

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 14th May 2020 at 7.00 p.m. by video/telephone conference

Due to Coronavirus restrictions the Council was unable to meet face-to-face. To assist with clarity during the video/telephone conference meeting the agenda had been divided into two sections: items for information only and items requiring decision.

ACTION/BY

PRESENT: Cllr John Banks in the Chair, Cllrs David Franks, Andrew Hirst, Ann Loader, Rachel Maby, Mike Perrott, Bruce Ralfs, Dan Sewell and Pam Trenchard.
In attendance: The Clerk

Cllr Andrew Hirst was welcomed to his first meeting.

58/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Steve Williams.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

59/20 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

The Council's support group continued to respond to requests although numbers had reduced, possibly because some volunteers had maintained contact with residents and continued to help them directly. The Chairman was attending on-line meetings with North Somerset Council and other groups to exchange information.

60/20 POST BOX, STONE EDGE BATCH

Royal Mail had declined the Council's offer to maintain the post box, saying that any maintenance work would need to be carried out by their appointed maintenance department. The Clerk had referred the matter to the Escalated Customer Resolution Team for further review. It was agreed that the Clerk would request support from Liam Fox MP.

Clerk/22.05.20

61/20 BAYE COTTAGE

The Clerk had been informed that there had been no breach in terms of tree removal as no trees were protected. As this was a designated area of nature conservation interest the Clerk was asked to refer the matter to the Wildlife Crime Officer.

Clerk/22.05.20

62/20 HIGHWAYS

Following a request from a resident, the Clerk had contacted NSC Highways Engineer about the speed of traffic on Tickenham Hill. The officer had responded that he would see if there was scope for additional repeater signs. This led to discussion about speeds generally through the village particularly during this time where there were fewer vehicles on the roads.

63/20 FOOTPATHS

Cllr Perrott reported that he had walked all but one of the twenty four footpaths (including two bridleways) in the village: they were generally in good order and he would continue to monitor where necessary. Any concerns during the past year had been notified to NSC and a number of improvements made. The owner of the land opposite the Star Inn had been contacted but nothing could be considered until National Grid had completed their works in the field. It was noted that the stiles along the Land Yeo near Stone Edge Batch had been replaced with wooden gates. Overgrowth on pavements was noted. As there was no parish magazine at present it was suggested that residents be contacted via the Neighbourhood Watch group requesting that overgrowth be cut back to their property boundaries.

Cllr Ralfs reported that a damaged handrail on the raised path on Tickenham Hill had been poorly repaired by contractors working at the former chapel. The pavement near Summerhouse had been completely cleared of overgrowth resulting in a considerably wider walkway. The Clerk was asked to contact NSC requesting that the pavement near Stone Edge Batch be cleared as currently it was so narrow that it was necessary to step into the road.

Clerk/22.05.20

The Council supported a request for a memorial bench on the path above Barrow Court, provided the landowner was agreeable.

Tickenham Garden Centre: The Clerk had formally requested that the developer show two possible footpaths on the planning application plans, culminating in points X and Y on the plan prepared by the Chairman and circulated to councillors.

64/20 GOLDEN ACRES NURSERY

Complaints had been received from residents about smoke from bonfires on the site. The Clerk had contacted NSC who were dealing with the matter.

65/20 77 CLEVEDON ROAD

Amended details regarding planning application no. 20/P/0566/MMA had been received. Following consultation with councillors, comments had been forwarded to NSC.

66/20 THE STAR INN

An application for Planning In Principle had been located on the NSC website but the Council had not been formally consulted. The Clerk had forwarded councillors' comments regarding the hazard of egress on to the B3130 at a location between two bends. The Clerk would contact NSC regarding the lack of consultation over this application.

Clerk/22.05.20

67/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk had completed the Annual Accounts; the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) would be completed for display on the website as legally required.

Councillors were reminded that draft accounts should be approved by 31st August 2020; the publication date for the final audited accounts would be 30th November 2020; the public inspection period must commence on or before the first working day of September 2020.

68/20 INSURANCE

The Council's insurance cover was due for renewal in June. After consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the Clerk had made minor adjustments to the policy.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

69/20 MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th April 2020, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and would be signed by the chairman retrospectively.

70/20 PLANNING MATTERS
NEW APPLICATIONS

Clerk/22.05.20

20/P/0998/FUL: Tickenhama Court: Demolition of agricultural building and partly built portal frame and construction of replacement agricultural barn and associated work.

The Council raised no objections in principle but asked that, if the application were approved, a condition be placed on the Decision Notice that at no time in the future could the building be converted to a residential dwelling.

7120 FINANCIAL MATTERS(a) PAYMENTS:

Clerk/22.05.20

The following were approved for payment

Clerk's salary April	£283.47
HMRC April	£70.80
Clerk's expenses April	£7.80
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
Came & Co (insurance)	£537.76
Tickenham Village Hall (meetings)	£198.00
Green Thumb (field treatments)	£160.00

72/20 ETHICAL BANKING

The Clerk reported on alternatives to the present banking arrangements. It was agreed that banking would remain with the NatWest Bank.

73/20 VILLAGE FIELD

Cllr Banks reported that the Field Committee had received a grant of £6,000 from National Grid. The money would be used to improve drainage, edge the boules court and provide a picnic table, and possibly at some stage to remove the diseased ash tree.

74/20 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

2020: Second Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

June 11th, July 9th, [August 13th], September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th

Please note that until further notice all meetings will be held digitally by telephone and/or video link.