

TICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2026 at 7.00 p.m.
at the Village Hall Committee Room

PRESENT: Cllr John Banks in the chair, Cllrs Bruce Ralfs, Robin Duffin, Pam Trenchard, Rachel Maby, Ann Loader and David Trump

In attendance: The Clerk and two members of the public.

31/26 APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllrs David Balderstone, Dan Sewell and Steve Williams.

Membership: The Clerk reported that Cllr Balderstone had not attended meetings on six consecutive occasions. Therefore, under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972, he ceased to be a councillor. The Council agreed that the Clerk should proceed with advertising the vacancy. It was noted that Mr Balderstone would be eligible to stand for either election or co-option.

32/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda item.

33/26 MINUTES of the meeting held on 10th February 2026, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

34/26 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:

(a) CIL Payments: To date the Clerk had been unable to ascertain the amount which might be due to the Council from the development east of 68 Clevedon Road. Recognising that payments would be received at the end of April and October, councillors agreed that it would be fairer and easier to delay allocations until after those dates. Therefore it was agreed

- that any recommended allocations for the three projects currently under review would not be considered until the May 2026 meeting of the Council
- that the three applicants be notified of the change
- that the process for considering applications be reviewed and amended for future years to take account of the expected dates of receipt of funds from NSC.

(b) Road closure: Information about a road closure by National Grid to reinstate land used as a haul road had been circulated. It was suggested and agreed that National Grid be asked if they would move the telephone box from Stone Edge Batch to the Village Hall.

CLERK

(c) Waste Bins: The Clerk had obtained a new bin with cover from NSC. However, it was apparent that the bin at Hill Lane did have a cover. It was agreed that the new bin should be placed in Moor Lane to replace the unofficial ones.

35/26 HIGHWAYS

(a) Illuminated bus stops: The Clerk reported that NSC were looking into the provision of solar lit stops in the supplier's contract. This would be a step forward but there remained the question of funding. It was hoped to have more information shortly.

(b) VAS signs: NSC had inspected the existing poles and reported that they were fit for use for new signs. Cllr Banks was setting up a meeting with the officer to discuss any foreseeable issues and obtain advice.

(c) Portable signs: NSC were unable to provide replacement batteries or clips. The Clerk suggested and it was agreed that the portable signs be scrapped.

(d) Incidents: It was noted that some potholes had been repaired but certainly not all. There had been vandalism to bus stops at Jacklands.

36/26 FOOTPATHS

(a) General: Cllr Ralfs reported a damaged footpath sign opposite Tower House Lane. SW

(b) Barrow Court: Cllr Banks was still trying to arrange the installation of the seats but the weather had not been encouraging. It was hoped to arrange the site visit with the Avon Wildlife Trust representative very soon.

(c) Request from NSC: Cllr Banks reported that the WhatsApp group had been set up and several people had already responded.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CLERK

(a) New applications:

26/P/0116/FUH: Beaulleigh, The Ripple: Replacement of roof structure with raised ridge to provide rooms in loft conversion. No objections in principle were raised but consideration should be given to possible intrusion on neighbour's privacy.

26/P/0379/FUL: 45 Clevedon Road: New dwelling and garage following demolition of existing, including ground mounted solar panels. The solar panels were not considered to be obtrusive. No objections were raised.

26/P/0404/AOC: Stables at South View Farm: Discharge of Conditions 3, 6 and 7: construction method, environmental management and landscape and ecological management plans (re app. No. 25/P/2193/S73)

3 Construction Method: Councillors requested a clear plan showing the proposed one-way system, including entry and exit.

How will wheel washing be monitored?

Hazardous material should not be placed on gravel or other porous surfaces.

How will reinstatement of footpaths at the site access be monitored

7 Ecological Management: In many cases provision for wild life (birds and bats) does not happen. It is difficult to assess the provision once buildings are complete. How would be provision of mitigation be managed?

(b) Updates

Decisions by NSC were noted.

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THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY and RIPARIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

Further to discussion at the previous meeting, the chairman of the Nailsea Environment and Wetlands Trust had suggested that the Parish Council should be involved in maintenance of the Land Yeo, liaising with riparian owners, coordinating maintenance and appointing a contractor. Councillors noted that the Parish Council had already alerted riparian owners to the notice from the Environment Agency but had no responsibility for the Land Yeo in any of the areas mentioned. Councillor approved the draft response to the chairman of NEWT provided by Cllr Banks. JB

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FINANCES

CLERK

(a) Payments: The following were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary February	£343.58
HMRC February	£86.00
Clerk's expenses February (admin, printing)	£5.50
K & E Property Services (waste bins November)	£192.00
Tickenham Village Hall (meeting room)	£110.00
Robin Duffin (telephone box signage)	£73.10

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CAR PARK

(a) Costs: No response had yet been received from the school regarding a possible contribution to maintenance costs.

(b) Safety: A notice had been included in the school newsletter stressing the need for safe and considerate parking.

(c) Maintenance

Cllr Banks was endeavouring to obtain two further quotations for the repair of potholes.

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VILLAGE HALL REPORT

There had been no meeting of the management committee but Cllr Maby provided the following update.

- Thanks to a grant, a new water heater had been provided in the kitchen.
- A window cleaner had been appointed.
- The exterior cupboard was being cleared.
- New speed warning signs had been provided in the car park.
- The next meeting of the management committee would be on 15th April 29026.

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VILLAGE FIELD REPORT

Cllr Banks reported that it was proposed to provide steps to the games pitch, a path to the gazebo and a traverse wall. Consideration was also being given to a table tennis table, a curling set and a giant Jenga. All the foregoing would be funded by S106 money from the Bramley Rise and Ryves Vale developments. A new shed would be provided in the car park: the proposed location would be submitted to the Parish Council for approval.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14th April 2026 at 7.00 p.m. This meeting would be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00 p.m.