

Tickenham Parish Council

Thursday 14th May 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Due to the current restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic, this meeting of the Council will be held digitally.

Please see below those items that are for information only and those that are for decision.

Membership: Welcome to Cllr Andrew Hirst.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- Coronavirus pandemic: We continue to respond to requests for help. Things have quietened down since the first flurry but some volunteers have remained in touch with residents and continue to help them with shopping and medications. Regular up-dates are received from North Somerset Council and other voluntary groups and Cllr Banks joins their on-line meetings to exchange information.
- Post Box, Stone Edge Batch: Royal Mail has responded to our request to maintain the letter box, as follows:

*..... your request has been passed to the relevant collections manager; I regret your request has been declined as any maintenance work would need to be carried out by our appointed maintenance department.
I appreciate that this'll come as a disappointment as it's not the outcome you were looking for but I hope I've managed to explain why we've taken this decision. There is no further action I can take regarding this matter.*

I referred our request to the Escalated Customer Resolution Team for a further review but this was also rejected. I have now contacted the Postal Review Team, but am not hopeful.

- Land near Baye Cottage: There has been no breach in terms of tree removal as the trees here are not protected. The question of whether any other permissions were required was referred to the planning department by the Tree Officer.
- Highways: I was contacted by a resident about the speed of traffic on Tickenham Hill. I followed it up with NSC and received the following from the Highways Engineer: *"I will take a look and if there is scope for some additional repeater signs, I will try to get some put up."*
- Footpaths: Cllr Perrott will report.

A request has been received to site a memorial bench on the path at the top of Barrow Court. It would be similar in style to the rustic ones already there.

- Tickenham Garden Centre Development: Following the circulation of a plan showing options for a foot/cycle path, a formal request has been made to Newland Homes for the inclusion of a path to both points X and Y on their plans. A response is awaited.
- Golden Acres Nursery: Complaints were received from residents about smoke entering their properties from bonfires on the site. One resident had already contacted NSC and an officer had visited: his advice was to let the fires burn out

rather than damping down. Following that the developer rang to apologise. I have received no further complaints from residents.

- 77 Clevedon Road: Amended details regarding planning application no. 20/P/0566/MMA were received and circulated. The Council responded stating its original objections to the roof lights and that the proposed window fenestration was out of keeping with the village and the original proposal would be more appropriate to the local street scene.
- The Star Inn: Permission in Principle for two dwellings to the west of the building (20/P/0925/PIP). At the time of writing I am awaiting councillors' comments.
- Financial matters: The figures for the Annual Accounts have been completed; I now need to complete the Annual Return forms. Even though the Council has declared exemption from the external audit, the forms need to be included on the website for public information.
Reminder: draft accounts must be approved by 31st August 2020. The publication date for final audited accounts is 30th November 2020. The public inspection period must commence on or before the first working day of September 2020.
- Insurance cover is due for renewal. There were one or two amendments to the schedule and cover has been checked and up-graded where appropriate (e.g. the zip wire had to be notified, sports equipment as opposed to play equipment is now included separately, cover for gates and fences has been up-graded.)

ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

1. MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th April 2020 (enclosed)
2. PLANNING MATTERS - NEW APPLICATIONS
20/P/0998/FUL: Tickenham Court: Demolition of agricultural building and partly built portal frame and construction of replacement agricultural barn and associated work.
3. FINANCIAL MATTERS
CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL

a)	Clerk's salary April	£283.47
b)	HMRC March	£70.80
c)	Clerk's expenses March	£7.80
d)	North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
e)	Came & Co (insurance)	£537.76
f)	Tickenham Village Hall (meetings)	£198.00
g)	Green Thumb (field treatment x 2)	£160.00
4. ETHICAL BANKING
The Co-operative Bank and Tridos Bank are the two contenders. The Co-operative has no high street branches; Tridos has one branch in Bristol. At the moment the Council pays no bank charges. The Council needs to decide whether to change from NatWest.