their choice to continue with virtual meetings where appropriate. The Council agreed that choice was important and although face-to-face meetings were the norm it was important to reflect communication options in the 21st Century, provided a commonly accepted platform was used. The Clerk would respond to Cllr Ashton stating that the Council would welcome the ability to choose remote meetings as and when appropriate.

Clerk

(iii) Cllr Banks referred to the further information received about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. A contribution towards the village celebrations would be considered for inclusion in the 2022/23 budget.

Clerk

110/21 HIGHWAYS

(a) Speed Limits

Cllr Sewell had prepared and circulated a draft questionnaire requesting residents' views on volume and speed of traffic through the village. Cllr Trenchard had

received data from NSC showing that in June 2019 13,647 vehicles passed through the village; in June 2021 the number had risen to 13,986 although this was probably lower than usual due to Covid restrictions on travel. Councillors expressed varying views on how best to collect the required information and after a full discussion it was agreed that

- the draft questionnaire be circulated to councillors for further comment, to be returned by 19th July,
- the agreed questionnaire be circulated to councillors digitally by the 26th July and would include an introduction provided by the chairman,
- councillors would circulate the questionnaire digitally to all their contacts, possibly with a reminder 2/3 weeks later,
- information would be included in the parish magazine,
- the closing date for responses would be one month from distribution, i.e. the end of August,
- the consultation would culminate in a public meeting to consider the results of the questionnaire and to seek any further views.

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Clerk

(b) Incidents: The following were reported:

Two-vehicle accident at Stone Edge Batch – no details known.

HGV on the Causeway causing danger to pedestrian. It was again noted that development in surrounding areas, particularly Nailsea, would cause more traffic on the Causeway, increasing the danger to pedestrians.

111/21 FOOTPATHS

(a) Reports

It was reported that footpath LA16/6 above Barrow Court was overgrown. The Clerk would report to NSC:

Clerk

Cllr Trenchard hoped it might be possible to reinstate the village footpath walks if a suitable leader were forthcoming.

It was noted that during the development works the footpath through the former Golden Acres Nursery would be diverted via Clevedon Road/Hill Lane/Cadbury Camp Lane West.

(b) Waste Bin B3130 by the Village Hall

NSC were unable to provide a replacement bin. Details of bins from Broxap had been circulated and it was agreed to purchase a 120 ltr bin at a cost of £164, to be fitted free of charge by NSC. The Clerk would ask whether it would be possible for NSC to move the existing bin to the rear car park.

(c) Seats on footpath LA16/6 (Barrow Court)

The Clerk reminded Council that it had been agreed to treat the two seats in the spring and that funds had been included in the budget for replacement if necessary. The matter was referred to Cllr Perrott for advice.

Clerk

112/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Clerk

(a) New Applications:

21/P/1567/AOC: Golden Acres Nursery, 35 Clevedon Road: Discharge of conditions Nos: 3 - site management plan; 5 - materials; 8 - bike stores, 9 - car charging points; 12 - landscaping; 13 – tree & hedge protection; 14 - bat survey; 15 - wildlife boxes; 16 - site investigation; 17- mitigation measure. Planning app no. 20/P/1260/FUL refers.

The Council made no comment on the proposals.

21/P/1628/AOC: Golden Acres Nursery, 35 Clevedon Road: Discharge of conditions Nos. 10 – surface water drainage and 11 – sustainable drainage scheme. Planning app no. 20/P/1260/FUL refers

Historically, water runs off this site onto the B3130. The Parish Council would like to know what volume of water it is intended should discharge into the existing drainage system along the B3130, which is already woefully inadequate. Arising from this discussion the Clerk was asked to request details of the proposed drainage works which are scheduled for this financial year.

21/P/1644/TPO: High Trees, Cadbury Camp Lane: Fell 16 dead or failing trees; remove branches on hazel overhanging footpath.
The Council had no objection in principle to the proposed tree works but would like assurance that where appropriate trees will be replaced with native species.

(b) Updates

20/P/1260/FUL: Golden Acres Nursery: Erection of 18 dwellings: approved
21/P/0893/TPO: High Trees, Cadbury Camp Lane: Tree works: approved

(c) Section 106 Agreements and Community Infrastructure Levy

The Clerk had circulated information supplied by NSC about S106 agreements and CiL funding. Councillors were concerned that there was no process for consulting local councils about the content of S106 agreements, particularly where large developments in neighbouring towns impacted on the village. With regard to the specific S106 agreements and the CiL relevant to Tickenham, the Clerk has written to NSC requesting more information as to the specific allocations and their use.

113/21 FINANCES

Clerk

(a) Payments were approved as follows:

Clerk's salary June	£291.27
HMRC June	£72.80
Clerk's expenses June	£10.60
NSC (dog bin)	£14.40
JustPark (management fee)	£24.00
Somerset Playing Fields Association (Subscription)	£15.00
David Seabright (accounts inspection)	£120.00

(b) Car park income

Cllr Banks had circulated information showing income as follows: 49 donating users in May 2021 - £111.23; 31 donating users in June 2021 - £52.21.
It was agreed that the car parking charging would be reviewed in October.

Clerk

(c) Application for grant

An application for a grant had been received from Wellspring Counselling in Nailsea who had reported that five Tickenham residents were in need of support. It was unanimously agreed that a grant of £100 be approved.

Clerk

(d) Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

The financial statements had been previously circulated and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) had been circulated with the agenda. The accounts had been inspected by the auditor and a satisfactory report received. It was agreed that the accounts be received and that the chairman be authorised to sign the relevant AGAR statements.

114/21 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL CONSULTATION: Waste and recycling strategy

The chairman had circulated a draft response to the consultation and amendments suggested by councillors had been incorporated. A further comment stressing the importance of disposing of non-recyclable waste correctly would be added. It was agreed that the response be approved and forwarded to NSC.

Clerk

115/21 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES

The review of parliamentary boundaries, details of which had been circulated, was noted.

116/21 ELECTRIC CHARGING POINT, Village Hall Car Park

Cllr Sewell had not yet received a response from NSC and would continue to follow up. The Clerk had researched possible sources of grant but a village hall car park had not matched the criteria

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117/21 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Trenchard said that the Management Committee was preparing to welcome groups back following the lifting of Covid restrictions. Each would be responsible for the safety of its members but hand sanitizer would continue to be available.

118/21 VILLAGE FIELD REPORT

(a) Village Green Status: Cllr Banks suggested that there would be no advantage in registering the village field as a village green as ownership of the land was registered with the Land Registry. It was agreed that no action be taken.

(b) Report: Cllr Banks reported that the new oak tree was flourishing and the bulb planting would continue when appropriate. The gate to the pitch area would be replaced with one with pedestrian/disabled access.

119/21 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2021

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

10th August - if necessary, depending on any urgent business;

14th September; 12th October; 9th November; 14th December: These meetings would be held in the Committee Room unless further Covid restrictions were in place.