

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd JULY 2019 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE PERKINS ROOM, TAPLOW VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, TAPLOW SL6 0EX

Present

Cllr. Jamie Barnard (Chairman) Cllr. George Sandy
Cllr. Roger Worthington Cllr. Claire Price
Cllr. Spencer Norton Cllr. Louise Symons
Cllr. Karen Walsh Cllr. Gerry O’Riordan
Mrs. Holder (Clerk) and three members of the public including County Cllr. Dev Dhillon.

Open forum

Dianne Strang raised concerns about serious planning breaches at Lansdown Place and Cllr. Worthington agreed to discuss these with her following the meeting.

Mark Bradshaw, General Manager of the National Trust with responsibility for Cliveden, said he hoped to be able to form a closer relationship with the Parish Council. He had already responded to the Clerk about parking concerns on Common Land. Cllr. Sandy noted that one of the reasons people were parking there was that Cliveden had started cutting the grass on the Common Land. He recommended they left the grass to grow longer as he felt this would deter parking and encourage wildlife.

Mr. Bradshaw said his main concern was speeding along Taplow Common Road and Cliveden Road. He was aware of concerns from the residents of Cliveden Gages and was working with the police. There had been seven serious accidents in the last five years and a fatality last year. The speed limit was currently 60mph and he would like to see that reduced. Following debate Cllr. Dhillon said he would write to Sue Brown, the road safety officer at BCC, to ask for another road safety assessment but the money to pay for it would need to come from the LAF. Cllr. Sandy noted that in the past they had not been able to get the statistical evidence to support reducing the speed limit to 40mph.

PC/86/19 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Val Pridmore.

PC/87/19 To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council of 4th June 2019

These were confirmed, with no amendments required, and signed by the Chairman.

PC/88/19 Matters Arising from the minutes (not otherwise on the agenda)

88.1 Cllr. Sandy noted that SBDC had confirmed they would be taking enforcement action against Rectory Farm’s fence and the barn on Hill Farm Road (unless the owner applied for planning permission).

88.2 The Chairman noted that the Summer Fete had been a huge success and need not come back to the Council for future permissions which would be taken as read.

88.3 Cllr. Worthington reported that the by-law issue raised at the previous meeting did not seem to cause a problem as new buildings were further back than existing buildings.

PC/89/19 Update on progress of neighbourhood plan

Cllr. Worthington noted that the deadline for consultation on the Local Plan expired on 19th July and they were hoping to engage a planning consultant in the next day or so to prepare a response on behalf of the Council. Mr. Maund had been working extremely hard on a 35 page document which summarized all the changes between the old Local Plan and the current draft. A covering letter highlighting the main six or so issues would be sent with it to the consultant. Cllr. Worthington would also shortly be attending a SBALC meeting to see what common concerns could be identified amongst local parish councils. Cllr. Sandy had contacts in Dorney parish who he felt it would be useful to meet and would provide these to Cllr. Worthington.

PC/90/19 To co-opt new councillor/s

No candidate had come forward.

PC/91/19 To consider the following pending items of business carried forward:-

91.1 Parking issues around Taplow station should stay on the agenda as it was likely the Local Plan could affect things in the future.

91.2 Next steps regarding the barn – no further developments yet.

PC/92/19 Planning

Cllr. Worthington reported that:-

92.1 The following decisions have been made

PL/18/4641/FA Mill Lane Public House

PL/19/1199/FA Hitcham Glebe rear extension

92.2 The following are pending decisions

PL/18/3946/FA Barn for quail rearing
Consultant report recommends refusal

PL/18/4426/FA Stonecrop new house
Historic Buildings recent comment on boundary style

PL/19/0027/FA 8 Houses on The Old Boathouse (Gage)
Recent EA letter says whole site is in Flood Zone 3!
Raises issue as to why the adjacent site (the pub) got approval

PL/19/0852/OA Lamont House replacement house

PL/19/0704/FA Elm View outbuilding
Ongoing details discussion Historic Buildings

PL/19/0955/FA 4 Ye Meads side extension
Ongoing details

PL/19/0885/FA Cedar Cottage Dropmore boundary fence
Objections from tree officer re Ancient Woodlands and biodiversity

PL/19/1312/FA Weir Car Park Mill Lane
The EA have offered to meet

92.3 The following are new applications

PL/19/2072/KA Tree pruning Ellington Gardens. Dispute with neighbour over ownership / pruning rights

PL/19/2164/FA Glen Island House. Build 4 car garage and rejig parking

92.4 Cliveden Stud

Gross violations of planning and environmental laws continue. SBDC appear paralyzed. Cllr. Sandy and Cllr. Dhillon both noted that morale amongst enforcement staff seemed very low especially in the light of changes regarding the unitary authority. Cllr. Norton

said that bonfires of commercial waste seemed to be ongoing. Cllr. Dhillon asked for photos to be sent to him and he would send to BCC. Mark Bradshaw said he would check restrictive covenants as this was land previously sold off by Cliveden.

PC/93/19 Finance

93.1 Cllr. Price provided a financial report for the preceding quarter. She said the Council was on budget but that the large, emergency, unexpected spend on the windows for the Reading Room meant there needed to be a deferral of other projects and a reprioritizing of what the remaining budget of £5,000 could be spent on. On the recommendation of the finance committee **it was agreed** to focus on the Perkins Room and for quotes to be obtained for flooring, painting, new cupboards and blinds. Ideally the Summer holidays were the best time to undertake works. **It was further agreed** that a working group of Cllr. Price, the Chairman and Cllr. Sandy be authorized to agree to commit expenditure up to £2,000 on some or all of these works prior to the next meeting in September.

93.2 Expenditure in the cashbook circulated prior to the meeting **was approved** and Cllrs. Sandy and Worthington authorized to sign cheques.

93.3 **It was agreed** to defer considering setting up a community fund until the next budget but that a grants policy could be drafted and agreed in the meantime.

93.4 Following debate about setting up a barn fund, **it was agreed** that the existing Building Fund of £25,000 should be split and £10,000 vired into a new Barn Fund leaving £15,000 in the Building Fund. In terms of cash flow money was on deposit until November.

93.5 Cllr. Sandy had researched paint for repainting streetlights in Ellington Road. He recommended Hammerite paint because of its quality and the fact that it can, if necessary, be painted directly on to rust. The Clerk was asked to ask our contractors what the cost would be to use black hammerite paint.

PC/94/19 Any other business and items for the meeting on 10th September

94.1 The Clerk noted that following the change to using BT for telecommunications services a direct debit scheme for payment of invoices would be best and Cllrs. Sandy and Worthington signed the necessary form.

94.2 The Clerk reported that the organisers of the Remembrance Day service had asked who would represent the Council. The Chairman will liaise with Chris Newton to confirm who will represent the Parish Council at the Remembrance Service

94.3 The Clerk noted that THRGGA had asked for our approval of the wording of their proposed signs for the OPG. The Chairman agreed to deal with this.

94.4 Cllr. Norton noted that a resident had contacted him with complaints about Hitchambury Farm. He would forward the complaints to the Clerk.

94.5 Cllr. Worthington advised that he was attending a Heathrow Consultation meeting shortly. Cllr. Norton volunteered to attend with him.

94.6 Cllr. Dhillon reported that the Common Road in Dorney would be closing for two weeks in the summer from 5th August. He added the cycleway scheme would continue through the summer.

94.7 Cllr. Dhillon enquired whether he could help with the Buffins parking issues. The Chairman noted that L&Q had raised possible problems regarding drainage and planning permission. Cllr. Sandy did not think there was a planning issue but had asked

residents to write to him if they wanted him to pursue this with SBDC. He added that he did not see any issues with drainage either as the existing drains should be sufficient

94.8 Cllr. Dhillon said that there were many seminars scheduled relating to the new unitary authority and encouraged attendance at them.

94.9 Cllr. Dhillon reported that between the Community Leader's Fund and the Chairman's Fund he might be able to offer up to £2,000 to the Council for any community project it might have. The Chairman felt that the refurbishment of the Barn might fit this criteria.

The meeting ended at 8.42 pm.