

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

ACTION

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

Three members of the public were present. In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk).

127/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

128/21 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

129/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No councillors declared a personal interest in any agenda item.

130/21 MINUTES of the meeting held on 13th July and 10th August 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as correct records.

The draft minutes would be placed on the Council website as soon as they were circulated to councillors.

131/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

132/21 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report had been circulated. The following arose:

- (i) Earthlight: the link and log in details would be recirculated.
- (ii) Internet banking: It was hoped that internet banking would be available shortly. Cllr Williams offered to assist if necessary.
- (iii) Cllr Sewell confirmed that his offer was to donate a laptop to the Council. This was welcomed and it was agreed that 'Quick Call Dave' would be responsible for transferring data and future maintenance issues.

Clerk

133/21 HIGHWAYS

(a) Speed Limits

Following the meeting with Mr John Rose and Tickenham Road Action Group (TRAG) representatives, Cllr Banks had circulated a suggested procedure for the forthcoming public meeting:

- The results of the 209 responses were being processed: most people supported a by-pass, a statutory 20mph limit near the school, a 30mph limited throughout the village and better enforcement of the existing speed limits; concerns included speed and volume of traffic especially HGVs; only a minority favoured a 20mph limit throughout the village. The final analysis would be presented to the public meeting. Cllr Sewell would prepare a summary of the responses and circulate to councillors prior to the meeting. Photographs of traffic and pedestrians would emphasise the traffic problems.
- At the public meeting, people who had not yet completed the survey would be able to complete a hard copy.
- The survey showed a strong feeling that responses should be adopted as Parish Council policy. However, the meeting would be reminded of the limited powers of the Parish Council.

- Current traffic issues would be listed and North Somerset Council (NSC) asked to provide solutions. The topographical survey would be used as evidence of Tickenham's totally inadequate roads.

The Council would urge Ward Councillor Nigel Ashton to pressurise NSC to act to alleviate Tickenham's traffic problems and to report back to the Council. Cllr Sewell would invite Dr Liam Fox MP to the public meeting.

DS

After a full discussion around the numbers likely to attend and the capacity of the Village Hall, it was agreed that the suggested procedure be adopted and that one public meeting be arranged in October at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, the Clerk to obtain available dates from the Hall Booking Secretary. The meeting would be advertised in the parish magazine and by flyers delivered to every house.

(b) Incidents

One vehicle incident on the B3130 was reported. No known injuries.

134/21 FOOTPATHS

(a) Reports

Cllr Perrott reported as follows:

LA16/21 The fallen trees in Old Lane had been cleared as had the overgrown vegetation on the footpath above Barrow Court (LA16/6).

The footpath from Tickenham Court to the bridge across the Land Yeo, which had previously been flooded, was now accessible.

LA16/26 Cadbury Court Farm: Cllr Williams reported that the path was overgrown and was not well signed. He was also concerned about the presence of an electric fence. Cllr Perrott would provide some directional signs; he explained that the electric fence was switched on only at night to deter wild animals.

MP/SW

Vegetation encroaching over pavements had been reported to NSC. A notice about the importance of keeping shrubs pruned back would be included in the parish magazine.

Clerk

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

It was reported that the seats appeared to be in reasonable order and no further action would be taken for the time being.

135/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Clerk

(a) New Applications:

21/P/2242/TPO: Badgers Wood, Cadbury Camp Lane: Fell four ash trees. No objections were raised.

21/P/2381/TPO: Badgers Wood, Cadbury Camp Lane: Fell one ash tree and replace with cherry: This site was shown on the north side of Cadbury Camp Lane (Clapton in Gordano Parish) and appeared to have no connection with Badger's Wood.

(b) 21/P/2520/EA1: Durnford Quarry, Failand: Request for an opinion as to whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required to revise the quarrying and restoration scheme and extend the quarrying end date by one year.

The Council believed that Tickenham was hugely affected by quarry traffic, impacting on the environment and the lives of residents. The Council would respond requesting that an Environmental Impact Assessment is required. Information would be included on the council's website encouraging residents to respond.

(c) Tickenham Hill: In answer to a question, it was noted that trees being felled on Tickenham Hill were not part of the protected Tickenham Ridge.

(d) Up-dates The Clerk reported on NSC planning decisions, including approval for two dwellings at South View Farm, Clevedon Road, and six dwellings at The Star Inn following demolition of the public house.

No further information had been received about the re-instatement of the Tickenham settlement boundary.

136/21 FINANCES

Clerk

(a) Payments were approved as follows:

Clerk's salary July	£291.27
HMRC July	£72.80
Clerk's salary August	291.27
HMRC August	72.80
Clerk's expenses July & August	£40.40
RocketMedia (reimbursement to Clerk)	£91.20
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£28.80
JustPark (reimbursement to Clerk)	£48.00
Green Thumb (field grass treatments)	£275.00
Jim Sykes (internal audit)	£50.00
Adroitprint (flyers re traffic survey)	£45.00

137/21 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS:

(a) IT Strategy: A draft response had been prepared by Cllr Banks, approved by councillors and forwarded to NSC.

(b) Planning Application Requirements: Councillors made the following observations:

(i) Site plans should show relationship to neighbouring properties more clearly to enable the effect on neighbours to be properly assessed;

(ii) Ground floor and elevation plans should show the proximity to boundaries

Cllr Banks would prepare a full response for consideration at the next meeting.

JB

Concern was expressed that developments might not adhere to the terms of planning consent. The Clerk was asked to raise the issue with the NSC Enforcement Officer.

Clerk

(c) Housing Strategy: Cllr Banks would review and report to the next meeting

JB

138/21 REVIEW OF ITEMS OF HISTORIC INTEREST

Cllr Banks reported that the local heritage list handbook had been published and asked councillors to consider further inclusions for Tickenham, e.g. finger posts and post boxes. This would be considered at the next meeting.

Clerk.

139/21 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Trenchard reported that the present chairman was standing down. A fuller report would be made at the next meeting.

140/21 VILLAGE FIELD REPORT

Cllr Banks reported that the delivery of bulbs was awaited. It was hoped that walking football would recommence shortly.

141/21 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2021

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

12th October; 9th November; 14th December: