

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014 AT 1.30 P.M AT LISSIAM LODGE MILL LANE TAPLOW

### Present

Cllr. John Bamberg (Chairman)    Cllr. George Sandy

Cllr. Rachel Gainey-Corcoran    Cllr. John Kennedy

Mrs. Hilda Holder –Clerk

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 1.30pm.

### FC/20/14 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Euan Felton. There were no declarations of interest.

### FC/21/14 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### FC/22/14 Matters arising from the previous minutes

Cllr. Bamberg enquired about the intruder alarm system. The Clerk advised that, as it was still operative, it had been decided not to renew the system for at least another year.

### FC/23/14 To review income and expenditure to date

23.1 The Clerk was asked to provide Cllr. Bamberg with a hard copy of financial information before meetings going forward. Also the column showing the percentage of expenditure against last year's budget should be changed to list actual expenditure in the same period last year.

23.2 Cllr. Bamberg noted that although Income on the whole seemed healthy, hall hire was slightly down from this time last year and it was not clear why figures were low in May but high in August. The Clerk believed this might have been due to discrepancies in recording receipts.

23.3 Cllr. Bamberg confirmed that expenditure seemed to be overall on target with budget but noted the following:-

23.3.1 street lighting bills had reduced substantially since the decision had been taken to change to LED lights. The Clerk confirmed no complaints about lighting had been received.

23.3.2 Village Centre costs should be broken down further to show how much was due to utility bills and ongoing costs and how much to repairs. Cllr. Kennedy wished to see the security light repaired without further delay. The Clerk also advised that imminent repairs may be necessary to the fire door because of problems in shutting the same.

23.3.3 Concern was expressed about the costs of cutting the Village Green grass. Cllr. Sandy felt the Green did not need so many cuts each year and that the grass should be kept a little longer. This matter would be on the next full Council agenda.

### FC/24/14 Any other business

24.1 The Clerk was asked to obtain a wreath for the Remembrance Day service and liaise with Cllr. Gainey- Corcoran.

24.2 The Clerk was asked to find out more about the costs of implementing the 20mph zones and put this on the next full council agenda.

24.3 The Clerk advised that TFB had spoken to her about needing permission to extend the footpath near the school and whether the Council would contribute to the costs of removing part of the hedge for a new pedestrian entrance. Should details be submitted in time this would be put on the next Council agenda.

24.4 The Clerk had ordered a sixteen foot Christmas tree this year as obtaining a taller tree would be very expensive.

**FC/25/14 Date and time of next meeting and items for the next meeting**

The next Finance Committee Meeting would be on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 1.30pm at Lissiam Lodge Mill Lane Taplow SL6 0AG.

The meeting closed at 2.37pm.

*This concludes the Minutes*