

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7.00 p.m.
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr John Banks in the chair, Cllrs David Franks, Mike Perrott, Ann Loader and Pam Trenchard

In attendance: Vena Prater (Clerk)

50/22 APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllrs Rachel Maby, Dan Sewell and Elaine Summers.

51/22 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
The Chairman reminded councillors that at this evening's meeting preparations would begin for the Council's response to the North Somerset Council Local Plan 2038.

52/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr Banks declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application no. 22/P/0236/PIP.

53/22 MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th March 2022, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

54/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
Highways: The reason for markings on the B3130, which indicated utilities locations, was not known.

55/22 CLERK'S REPORT
The Clerk's report, which had been previously circulated, was noted. In answer to a question, the Clerk said that she needed to check whether the children's pads were in the defibrillator cabinet. CLERK

56/22 HIGHWAYS
(a) 20mph speed limit: Cllr Banks had circulated detailed information on negotiations with NSC. One of NSC's criteria for a statutory 20mph limit was that it should be in a built-up area, i.e. development on both sides of the road. However, Tickenham's preferred range included open fields on one side of the road at both ends. It was suggested that the following case be presented to NSC officers:

1. The range of the limit needs to cover the route taken by children and parents to and from school. Any lesser scheme would provide little additional benefit.
2. Development in Nailsea will increase traffic through the village.
3. There are bus stops within the proposed speed limit with no footpaths at some points.
4. Photographic evidence of parents and children going to and from school. The relevant permissions would be needed from parents and the school.
5. Footpaths within the proposed speed limit are substandard in terms of width. The single sided footpath to the east necessitates crossing the B3130 at a pedestrian crossing.
6. From the west, there is a perception of the road narrowing.
7. The B3130 is a designated freight route.
8. There is public support for the 20mph limit, as evidenced at a recent meeting of residents.
9. If approved the work should be delayed until drainage works and road resurfacing have been completed.

Cllr Banks proposed and it was unanimously agreed that, based on the above, a formal application for a statutory 20mph speed limit be made and that a budget of £5,000 be earmarked as a contribution towards the costs.

(b) Variable Speed Camera: The Clerk had applied to the Nailsea Community Trust for a grant and a reply was awaited.

(c) Overhanging trees: Cllr Perrott had not yet been able to complete the survey. It seemed that some attempt had been made to cut back the trees near The Rookery but it was insufficient to allow lorries to pass safely.

(d) Incidents: A report had been received from Cllr Summers about an incident involving a lorry carrying overhanging goods: the incident had been reported to the police. An un-sheeted skip had resulted in debris being scattered along the B3130. The housing developer had reported the incident to the contractor.

57/22 FOOTPATHS

(a) Reports:

LA16/26 Cadbury Court Barn: Retain on agenda.

MP/SW

LA16/6 Barrow Court seats: Retain on agenda

MP

(b) Ryves Vale: Cllr Banks reported that the owner of the land preferred not to formalise the use of the path near Old Lane by making it a permissive footpath. Cllr Banks would continue to press the developer for a link from the site to the existing footpath system.

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58/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CLERK

(a) New Applications:

22/P/0652/FUH: Birchwood, Cadbury Camp Lane: Two-storey rear extension and loft conversion; external insulation; installation of PV shading system and solar panels. No objections were raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.35 p.m. to allow a member of the public to speak and reconvened at 7.40 p.m.

22/P/0718/FUH: Cadbury Court Barn: Erection of single-storey front extension; 2no. roof lights; new bathroom.

The Council carefully considered the application in the light of its position within the curtilage of a listed building. The Council considered that the proposed extension was out of keeping with the character of the former agricultural barns and would result in the three properties not presenting as a coherent whole. Council therefore recommended that the application be refused.

22/P/0824/AOC: Golden Acres Nursery: Discharge of condition 19 – energy requirement. Noted.

22/P/0236/PIP: Tickenham Rabbit Centre, Luggards Cross Farm: Demolition of outbuilding and erection of residential dwelling.

No objections were raised to the development. However, reference to a Section 106 Agreement in support of school travel had been noted in comments from the Highways Department. Tickenham Parish Council would expect to be involved in any discussions relating to such funds.

22/P/0485/OUT: South View Farm: Erection of two dwellings following demolition of existing stables.

Provided that the development was no larger than the existing building footprint and that the ingress and egress remained as on the outline application, the Council raised no objections.

(b) Updates

21/P/22159/LDE: Red Rock Barn: Continued use of stable and yard for builder's materials: Certified

22/P/0158/LDE: Moor View, Hill Lane: Lawful use without compliance with conditions re holiday let: Approved

22/P/0179/LDE: Orchard Cottage, Hill Lane: Lawful use without compliance with conditions re holiday let. Approved

22/P/0420/PIP: Greenwood, Cadbury Camp Lane West: Erection of 2no. dwellings: Refused.

59/22 FINANCES

CLERK

(a) Invoices for payment:

Clerk's salary March	£291.27
HMRC March	£72.80
Clerk's expenses March	£5.65
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
Green Thumb (field grass treatment)	£142.00
National Association of Local Councils (membership)	£228.49

(b) Annual Governance and Accountability Review

The Clerk had circulated a draft income and expenditure statement showing that neither income nor expenditure exceeded £25,000 in the year 2021/22. The Council unanimously agreed that the Certificate of Exemption from an external audit should be completed and signed on behalf of the Council.

CLERK

(c) Level of Reserves

The Clerk reported that the level of reserves stood at £14,875.23. The Council agreed that the reserves were adequate but not excessive. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate moving the reserves into an account that paid a better rate of interest. The current rate of 0.1% was low and there were other accounts currently available that would pay 1.5%. The Clerk agreed to investigate but pointed out that there were rules on where a Parish Council could place its funds.

(d) Defibrillator Costs: In the absence of Cllr Sewell, no further information was availableDS

(e) Parking Revenue: Revenue since the introduction of the new payment procedure amounted to £25.59. Cllr Sewell would up-date the payment process to make it more user-friendly.

60/22 SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS and COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (Ryves Vale and Golden Acres)

Cllr Banks was hoping to arrange a meeting with NSC officers and the Chairs of the Village Hall and Village Field Committees shortly to discuss the procedure for accessing the agreed funding.

61/22 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS: LOCAL PLAN 2038

Cllr Banks had circulated a comprehensive draft response to this consultation. It suggested that the focus of the Council's response should be on the lack of infrastructure and road improvements (particularly in view of current and future developments in Nailsea); provision of a route to from Nailsea to the M5 J20 via West End, Nailsea, and Nailsea Wall; the proposed and inappropriate Tickenham resettlement boundary; support for provisions for generating renewable energy. After preliminary discussion councillors were asked to consider the Plan and the draft response in detail and send their comments to Cllr Banks so that a final response could be produced by the 26th April 2022 for submission to NSC by the 29th.

62/22 INSURANCE

The Clerk had received a reminder from the Council's insurance brokers that in order for events to be covered by the Council's policy the Council, a working party or a sub-committee of the Council must be the sole organiser of the event. This had alerted her to the position of the Field Management Committee and she had again urged them to ensure that public liability cover (and possibly personal liability cover) was in place to cover their events and activities.

63/22 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

(a) Beacons and refreshments: Permission had been granted for the LED beacon to be situated on Cadbury Camp, in the care of Cllr Mike Perrott. A volunteer was needed to take charge of the gas-fired beacon to be lit in the field. It was agreed that refreshments would be bacon rolls and hot drinks and a budget of £100 was approved. Cllr Loader and the Clerk to liaise.

(b) Village lunch: The Council agreed to underwrite the cost of the Village Hall up to £60

(c) National Grid hamper: National Grid had offered a hamper of local produce to be raffled for the benefit of the village. It was suggested that the raffle would take place on Sunday 5th June and be drawn on the same day.

(d) Villagers would be invited to bring a picnic to the field on the afternoon of 5th June.

(e) Plaque for oak tree: The Open Gardens Group had hoped to provide a plaque to commemorate the blessing of the oak tree but the cost was prohibitive at approximately £100. It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet the cost up to £100.

(f) Request to plant a tree: The Short Mat Bowls group wished to plant a tree in the Field to commemorate the Jubilee. The Council had no objection and the request was referred to the Field Management Committee for decision.

64/22 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Trenchard reported on a recent meeting of the Management Committee including the following:

Terms and conditions of hire had been up-dated, as had the fees by approximately 11%. A further hospitality grant of £2,667 to offset loss of income had been received. Rate relief had been confirmed, with a saving of approx. £3,500 p.a. It was hoped to put the S106 money and a grant from National Grid towards the cost of the extension. The doors to the stage would be sound-proofed to help reduce noise in the committee room. The report was noted.

There was some discussion about the proposed extension and how it would be used in conjunction with the committee room but this was ultimately the decision of the Management Committee.

65/22 VILLAGE FIELD REPORT

There was little to report from the Field Management Committee, except that a working party would be busy over the coming Easter weekend.

66/22 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS 2022:

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

10th May (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council); 14th June; 12th July; [9th August]; 13th September; 11th October; 8th November; 13th December.