

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE PERKINS ROOM TAPLOW VILLAGE HALL HIGH STREET TAPLOW SL6 0EX

Present

Cllr. Jamie Barnard (Chairman) Cllr. Roger Worthington
Cllr. George Sandy Cllr. Claire Price
Cllr. Yannick Le Touze Cllr. Spencer Norton
Cllr. Toby Greeves Mrs. Holder - Clerk
Three members of the public including County Councillor Dev Dhillon.

Open forum

Dianne Strang of Lansdowne Place said there had been nine burglaries at the flats owing to the lack of lighting and also problems with speeding, rubbish and rats.

County Cllr. Dhillon advised that there was no statutory duty for the County or Parish Council to provide lighting and that the developers should have put lighting in place. Cllr. Sandy noted that the developer had originally drafted plans showing lighting being put in but they were not included in the final approval. He suggested residents formed a Residents Association to petition the developers, Blacks. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had agreed to install lights subject to match funding from the Local Area Forum and Burnham Parish Council contributing to lights on their side of the road. However the LAF had said funding would not be available in any event until 2019 so any lights could not be installed before next winter.

County Cllr. Dhillon reported he had met with residents of Hill Mead Court concerning their request for yellow lines. He said he would be willing to support their request if they could find the funding for it.

He added he had received a petition from residents of Buffins wishing to stop other residents asking for dropped kerbs to enable parking on front lawns. Their concern was that this would lead to parking issues as it would restrict areas available for parking and there might be issues of aesthetics. Cllr. Sandy said one solution might be to use the open spaces in Buffins for parking. The land seemed to belong to L&Q.

County Cllr. Dhillon asked if the issue of car parking around the Station could be on the next agenda. This would be subject to whether any announcement was made regarding unitary authorities in the meantime.

PC/99/18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Gerry O'Riordan and Cllr. Karen Walsh. Cllr. Val Pridmore and Cllr. Louise Symons were noted as absent.

PC/100/18 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 31st July 2018

These were **approved** and were signed by the Chairman with one amendment at item 92.2 to note that it was the residents of Taplow not just Marsh Lane who contributed to the gates.

PC/101/18 Matters Arising (not otherwise on the agenda and for information only)

101.1 Cllr. Sandy clarified that the land referred to at item 98.7 was on the east side towards Cliveden.

101.2 The Chairman welcomed back the Clerk following her period of ill health and thanked Cllr. Worthington for helping to cover during her absence.

101.3 The Chairman enquired if there was any more news about travellers. County Cllr. Dhillon said a group were being moved on from the Beaconsfield motorway services that day.

PC/102/18 To consider issues relating to Institute Road

102.1 In addition to the matter raised under Open Forum, Dianne Strang raised the issue of the amount of rubbish that accumulated under the railway bridge. County Cllr. Dhillon suggested she contact the Leader of SBDC – Nick Naylor.

102.2 She also raised the issue of flooding which in her opinion was caused by the lack of kerbing around the drains. County Cllr. Dhillon said that before any works could take place they needed permission from GWR as any works could damage the old bridge. He said he would contact them.

PC/103/18 To consider issues relating to the Hall

103.1 Following debate on the relative merits and costs of dimmable recessed lights or replacement similar lights for the Perkins Room, no agreement was reached and Cllr. Price agreed to look into other alternatives.

103.2 It was noted that the roof above the Reading Room was not in a good condition. The Clerk would ask Dunne and Co to quote to survey the roof.

103.3 The window above the flat roof in the Perkins Room needed repair and redecoration. The Clerk was asked to get two quotes. County Cllr. Dhillon said he had £500 in his Community Leader's Fund which he could donate towards this work.

PC/104/18 To consider the deployment of the speedwatch device

Cllr. Le Touze said that although the device had been deployed once, sadly there were too few volunteers and his available time was too limited to deploy it more often. It was **agreed** that an appeal should go out for more volunteers. The Chairman asked whether Dorney Parish Council still wanted to borrow it but County Cllr. Dhillon noted that they were in the process of having two fixed vehicle activated signs installed.

PC/105/18 To consider next steps regarding the barn

The Chairman noted that many steps still needed to be taken in terms of flooring heating and lighting. Cllr. Price noted that separating electricity supply from the school supply was also important as was putting in a water supply. The Chairman said that the current amount of storage in the barn was the first stumbling block and he would contact the Scouts about their equipment.

PC/106/18 To agree representation at the Remembrance Day service

The Chairman would represent the Council. Cllr. Worthington noted that - thanks to the efforts of Phil Taylor - he was hopeful the repair work could be undertaken on the war memorial by 11th November but there was an issue regarding clarifying an inscription which could still hold matters up.

PC/107/18 Planning

107.1 The following applications have been decided:-

PL/18/2768/VRC 5 Ellington Gardens	APPROVED
PL/18/2231/HB Cliveden Boathouse slipway repair	APPROVED
18/00746/FUL Mill Lane pub	WITHDRAWN
18/00917/MISC Station footbridge	APPROVED
18/00772/RVC Mill Lane office block adjustments	APPROVED
18/00581/FUL 2 Elm View	APPROVED
18/00705/FUL 3 Cornerways River Road	WITHDRAWN

107.2 The following applications were pending for which no objections were **agreed** to be submitted:-

- PL/18/3447/KA Cedar Chase trees
- PL/18/3308/FA 36 Buffins front and porch extensions
- PL/18/3237/KA River Road Tree fell
- PL/18/2736/FA 6 Bishop Centre internal changes
- PL/18/2735/SA 3 Saxon Gardens lawful extensions

107.3 The following were debated:-

PL/18/3048/FA 31 Buffins; parking access – Cllr. Norton was concerned that to allow this application would set a precedent and might lead to a situation where no-one would have room to park on the road. Cllr. Worthington said L&Q had expressed no concern. He noted that this was not a planning matter but a matter for BCC. It was **agreed** that Cllr. Worthington should write to SBDC expressing concerns and copy the same to BCC's Rosie Taylor.

PL/18/2963/FA Rectory Farm - tennis outbuilding. **Agreed** no objections.

107.4 Cllr. Worthington reported that no progress had been made on the Neighbourhood Plan for a year as there were insufficient volunteers to handle the serious amount of work required to make progress. County Cllr. Dhillon recommended that a Neighbourhood Plan was a good idea as just having a Green Belt designation was no guarantee that land was safe anymore. It was **agreed** to launch an appeal for more volunteers

PC/108/18 Finance

108.1 Expenditure in the cashbook was ratified and **agreed**.

108.2 Cllr. Worthington displayed the map donated by Mrs. Hickman and said he had a quote for £296 to get it framed with a 4cm flat black wooden frame. It would be glass fronted with uv protected glass. He was asked to go ahead and get the map framed to hang in the Perkins Room subject to the frame being in a colour to match the Honours Board. He had a budget of up to £500 to achieve this. The Clerk was concerned with the safety of using glass for such a large map.

108.3 Cllr. Price noted that for reasons of ensuring that the bank would deal with her, the Clerk had been added as a signatory by Cllr. Worthington and Cllr. Sandy as an emergency measure during a period when the bank were making mistakes and bouncing cheques. However, she did not think it was appropriate as it was against all principles of financial control for the administrative arm of an organization to be able to direct funds. It was noted that the bank account was not a business account which could be the reason why the Clerk had had such difficulties. **It was agreed** that the Clerk should look into setting up a new business bank account with either Nat West or HSBC with online banking and with her being recognized as an administrator. In the meantime she could continue to be a signatory on the current account as long as she did not sign any cheques.

108.4 Cllr. Worthington noted that the external auditor had given the Parish Council a clean bill of health.

PC/109/18 Any Other Business

109.1 The Chairman reported that the contractor planned to finish all the work in the kitchen by 5th October.

109.2 Cllr. Price asked for everyone to try and list all possible investment options for the next meeting in readiness for starting the budget process.

109.3 The Clerk reported that BCC were again offering devolved services to parishes. The Clerk was asked to find out what budget would be available to Taplow and whether we could cherry pick services.

109.4 The Clerk asked what was happening about clearing vegetation in Approach Road and County Cllr. Dhillon said he would chase.

109.5 Cllr. Sandy noted that he was waiting for a report from SBDC about the line of the new fence put up by the owners of Rectory Farm. He believed that a Land Registry plan suggested that they might have edged onto the village Green. The Chairman noted that the owners had said the new fence followed the chain link fence. They had also offered to replant the hedge on the Green side of the fence. The Clerk noted that it might be necessary to get SBDC approval for that. The Clerk was asked to put this matter on the next agenda.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm.