

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4th JUNE 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. Spencer Norton
Cllr. Karen Walsh Cllr. Val Pridmore
Cllr. Gerry O’Riordan Cllr. Louise Symons
Mrs. Holder (Clerk) and seven members of the public.

Open forum

Mrs. Billington of Marsh Lane raised a number of questions relating to the construction of the Smart Motorway including the number of different contractors to be used, the number and speed of lorries using Marsh Lane, the times when they can operate and how long works will continue. She also asked what other accesses for lorries onto the motorway would exist.

Matt Orchard said he represented the Smart Motorway project. He said he would get answers and pass them on to the Council. He said the motorway bridge would be closed from the beginning of November and the work would take 14 months from then to complete. He agreed that speeding by lorries was not acceptable nor was it right for lorries to arrive at 6.20am. He said they intended to keep the Thames path open but closures would be necessary for health and safety reasons if they had to move steels over the path.

Dr. Macadams added that speed was a real issue and noted that Dorney PC had given residents a speed camera which could eventually lead to police action for repeat offenders. The Clerk commented that they were probably borrowing the LAF camera held in Burnham. She added that Taplow PC had its own speed camera but, despite promoting its availability, no residents from Marsh Lane had come forward to volunteer to operate it.

Dr. Macadams also noted that serious damage was being caused to the Lane. Jim Stacey from Highways England said that a dilapidations survey had been undertaken at the start of the works and the Lane would be reinstated if necessary when works were completed. He confirmed that Lake End Road would stay open at all times except for a few days when the link road was built.

Cllr. Sandy repeated that speed was the main issue and Matt Orchard confirmed he would take the issue up with their haulage contractors.

Mrs. Billington noted that when Marsh Lane closed it would mean residents would lose their bus service. She asked if the Clerk could contact the bus company to check what their plans were when this happened.

Heather Shuff- Wentzel explained that she and her husband had purchased land on the corner of Hill Farm Road and Hitcham Lane which they wanted to farm for lavender,

bees and sheep and to run a luxury glamping site. They had no intention of building on the land. Cllr. Norton noted that there appeared to be two barns on the site. She responded they were not barns but moveable shelters in which they kept hay. She added that she had been advised that planning permission was not required but had employed a consultant to see if planning permission was required in which case they would apply for it.

PC/74/19 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Claire Price.

PC/75/19 To confirm the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual Parish Meeting of 7th May 2019

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

PC/76/19 Matters Arising from the minutes (not otherwise on the agenda)

There were none other than Cllr. O’Riordan noting that he was not a member of the Finance Committee.

PC/77/19 Update on progress of neighbourhood plan and to consider releasing money from the Gladys Jones Fund to engage professional consultants to review and, if necessary, challenge the Local Plan

77.1 Cllr. Worthington had circulated a summary he had prepared of the draft Local Plan as it related to Taplow. The Riverside area would continue to have Conservation area status but it would come out of the Green Belt and the Village area would continue to have Conservation Area status and be in Green Belt but had been targeted for infilling (which meant more than just developing back gardens and could include building several houses on a plot). References to ‘protected areas’ were meaningless in reality.

77.2 Mr. Maund noted that generally there were no substantial policies in the draft Local Plan which just echoed the pro- development NPPF. This meant the Neighbourhood Plan would be more important than ever. The Local Plan consultation started on 7th June for 6 weeks. The issue was whether it would be worth engaging a consultant at this stage to help with the response to the consultation and identify areas which could be challenged bearing in mind that any work done now would be of benefit in the longer term when developing the Neighbourhood Plan.

77.3 Following debate **it was agreed** by a majority decision that up to £2,000 should be made available from the Gladys Jones Fund to engage a consultant to advise on the consultation response.

PC/78/19 To co-opt new councillor/s

No candidate had come forward.

PC/79/19 To confirm arrangements for the Summer Fete on the Green

It was agreed that the Summer Fete could take place each year on the Green and they could use the Hall should the weather be inclement.

PC/80/19 To consider repainting streetlights in Ellington Road

Cllr. Worthington distributed photographs of six streetlights which showed they needed repainting particularly at their lower levels. Cllr. Sandy said he would make enquiries as to the best paint to undertake the task and the matter would be deferred to the next meeting when the Finance Chairman would be able to advise about cashflow.

PC/81/19 To consider feedback on the way applications for funding are dealt with and to agree a grants policy

The Chairman explained that he had received some feedback from the Girl Guides following their application for funding made at the Annual Meeting. They had felt it was like a dragon's den experience and they did not know what to expect. The Chairman felt that consideration should be given to setting up a community fund and developing a grants policy. This was deferred until the next meeting to allow the Finance Chairman to advise.

PC/82/19 To consider the following pending items of business carried forward:-

82.1 On the issue of parking around Taplow station, Cllr. Worthington noted that the draft Local Plan said that the Station parking triangle should have enhanced parking including south side car parking. It also mentioned the need to enlarge the A4. The draft Infrastructure Delivery Schedule still contained the banning of right turns at Berry Hill.

82.2 The Chairman noted the efforts that had gone into clearing out the barn recently. The next steps would involve him liaising with the Conservation Officer again.

82.3 Regarding the request from Playgroup to change the fittings for the gate, it was noted that no further details had been forthcoming and this item should be removed from the agenda.

PC/83/19 Planning

Cllr. Worthington reported that:-

83.1 The following decisions have been made

PL/19/1208/TP	Tree fell, River Court	APPROVED
PL/19/1207/KA	Tree prune River Court	APPROVED
PL/19/1100/FA	Side extension Amerden Lodge	APPROVED
PL/19/1036/TP	Tree fell Amerden Barn	APPROVED
PL/19/1020/RM	Telecomms mast A4	APPROVED
PL/19/0982/TP	Tree fell Amerden Barn	APPROVED
PL/19/0963/FA	Olympia House modifications	APPROVED
PL/18/4428/FA	Taplow House Hotel, Spa and Conservatory	APPROVED
PL/18/4429/HB	listed building for above	APPROVED

83.2 The following were pending decision by SBDC

PL/18/3946/FA	Barn for quail rearing
PL/18/4426/FA	Stonecrop new house
PL/18/4641/FA	Mill Lane Public House
PL/19/0027/FA	8 Houses on The Old Boathouse (Gage)
PL/19/0852/OA	Lamont House replacement house
PL/19/0704/FA	Elm View outbuilding
PL/19/0955/FA	4 Ye Meads side extension
PL/19/0885/FA	Cedar Cottage Dropmore boundary fence
PL/19/1199/FA	Hitcham Glebe rear extension

83.3 Application for discussion

PL/19/1312/FA The erection of 2m high galvanised steel palisade fencing around the car park perimeter and new gates at entrance of Taplow Weir, Mill Lane. Cllr. Worthington had found evidence from a presentation the Environment Agency had given and an old brochure that they had always promised four car parks along the

Jubilee River including the one at the Weir. He had written to the Environment Agency and the Planning department demanding that the car park remained open.

83.4 Cliveden Stud - Cllr. Worthington had also written to the Planning Department about Cliveden Stud namely that the owners were putting up new buildings and burning commercial rubbish.

83.5 By-law – Cllr. Sandy said he had spoken to Joy Marshall who said she had found a by-law which provided that no buildings could be built in Mill Lane closer than 8 metres to the river. Cllr. Worthington would pursue this.

PC/84/19 Finance

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

PC/85/19 Any other business and items for the meeting on 2nd July at 7.30pm.

This will be preceded by the Finance Committee meeting at 6.30pm

85.1 Cllr. Walsh noted there was overgrown vegetation at the corner of Boundary Road and Rectory Road and Cllr. Sandy said this was also the case on the High Street. The Clerk was asked to write to the relevant hedge owners.

85.2 Cllr. Sandy asked the Clerk to write to the National Trust about the cars parked on Taplow Common land.

85.3 Cllr. Worthington had noticed an old post type box on the corner of River Road and Ellington Road and asked the Clerk to write to the Post Office to have it removed.

The meeting ended at 9.02 pm.