

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL 2014 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE PERKINS ROOM TAPLOW VILLAGE CENTRE HIGH STREET TAPLOW

Present

Cllr. George Sandy (Chairman) Cllr. Rachel Gainey-Corcoran
Cllr. Iris Midlane Cllr. Elizabeth Forsyth
Cllr. John Bamberg. Cllr. John Kennedy
Mrs. Hilda Holder –Clerk

Four member of the public, The Chairman declared the meeting open at 3pm.

Public Forum

Mrs. Joy Marshall reported that she had been in touch with Thames Water about flooding on the Bath Road and was referred to BCC. She had lodged complaints about flooding near Station road and near Tall Trees and given the clerk the reference numbers. She asked for the Council to pursue these issues.

Mr. Lawrence made a statement attached to these minutes in which he challenged why this meeting was proposed to be held in private and complained about offensive statements made by the chairman. He also complained that an evening meeting would have allowed more people to come and protest and made an appeal that the meeting be an open meeting. He handed to the Clerk a copy of his statement and copy emails sent to members of the Hitcham and Taplow Society along with a list of achievements of the Hitcham and Taplow Society over the last 50 years.

The Clerk explained that this meeting had been properly called and there was no requirement that meetings be held in the evenings. On this occasion the meeting had been called on a date pre-booked for a committee meeting that had been cancelled and it made sense to use the vacated booking so as to avoid having to cancel hirings.

The Chairman believed that from the outset he had intended the meeting to be a closed one and that he felt members of the Hitcham and Taplow Society had become upset for no good reason. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarise councillors with the proposals and to decide which ones met the policy criteria and were within the council's powers to deliver. He had felt it would be best to deal with such sensitive issues without a crowd present. He reminded Mr. Lawrence that the monies were negotiated by the Council and within the Council's discretion to dispense. There had been no requirement to undertake a public consultation but the Council had done so and when it came to making any decisions on the merits of any proposals meeting the policy criteria this would be undertaken at public meetings. He believed this was the proper way to proceed and didn't accept criticism that the council had done anything out of order.

Mr. Heckman added that it would be regrettable to decide to exclude the public.

PC/19/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr. Marina Grazier, Cllr. Euan Felton and Cllr. Louise Symons

PC/20/14 To resolve under S. 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that in the public interest the public be temporarily excluded from the meeting whilst the proposals regarding the Land Securities monies are debated.

The motion was carried. One vote against by Cllr. Elizabeth Forsyth.

The meeting ended at 3.25pm

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PART 2 OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th APRIL 2014 AT 3.25 P.M. IN THE PERKINS ROOM TAPLOW VILLAGE CENTRE HIGH STREET TAPLOW

Present

Cllr. George Sandy (Chairman)	Cllr. Rachel Gainey-Corcoran
Cllr. Iris Midlane	Cllr. Elizabeth Forsyth
Cllr. John Bamberg.	Cllr. John Kennedy
Mrs. Hilda Holder –Clerk	

PC/21/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr. Marina Grazier, Cllr. Euan Felton and Cllr. Louise Symons

PC/22/14 To preview and shortlist proposals received in respect of the Land Securities monies

22.1 Cllr. Bamberg reminded the meeting of the policy statement criteria – namely that proposals should benefit the community as a whole, have a legacy benefit and be met within the £100,000 with no ongoing maintenance costs and be practical. The Clerk added that proposals must be within the remit of the Council to deliver. The Chairman added that it wasn't necessarily the case that the council should be looking for a single big project – several smaller projects could be contemplated and indeed if no projects were suitable the monies could be ring fenced for the future.

22.2 Each proposal was looked at in turn and measured against the policy criteria and the Council's powers to deliver them. Cllr. Bamberg said that each proposal for the APM must be accompanied by detailed proposals and be fully costed including costings for any ongoing maintenance not within the Council's usual budget. Proposers should also be aware that we would need to get three quotes in due course.

22.3 It was agreed that the procedure at the public meeting would be for the public to be asked for their opinion on a pre-printed list of proposals putting them in order of preference. Mrs Straw was to be asked to attend to ensure that fire regulations were not exceeded and late comers exceeding capacity would be asked to leave. Residents invited to make proposals should be advised of capacity issues. It was believed that capacity was about 85 people although only about 60 chairs were available for the public.

22.4 The following comments were made:-

Proposer	Proposal	Council's Comments	Invited to make proposal at APM Yes/No
EDRA	1 Develop Neighbourhood Plan	Parish Plan, Local Plan and Core Strategy already exist. No greater benefit for community as a whole.	No
	2 Create a Local heritage asset list	Listed buildings already listed. Matter for individuals. No whole community benefit	No
	3 Draft Development management DPDs	Although agree with what said this is not within Council's remit	No
	4 Conservation area	“ “	No

	DPDs		
	5 Core Strategy clause 2.2.30	This is not in our remit – a matter for SBDC and Government	No
	6 Reinforce taplow riverside conservation area character appraisal	“ “	No
	7 Protect Green Belt	“ “	No
	8 Consider Area of Special Control Order	“ but ask if can refer to HTS to pursue	No
	9 Create Historic Environment Document	Local Plan in place been adopted and cant be altered.	No
	10 Mill Lane Development	Council will be consultees in planning process and cant predetermine matters	No
	11 Employ arboriculturalist to TPO selected trees	Specific trees can be referred without cost at any time to SBDC	No
HTS	1 Consider projects in Parish Plan	No details have been provided despite requests. Too general for consideration	No
	2 warning lights and 10mph on Rectory Road at school times	Outside our remit and BCC are dealing with existing requests	No
	3 Restore Village Green	Agreed within policy criteria and remit. Encourage to liaise with others who have proposed this so one proposal at meeting	YES but only one proposer see P Thorne below
	4 Clear path beside Cedar trees south of cricket field	Appears to be private land. Not within Council’s powers and cricket club have opposed in the past.	No
	5 Towards restoration of Italianate features at OPG	Been advised not intention of Friends of OPG to do this and long term maintenance issues. Suggest liaise with THRGA. However a proposal re OPG would be within policy – see below	NO
	6 Build a tennis court	Impractical because of long term maintenance and not benefit residents as a whole	No
	7 Set up rubbish collection point along Jubilee River	Outside our powers. Have already taken up with SBDC.	No
	8 Donation to OPG project	Agreed but suggest liaise with THRGA – see below	YES but only one proposer see THRGA below
	9 Restore Taplow and Hitcham war memorials	Agreed for Taplow but not for Hitcham	YES but only one proposer see T

			Meats below
	10 establish 20mph for Rectory Road	Outside our remit and BCC are dealing with existing request	No
H&T Brownies	Help with anniversary weekend in May	Doesn't fit criteria but will put on agenda for AGM if specify amount	No
Paul Thorne	1 Village Green	Agreed. Suggest liaise with HTS	YES but only one proposer see HTS above and E lipman below
	2 OPG- professional insight	OPG suitable subject . Should liaise with others	YES but only one proposer see HTS above and THRGA and trevallionsbelow
	3 Cedar Path	See HTS 4 above	NO
Cliveden Village residents Group	1 Men's sheds/community garden	Doesn't benefit whole community. Suggest liaise with THRGA to see if 155 men at Cliveden Gages might use OPG allotments	NO
	2 Jazz festival	Doesn't fit legacy criteria	NO
	3 Solar panels	Up to individual householders.	NO
	4 Footpath link	Not within our remit but good idea and will look into with BCC and suggest liaise with Mary Trevallion below	NO
	5 Community Orchard	Not benefit whole community. Suggest liaise with THRGA as OPG has an orchard	NO
T Wogan	Road calming measures along Hitcham Lane	Not within our remit. Will refer to BCC	NO
Trevallions	1 Heritage Website and map	Good idea. Suggest liaise with P Thorne Could PC website be adapted	YES
	2 Footpaths	Would invite to put specific proposals for a network and also focus on Taplow Court to Cliveden. Suggest liaise with others with same idea	YES but only one proposer see H Fenn below
	3 Traffic calming	Outside our remit and BCC are dealing with existing request	NO
	4 OPG	Agreed	YES but only one proposer see HTS/ P Thorne above and THRGA below
	5 Signage of Important	Yes but need detailed suggestions	YES

	locations	of where, how and how much. Note issues with land owners	
WI	Disabled toilets	Not a benefit to community as whole but if give more details could consider a donation at next meeting	NO
ST Nicolas' church	roof	Cllr Forsyth declared an interest as a church goer. Agreed as Taplow is Christian society and heritage and architectural angles	YES
Jane Curry	Refurbish pavement along Station Road	Not in remit but will refer to BCC	NO
A Meats	War memorial	Agreed	YES
N Smales	1 Taplow Moments book	Not benefit to whole community. Nice idea would like to see draft and could add to our website if wants	NO
	2 Heritage Boards	Good idea – suggest liaise with Trevallions	YES but only one proposer see Trevallions above
Barrie Peroni	Sheila Horton Mural	Lacquer had been put on recently. Not benefit to whole community. But wory of debate	YES
Heather Fenn	1 Boathouse near Bridge	Not within criteria or remit – either Berkeley Homes or SBDC responsible	NO
	2 Museum and Animal observation hides	“ “	NO
	3 Facilities re footpath to footbridge	“ “. Suggest Liaise with Trevallions	NO
	4 New footpath from Station to Village	Suggest liaise with Trevallions and summerlease	NO
EVA Lipman	1 Village Green	Agreed	YES but only one proposer see HTS and P Thorne above
	2 Neighbourhood plan	No see EDRA above	NO
	3 Local Heritage Asset list	No see comments above	NO
	4 Church roof	Yes	YES but only one proposer see ST Nic Church above
	5 Digital archive of taplow on web	See comments above	NO
	6 Stabilising mural	See above	YES but only one

			proposer see B Peroni above
	7 Footpath network	See above	NO
THRGA	OPG works	Agreed	YES but only one proposer see HTS/ P Thorne/Trevallions above

PC/23/14 Next meetings

The meeting ended at 5.15pm. Next meetings: Finance Committee Friday 16th May 2014 at 1.30pm at Lissiam Lodge Mill Lane Taplow SL6 0AG and AGM followed by APM on 20th May 2014 at 6.30 pm in the Perkins Room Taplow Village Centre High Street Taplow.

Meeting ends