

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.00 p.m.
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr John Banks in the chair, Cllrs David Franks, Rachel Maby, Bruce Ralfs, Dan Sewell, Pam Trenchard and Steve Williams.

In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk); three members of the public.

- 01/22 APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllrs Mike Perrott and Ann Loader.
- 02/22 COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
Following the last election there remained two vacancies for councillors. Elaine Summers had expressed a wish to be co-opted to the Council. The Chairman proposed and it was unanimously agreed that she be co-opted as a member of Tickenham Parish Council. Having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Cllr Summers was welcomed to the meeting.
- 03/22 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
The Chairman referred to the proposed celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the plan for which would be discussed at the next meeting.
Community Infrastructure Levy: The Chairman reminded the meeting that £28,333.18 was due to the Council following development at Golden Acres, the money to be used for the benefit of the village. Early thoughts included allotments, a multi-use games surface and footpath provision from Ryves Vale. It was agreed that councillors' ideas would be collected prior to consultation with residents. ALL
- 04/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr Trenchard declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item no. 10 (a): planning applications nos. 21/P/3332/FUL and 21/P/3552/FUH
- 05/22 MINUTES of the meeting held on 14th December 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.
- 06/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
There were no matters arising from the minutes other than those itemised on the agenda.
- 07/22 CLERK'S REPORT
Items to be raised by the Clerk appeared elsewhere on the agenda.
- 08/22 HIGHWAYS
(a) Traffic issues: 20 mph mandatory limit: Cllr Banks had requested a meeting with NSC officers to consider the new process for securing this speed limit. Councillors preferred a late afternoon meeting. JB

(a) Variable Speed Camera: Details of cameras had been sent to Tickenham Road Action Group: a response was awaited.

(b) Drainage and resurfacing works: In answer to questions raised, the following information had been received from the NSC highways manager:
Funding: Due to gas main replacement works it was unlikely that drainage works to the B3130 would be completed in this financial year: unused money could be carried forward to 2022/23 with further funds already identified in that year's budget.
Although there was no scope for widening the footway, an allocation had been made to improve a section of footway to the south side near the school.

Drainage Outfalls: Not all had been proved but the aim was to complete this investigation in the current financial year while Wales and the West Utilities were working in the area.

Road markings: The coloured road markings indicated areas where work had been identified.

(c) Responses from NSC: Cllr Banks said sixteen weeks had passed since the initial meeting with officers: no issue had been fully resolved and there had been no contact on three of the points. Pressure would be maintained on NSC to provide resolutions.

Cllr Loader had previously expressed frustration over NSC responses to concerns about traffic in the Jacklands area. She had circulated a letter which she personally intended to send to Cllr Mike Solomon. The content of the letter was noted.

(d) Incidents: Cllr Summers spoke of two incidents where, due to overhanging trees reducing the road width, lorries had had to mount the pavement to pass, narrowly missing parents and children walking to and from school. The Clerk had also received separate reports of such incidents which she had already reported. NSC would be asked to deal with the problem as a matter of urgency. CLERK

(e) Air pollution: No traffic air pollution readings near the school had been received: clerk to chase. Cllr Franks stressed the importance of using accurate information. For example, the Electoral Register showed 172 built properties on Clevedon Road, although the numbering was from 1 to 240. CLERK

09/22 FOOTPATHS

(a) Reports: In the absence of Cllr Perrott there was no update on footpaths LA16/26 Cadbury Court Farm and LA16/06 Barrow Court but the Clerk reported that fallen trees in Old Lane had been cleared.

(b) Ryves Vale (formerly Tickenham Garden Centre) Cllr Banks had contacted the landowner about the possibility of the undesignated footpath westwards on the north side from Old Lane becoming a permissive footpath but with no outcome.

10/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CLERK

(a) New Applications:

21/P/3295/FUL: 25 Clevedon Road: Construction of two storey dwelling, car parking & amenity space following demolition of detached garage. After a full discussion the Council raised no objections.

21/P/3332/FUL: 59 Clevedon Road: Conversion of existing barn to two-bed holiday let dwelling. After a full discussion the Council raised no objections.

21/P/3352/FUH: 56 Clevedon Road: Single storey kitchen extension with balcony over and external staircase to south elevation. The Council raised no objection to the kitchen extension but there was concern that the proposed balcony would be intrusive on the neighbour's privacy.

(b) Up-dates: Three planning decisions were noted.

(c) Section 106 Agreements: Cllr Banks provided details of funding provision in two Agreements, allocated as follows:

Ryves Vale (formerly Tickenham Garden Centre): £1,500 for youth and teens sport and activities and activity equipment at the village hall site;

£10,000 towards itemised improvements at the village hall.

Golden Acres: £27,095.64 towards the enhancement of nearby neighbourhood open space.

An initial meeting with hall and field representatives had been held following which Cllr Banks would request a meeting with NSC to clarify various points raised.

(d) Golden Acres Road Name: The name previously proposed was not suitable due to duplication with nearby properties. After consideration the Council proposed Strawberry Fields or Bramley Close, both reflecting the site's former life as a "pick-your-own" garden.

CLERK

(e) Enforcement: The Clerk had again contacted NSC about the enforcement of the planning decisions regarding 3 Jacklands Cottages and the caravan site on Stone Edge Batch. The former was awaiting referral to NSC legal department and the latter the outcome of a judicial review.

11/22 FINANCES

CLERK

(a) Payments were approved as follows:

Clerk's salary December	£291.27
HMRC December	£72.80
Clerk's expenses December	£7.20
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£28.80
JustPark (reimbursement to Clerk)	£24.00
Western Power Distribution (VAT element of invoice)	£60.69
AED Locator (Defibrillator monitoring)	£378.00
Quick Call Dave (IT)	£27.00

(b) 2022/23 Budget: The Clerk had previously circulated a draft budget for consideration. A 10% increase in precept was proposed as this income covered the running costs of the Council and necessary recurring expenses. The increase from £8,503.66 in the current year to £9,354.03 would mean an increase in council tax for a Band D property of approximately £2.00 p.a. The addition of other anticipated income would result in an income budget of £9,964.03. Proposed expenditure amounted to £9,670.00.

Cllr Sewell questioned the charge for maintaining the defibrillator and would investigate other options. Similarly the cost of maintaining the footpath at the east end of the village would be reviewed in due course. The Chairman proposed and the Council agreed that the budget as presented be approved.

CLERK

(b) Internet Banking: The Clerk reported that Cllr Perrott had made an official complaint to NatWest Bank about the long delay in dealing with the Council's application and compensation of £250 had been received. It was hoped that the application would now progress smoothly.

12/22 RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION WORKSHOP

The Centre for Sustainable Energy had arranged a joint all-day workshop for Nailsea and Tickenham on Saturday 12th February at the Tithe Barn, Nailsea. Councillors were asked to inform the clerk if they wished to attend. Details of the agenda would be requested.

ALL / CLERK

13/22 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Trenchard said that the Hall Committee had not met since the last Council meeting.

14/22 VILLAGE FIELD REPORT

Cllr Banks said that walking football had recommenced on Sunday mornings although recently the pitch had been too wet.

15/22 CONSULTATIONS

It was agreed that when the views of councillors were requested, particularly between meetings, a deadline for response should be indicated.

16/22 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS 2022:

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

8th February; 8th March; 12th April; 10th May; 14th June; 12th July;
[9th August]; 13th September; 11th October; 8th November; 13th December.