

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7.00 p.m.
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

ACTION

PRESENT: Cllr John Banks in the chair, Cllrs David Franks, Ann Loader, Rachel Maby, Mike Perrott, Dan Sewell, and Pam Trenchard.
In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk).

- 142/21 APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllrs Bruce Ralfs and Steve Williams.
- 143/21 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
The Chairman reminded councillors of their collective responsibility once a decision had been made in Council.
- 144/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No councillors declared a personal interest in any agenda item.
- 145/21 MINUTES of the meeting held on 14th September 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.
- 146/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
There were no matters arising from the minutes other than those on the agenda.
- 147/21 CLERK'S REPORT
The Clerk's report had been circulated. The following arose:
(i) Laptop: Thanks were recorded to Cllr Sewell for donating a new laptop for use by the Clerk.
(ii) Internet banking: The Clerk referred to her conversation with NatWest staff and as suspected it was necessary to complete new application forms. It was agreed that if the application did not progress speedily, matters would be taken further with NatWest management. Clerk
- 148/21 HIGHWAYS
(a) Report on meeting with North Somerset Council officers
Notes of the meeting with NSC officers and Cllr Mike Solomon had been circulated and are attached to the minute book. All the traffic issues had been strongly put to the officers with a request for definite answers rather than vague responses. Cllr Ashton said that NSC were working on a schedule of required road works so that every issue was recorded: this would be helpful in assuring local councils that their issues were recorded. However, the highways budget was very limited and much reduced from previous years. In response to a point raised by Cllr Sewell it was agreed that Council collective decisions should be referred as appropriate via the Clerk, although councillors were at liberty to act individually if they so wished. Cllr Loader pointed out that 240 properties in Tickenham fronted the busy B3130 – surely an unusual scenario for a village community. The issues and questions listed in the notes were confirmed as those to be referred to NSC with a request for prompt and definite responses.

(b) Open meeting, 19th October 2021
Cllr Banks went through the draft presentation slide by slide and with minor amendments (including the addition of plans showing the roads in question and the variable speed limits) it was approved for presentation at the meeting.
Discussion arose about the possibility of an air quality check: it was agreed to contact NSC Public Health Department requesting a check in the vicinity of the school. This might prove a powerful tool in resolving traffic issues.
It was agreed that the Tickenham Road Action Group be invited to make a short presentation at the end of the Parish Council slides to make people aware of the focus of their work

(c) Highways issues

The following were noted:

Cllr Sewell had reported the water leak near 233 Clevedon Road to Bristol Water several times.

Although vegetation had been cut back near South View Farm, there was overgrowth in the bus layby which obstructed the view.

The pavement near Jacklands Cottages was overgrown, reducing its width.

(d) Incidents

A lorry had been observed parked on the pavement while offloading building materials, causing danger to pedestrians. This unsafe and illegal activity had been reported to NSC by a resident.

149/21 FOOTPATHS

(a) Reports

Cllr Perrott reported as follows:

LA16/26 Cadbury Court Farm: To be retained on agenda for future action.

LA16/6 above Barrow Court: Fallen trees had been cleared by a resident. The Jean Burrows memorial seats on this path had deteriorated and needed replacement. Cllr Perrott would obtain prices for simple oak benches. MP

(b) Ryves Vale (formerly Tickenham Garden Centre)

Cllr Banks had circulated email correspondence with the developer (Newland Homes) requesting egress from the site to link with local footpaths. The point suggested by Newland Homes on to Church Lane was considered to be not the safest due to the narrowness of the lane at that point. Moving the egress point to meet Church Lane farther to the west was considered a safer option as it would avoid the very narrow section of the Lane. It was agreed to ask the developer to modify the location. The Council would continue to press for a footpath to the northern corner of the site where pedestrians could cross the road to access the existing footpath towards the centre of the village. JB

150/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Clerk

(a) New Applications: No new applications had been received.

(b) Up-dates: 21/P/2218/TPO: Pine Trees, Cadbury Camp Lane: tree works: approved.

(c) Enforcement: It was noted that vehicles were still parking at 3 Jacklands Cottages despite planning permission being refused. The Clerk was asked to enquire what action was being taken by NSC. Clerk

151/21 FINANCES

Clerk

(a) Payments were approved as follows:

Clerk's salary September	£291.27
HMRC September	£72.80
Clerk's expenses	£43.80
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
JustPark (reimbursement to Clerk)	£24.00
Adroitprint (flyers re traffic survey)	£45.00
Broxap (waste bin)	£264.00
Clerk (reimbursement: gratuities delivering flyers)	£30.00
Quick Call Dave (IT work and licence)	£143.00

(b) Electricity costs

Clerk

The Clerk had been advised by Southern Electric that electricity charges for the light in the telephone kiosk at Hill Lane would increase when the current contract expired on 30th November 2021. From the new rates quoted it appeared that an average monthly charge would increase from approximately £5 to over £16. It was agreed that the contract would not be renewed and no other supplier would be sought.

Cllr Loader offered to investigate ways to make the kiosks look attractive, e.g. children's paintings in the panes of glass. AL

(c) Car Park Charging

The Clerk reported that to date expenditure totalled £445.20 compared with income of £454.80. However, expenditure included one-off outlays for setting up and signage. It was agreed to review the charging policy again in six months. It was stated that some people found the signage confusing: this would be reviewed in due course.

152/21 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS:

(a) Planning Application Requirements: Councillors had indicated their agreement with the proposed response which had been previously circulated by Cllr Banks and which would be forwarded to NSC. Action confirmed. Clerk

(b) Housing Strategy: A response had been drafted and circulated by Cllr Banks: it was agreed that the response be approved and forwarded to NSC. Clerk

153/21 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE, 2022

The Clerk reported on a meeting of residents interested in a village celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee. Proposals nationally included lighting beacons on the 2nd June 2022 and it was suggested that the Parish Council might be responsible for organising this event. It was noted that this might include some cost. Agreed – details to be discussed at a later date.

Other events suggested included a 'Big Jubilee Lunch' on Sunday 5th June which it was hoped Tickenham WI might organise, followed by a pageant and blessing the oak tree in the Village Field. The celebrations would conclude with a thanksgiving service, possibly in the Field.

The Council agreed to meet the cost of room hire for meetings of the organising group.

154/21 REVIEW OF ITEMS OF HISTORIC INTEREST

Cllr Banks suggested that there were more items of interest that might be included in the local heritage list handbook, e.g. finger posts and post boxes. No decision was taken.

155/21 CAR PARK YELLOW LINING

The Clerk reminded Council that a previous quotation had been considered too high and another contractor had failed to carry out the work. The Clerk would continue to seek suitable contractors at a reasonable cost. Clerk

156/21 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Trenchard reported that the email address for the hall was being up-dated as was the website. Online booking would also be introduced. To date it had not been possible to source a new Union flag. The Clerk would investigate possibilities. Clerk

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall Committee had been held when it was noted that funds stood at £29,000, NSC grants having subsidised income during the Covid pandemic. Bookings were returning and it was anticipated that the village market would resume in December. As the post office was not returning, their equipment would be removed.

157/21 VILLAGE FIELD REPORT

Cllr Banks reported that maintenance work continued and it was pleasing to note that the recently planted bulbs were coming up. The minutes of the recent Annual General Meeting would be circulated in due course.

158/21 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2021

The second Tuesday of each month commencing at 7.00 p.m. as follows:
9th November; 14th December: