

# TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 AT 7.30 P.M. VIA THE ZOOM ONLINE PLATFORM**

### **Present**

Cllr. Jamie Barnard (Chairman)    Cllr. Claire Price  
Cllr. George Sandy                    Cllr. Louise Symons  
Cllr. Roger Worthington            Cllr. Spencer Norton  
Cllr. Gerry O’Riordan                Cllr. C. A Silver  
Mrs. Holder (Clerk) and four members of the public.

### **Open forum**

No issues were raised.

### **PC/67/20 Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Val Pridmore and Cllr. Karen Walsh.

### **PC/68/20 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> June**

The minutes **were approved** and the Clerk was asked to sign them.

### **PC/69/20 Matters Arising from the previous minutes**

69.1 Cllr. Sandy reported that all the new blinds in the Hall had been installed but he was still pursuing a price for the new dado rails for the Perkins Room.

69.2 Cllr. Sandy noted that a response had been received from Bucks Council (BC) about Approach Road. They would be cutting back vegetation shortly but the issues raised regarding the uneven footway surface were a matter for Transport for Bucks rather than a project within the remit of the new Community Board.

### **PC/70/20 To consider a response to recent anti-social activities in the parish**

70.1 Mrs. Lloyd and Mr. & Mrs. Davies of the riverside area reported that recent anti-social behaviour by gatherings of people, particularly youths, had left them feeling bullied, scared and unable to walk children along the Thames Path. The gatherings had been rowdy with violence and drug use, resulting in litter, broken glass and drug paraphernalia. Parking was also an issue. It was felt that the police response was too slow and it would be a good idea if the police could be more pro-active. It was suggested that more signage might help. They felt this type of behaviour had increased gradually over the years.

70.2 Cllr. Sandy said he did not think more signage was the answer. He confirmed that the area along the riverbank was common land but was maintained by BC. The police had been requested to put in a Dispersal Order but they did not think the situation warranted it yet. BC were considering putting in a Public Spaces Protection Order which could lead to fines being imposed. Mrs. Lloyd suggested making the area an alcohol-free zone.

70.3 PCSO Ange O’Connell commented that the fact that gatherings took place was not a criminal matter in itself. If a PSPO was in place they would take names and addresses and pass the matter to BC to impose fines. These were unprecedented times but the police could only act if they had sufficient evidence so residents were asked to keep phoning in with reports of anti-social behaviour as they were happening. However police

resources were limited and it depended on other priorities whether the police could attend promptly. She said patrols had been increased but they were unable to be there all the time. It was left that PCSO O'Connell and Cllr. Sandy should discuss this matter further with BC.

70.4 Mr. Davies noted that benches along the right of way footpath – opposite the Waterside Inn and between there and Bray Lock - were being set on fire and asked if they could be replaced by non- wooden benches. Cllr. Sandy said he would refer this to BC.

#### **PC/71/20 To consider environmental initiatives**

Cllr. Worthington reported that he had added a page on environmental issues to the website.

#### **PC/72/20 To agree a representative for Bucks Council's community board meetings**

It was agreed that this should be Cllr. Silver for the time being.

#### **PC/73/20 To agree the next steps to reopen the Village Hall**

The draft additional Hall rules circulated by the Clerk before the meeting were **approved**. The Clerk was asked to ensure signage was put up in the toilets encouraging users to wipe down handles and taps with antiseptic wipes after use and to use paper towels to open door handles. These rules to be reviewed at each Council meeting until decided otherwise.

#### **PC/74/20 To agree the next steps to improve the Village Hall**

74.1 The Chairman noted that the cupboard in the corridor had now been cleared and it was **agreed** that steps be taken to get it painted before its future use as the cleaner's cupboard and store room.

74.2 It was further **agreed** that the cupboards and dado rail would be removed from the Perkins Room and the room would also be painted before September.

74.3 Following obtaining two flooring quotes **it was agreed** to proceed with the cheaper quote and the new flooring would be laid in the Perkins room and the foyer by the end of July. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Walsh for all her hard work in pursuing the flooring quotes.

#### **PC/75/20 To consider and agree issues relating to the following ongoing items:**

75.1 problems with pavement in Approach Road – dealt with above.

75.2 parking issues around Taplow station – no progress.

75.3 next steps re the barn - no response from BC yet.

#### **PC/76/20 Planning**

##### **76.1 The following decisions have been made:**

PL/20/1202/FA	Hitcham Lodge Greenhouse	WITHDRAWN
PL/20/1118/NMA	Balcony changes Mill Lane site	APPROVED
PL/20/0759/FA	Lawson House garden shelter	APPROVED

##### **76.2 The following have decisions pending**

PL/19/3301/FA	Huntswood Golf Club replacement club house
PL/19/0027/FA	8 Houses on the Old Boathouse site
PL/20/1173/HB	Taplow House Hotel roof work

PL/20/0970/FA Wee Cottage extension  
PL/20/0659/FA Housekeeper accommodation Hitcham Lodge  
PL/20/0746/FA Challen's Chicks new house  
Riviera Hotel appeal delayed  
PL/20/1439/FA 1 River Close Outbuilding  
PL/20/1417/SA Lamont House extension  
PL/20/1345/6/CON5 Ellington Gardens conditions

**76.3 The following are new applications – no objections envisaged**

PL/20/1888/ADJ Redevelop Nicholson centre RBWM  
PL/20/1832/FA Greenhouse Hitcham Lodge  
PL/20/1784/SA New outbuildings Larchwood House (ex Cedar Cottage)  
PL/20/1782/NMA Dunloe Lodge detailing  
PL/20/1753/NMA Dunloe Lodge detailing

**76.4 Update on progress of Neighbourhood Plan**

The draft letter referred to at the last meeting from the Neighbourhood Plan Working group to Martin Tett asking what BC might be doing about “Duty to Cooperate” problems had not in fact been sent. This was because studies have come to light involving SBDC, RBWM and Slough on this topic. As a result it appeared that there is unlikely to be a new Local Plan in place for a long time. It was felt that this meant there was an even greater need to have a Neighbourhood Plan in place as quickly as possible.

**PC/77/20 Finance**

77.1 Expenditure in the cashbook **was agreed**.

77.2 The decision to repair the holes in the mural was **ratified**.

77.3 The decision to agree the costs of removing the car park hedge and cutting back the hedge between the Green and Rectory Road was deferred to the next meeting.

**PC/78/20 To agree a contractor for support and a WCAG 2.1 AA compliant website**

Cllr. Worthington reported that he felt uncomfortable having complete responsibility for the website, especially given the new requirements for WCAG compliance, and that the Council should secure professional support. The Clerk had obtained two quotes for this and **it was agreed** to place a contract with the cheaper of the two quotes.

**PC/79/20 Any other business and items for the virtual meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September**

It was noted that travellers had recently been on the Summerleaze quarry site but it was hoped they would be moved on shortly.

*The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.*