

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 7.00 p.m.
in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr John Banks in the chair, Cllrs Ann Loader, Mike Perrott, Bruce Ralfs, Dan Sewell, Elaine Summers, Pam Trenchard and Steve Williams.

In attendance: Ward Councillor Nigel Ashton, Vena Prater (Clerk) and one member of the public.

86/22 APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllrs David Franks and Rachel Maby. The Council wished Cllr David Franks a speedy recovery from Covid.

87/22 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
The Chairman referred to the success of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

88/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No councillors declared an interest in any agenda item.

89/22 MINUTES of the meeting held on 10th May 2022, copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

90/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
There were no matters arising other than those on the agenda.

91/22 CLERK'S REPORT
The Clerk said it was possible that National Grid representatives would attend the July meeting to speak about the installation of the new pylons.

92/22 HIGHWAYS
(a) 20mph speed limit: The Chairman's response on behalf of the Council to residents who had been unhappy with the proposal was noted. He was liaising with Alex Rowbottom of NSC about the next steps, e.g. making the application, possible further consultation with residents and likely costs: a response was awaited.

(b) Variable Speed Camera: No response had yet been received from the Nailsea Community Trust: the Clerk would follow up Clerk

(c) Vehicle Data Collection: Cllr Banks would request data from NSC (Darren Lovell.) When that was available and the outcome of the grant application to the Nailsea Community Trust was known, the relevance of data collected would be reviewed. JB

(d) Overhanging trees: The overhanging trees near The Rookery (which were some 2-3feet beyond the property boundary wall, were still causing large vehicles to cross the centre line therefore forcing on-coming traffic to veer towards the pavement. The Clerk would follow this up with NSC officers. Clerk
Similar problems existed at Jacklands where the roadside hedge had been trimmed to a height of only 3feet. Cllr Ashton would take this up with NSC officers. NA

(c) Incidents: The following were reported.
Bramley Rise: A car had clipped the curb, causing the car to veer across the road.
B3130: A large crane had become wedged under the motorway bridge (Clevedon.)
B3130 near Orchard Avenue: A large vehicle had lost its wing mirror, damaging an oncoming car.
B3130 near Washing Pound Lane: A car had mounted the verge.
Jacklands: A lorry had been forced onto the verge to avoid an oncoming vehicle in the middle of the road. This caused damage to the verge and a fence.

93/22 FOOTPATHS SW

(a) Reports:

LA16/26 Cadbury Court Barn: Cllr Williams agreed to look into issues with signage.

LA16/6 Barrow Court seats: Suitable timber to replace the seats had been located at Avril's Timber Products. Cllr Williams would obtain quotes for making and fixing new seats.

(b) Ryves Vale: Cllr Banks would continue to chase NSC for a response to the request for a footpath.

(c) Bramley Rise: The Clerk had received confirmation of the Footpath Diversion Order. The developers would be reminded that the whole footpath must be accessible on completion of the development. Clerk

94/22 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL: OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Responses were awaited with regard to a number of items including variable speed limits, Durnford Quarry planning permission, Ryves Vale footpath and B3130 drainage and resurfacing works. Cllr Banks would continue to chase NSC and request responses.

95/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CLERK

(a) New Applications:

22/P/1278/TPO: Hunters Hollow, Cadbury Camp Lane: Fell diseased ash tree. No objections were raised provided the NSC tree officer was content.

22/P/1284/TPO: Hidden /coombe, Cadbury Camp Lane: Fell diseased ash tree: No objections were raised provide the NSC tree officer was content.

22/P/2683/FUL: Land off Cadbury Camp Lane West: Works to communications masts including alterations to headframe, antenna support apparatus and new radio housing equipment. No objections were raised.

22/P/0788/FUL/LBC: Cadbury Court Barn: Amended application for single storey extension. The Council confirmed its previous recommendation as follows. Bearing in mind that the barns were in the curtilage of a listed building, the proposed extension was detrimental to the character of the site as a whole and to the character of the barns and would result in the properties not being a coherent whole. There were also concerns about the intrusiveness on neighbouring properties and the blocking of light to no. 20. Council therefore recommended that the application be refused.

(b) Updates

22/P/0281/TPO: Woodleigh, Tickenham Hill: Fell tree leaving trunk monolith: Withdrawn.

22/P/0652/FUH: Birchwood, Cadbury Camp Lane: Front extension: Approved.

96/22 FINANCES CLERK

(a) The following were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary May	£296.37
HMRC May	£74.00
Clerk's expenses May	£5.40
Clerk (reimbursement for jubilee tree plaque)	£82.75
Clerk (reimbursement for jubilee refreshments)	£90.20
North Somerset Council (dog bin)	£14.40
Gallagher (insurance)	£667.98
David Ellison (reimbursement for gas for beacon)	£174.48

(b) Return on Investments

The Clerk had researched investments that returned a higher interest rate than that offered by NatWest Bank. A paper had been circulated showing options. It was unanimously agreed

(i) that of the balance currently held in the NatWest Business Reserve Account £10,000 be placed in a Cambridge & Counties Bank 2 year bond at 2.5% interest and that the remaining balance (£4,879.51 as at 10th June 2022) be retained in the NatWest Account

- (ii) that the CIL money (£28,333.18) be placed on deposit with Cambridge & Counties Bank on 95 days notice at 1.3% interest.

97/22 DEFIBRILLATOR

(a) Changes to monitoring procedure

The Clerk had circulated information about changes to the monitoring procedure including three options for its future availability. After discussion the Council agreed that the cabinet door should be permanently unlocked: this would ensure that the defibrillator would always be available in an emergency by simply pulling open the door. Following a minor modification to the cabinet, the annual monitoring service and all alerts would remain in place, i.e. the Clerk would be notified if the door was opened or the defibrillator removed from the cabinet. In due course and when the change became operational, further instructions would be issued to the Clerk so that minor adjustments could be made to the cabinet.

(b) Monitoring costs

Cllr Sewell was confident that other cheaper monitoring options were available. However, this would entail purchasing a different cabinet. It was agreed that the matter would be revisited when likely costs were known and there was a possibility that a new cabinet could be funded from the CIL money.

98/22 SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS

A very positive meeting had been held with representatives from NSC, the Village Hall Committee and the Village Field Committee to discuss the procedures for obtaining and spending the S106 funds. The Hall and Field committees would now negotiate directly with NSC as necessary.

99/22 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Cllr Banks had drafted a procedure for consulting residents on projects which would benefit the village. Residents would be asked to submit their suggestions either via the website or in hard copy, saying how they believed the village would benefit and giving an estimate of cost. It was agreed that a group of assessors comprising three councillors and three residents would review each project with the proposer and report to the full council for final decision. It was hoped to launch the consultation in July with proposals to be returned by the end of December 2022; if the proposals were assessed as received, it would be possible to report decisions to the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2023.

Cllr Banks would finalise the procedure documents and circulate to councillors for final approval.

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100/22 CONSULTATIONS

(a) North Somerset Council: Cost of Living

The Chairman confirmed that the Council's response had been submitted to NSC.

(b) Development options for land owned by North Somerset Council

Cllr Banks had previously circulated draft responses to the questionnaire. It was agreed that the draft be approved as the Council's response and submitted to NSC. (Closing date 20th June 2022)

101/22 COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Cllr Trenchard had raised this item as she was concerned that the Council had no way of knowing whether any of its villagers were in need. The consensus of opinion was that although the Council had been able to set up a support system during Covid lockdown, it was not within its remit or power to support those in financial need; any cases known to councillors should be referred to NSC for assistance.

102/22 TRUESPEED

The Clerk reported that Truespeed were using existing utilities infrastructure to distribute their broadband in the village. They proposed to use two Western Power Distribution poles which they believed were located on car park land at the village hall. In order to secure a licence,

agreement was required between Truespeed and the landowner (the Parish Council) to allow access for installation and maintenance. During discussion the following arose:

The Clerk was asked to request a definitive plan confirming that the two poles in question were in fact on Parish Council land. If so, the Council was content to approve access.

The Clerk would ask Truespeed if they would agree to provide free WIFI access. The Village Hall and the Village Field Committees would be notified of this request as a matter of courtesy.

Clerk

103/22 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Chairman thanked those who had helped in making the beacon lighting, tree blessing and the picnic such successful and enjoyable events. All had been well attended by villagers.

104/22 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Trenchard gave a detailed report following the recent meeting of the management committee. This included: The booking terms and conditions had been sent to all regular hall users. With the exception of the data box, all Post Office items had been removed. Funds stood at £27,174 and expenses included waste disposal, gas, electricity, cleaning and an electrical inspection. An application would be made for a grant towards the cost of LED lighting (£3,600). An architect had been appointed for the rear extension; the works were estimated to cost in the region of £40K.

105/22 VILLAGE FIELD REPORT

Cllr Banks reported that the Committee would be applying to the NSC scheme for Improving Play Areas for a grant for new equipment. This was a matched funding scheme and it was possible that if necessary the Committee would approach the Parish Council for a small grant.

106/22 CAR PARK

The Short Mat Bowls Group wished to plant a cherry tree for the Queen's Jubilee and the front corner of the car park had been suggested as a suitable location. The Parish Council had no objection in principle provided the tree was a small variety which would not spread over the pavement or encroach too far onto the parking area.

107/22 ITEMS FOR REPORT

It had been suggested at the Annual Parish Meeting that items of particular interest should be included on the Council website. From this meeting, these were (i) process for use of the CIL funds (ii) overhanging trees and (iii) possible visit from National Grid.

108/22 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS 2022:

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

12th July; [9th August]; 13th September; 11th October; 8th November; 13th December.