

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 2017 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE PERKINS ROOM TAPLOW VILLAGE CENTRE HIGH STREET TAPLOW SL6 0EX

Present

Cllr. George Sandy (Chairman) Cllr. Jamie Barnard
Cllr. Yannick Le Touze Cllr. John Kennedy
Cllr. Roger Worthington Cllr. Claire Price
Cllr. Toby Greeves Cllr. Val Pridmore
Mrs. K H Holder – clerk
Three members of the public.

Open forum

Nigel Smales confirmed he had been approved as a Police Support Volunteer but the other two applicants were still to be approved. He noted that the police would need to know which piece of traffic speeding recording equipment the Parish Council would be acquiring before training could be organized.

Zoe Hatch advised that although the Screen on the Green project would not now take place until 2018 she would like the Parish Council to clarify if exclusive use of an area of the Green could be given to this project so that they could charge for entry. The Clerk had advised that the Lease provided it should be public open space. The Clerk was asked to write to SBDC to enquire whether permission for exclusive use (not for profit) events could be given.

PC/01/17 Apologies for absence

Cllr. John Bamberg, Cllr. Louise Symons Cllr. Gerry O’Riordan and County Councillor Dev Dhillon.

PC/02/17 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 24th January 2017

These were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

PC/03/17 Matters Arising

- 3.1 The Chairman noted that no response had been received to enquiries of RBWM about road changes on the Maidenhead side of the Thames bridge.
- 3.2 The Clerk was asked to chase the War Memorial Trust for the result of the pre application submission.
- 3.3 The Chairman advised that the new access road on the Institute Road development would be called Langton Green
- 3.4 The Chairman noted no response had been forthcoming from Mike Lowe about blocking the lay by on Boundary Road. The Clerk was asked to write to Peter Prior.
- 3.5 The Chairman noted that the response from SBDC on litter issues had not been overly helpful.

PC/04/17 To consider the assignment to THRGA of the Old Priory Gardens Lease

Cllr. Barnard had spoken to Miv Wayland – Smith and Roger Andrews who were putting together a paper to present to the Council. Essentially they were inclined to suggest that THRGA take a sub lease of the OPG so that responsibility could be shared although they would continue with the day to day running and costs. The Chairman noted that this was not the basis upon which the Council entered into the Lease. **It was agreed** that Cllr. Barnard should form a working group and meet with THRGA in due course to discuss the issues.

PC/05/17 To consider the wear and tear on the village Green

The Chairman reported that some parishioners had complained about the wear and tear to the village Green. He believed this was due to the school children playing on the Green every day. There was some debate on the cause of the wear and tear which might also be due to the grass not having taken properly and the time of the year. **It was agreed:-**

5.1 to instruct our contractor to apply feed to the Green and

5.2 to allow the grass to grow approximately two inches higher than usual before cutting until further notice and

5.3 that the costs were likely to be less than £500 and should therefore come out of the chairman's allowance.

PC/06/17 Update on community speedwatch scheme

It was agreed to proceed to purchase the Sentinel device. Further consideration should be given as to the locations it should be placed following police advice. The Clerk was asked to ensure that it was specifically insured.

PC/07/17 Update on repairs to barn

Cllr. Price reported that she and the Chairman had obtained quotes and decided that the revised quote from Dunne & Co was the preferred quote. This allowed for the complete repair of the rear and hip sections of the barn roof for £9,400 plus Vat. It was believed that it would be better to keep the iron guttering and replace missing parts. The quote also allowed for cleaning the ivy off the front roof and repairing tiles on an ad hoc basis for £2,800 plus Vat. The quote had been sent to the Smiths but they were on holiday. It was hoped they would agree to share half of the costs.

PC/08/17 To agree whether and where to install more defibrillators

Cllr. Pridmore had met with Richard Tracey of the ambulance service to review current and future public access defibrillator locations. Public Access Defibrillators are located at the Oak and Saw, the Synter Garage and Cliveden Gages (restricted access). Noted that there is a self funded private defib at Odds Farm. They had approached Berkley Homes to ask if they would fund and install one on Mill Lane and were waiting for a response. She will approach the Bishop Centre to investigate Public Access provision. As Coverage is lacking in the north of the Parish she recommended the Royal Standard for the next location. She will apply for a BHF grant in May and try to negotiate a keypad style cabinet. If this is rejected the Clerk recommend that the PC buy one.

PC/09/17 To consider preferred solutions to issues relating to large vehicles using Boundary and Hill Farm Roads

The Chairman had noticed that heavy lorries used Hill Farm Road and Boundary Road. He proposed that a 7 foot wide throat just south of Rectory Road junction would stop this happening provided signs were put up at key junctions in the village. Following debate as to likely costs, the level of the problem and the most effective solution **it was agreed** that the Clerk should contact Bucks County Council via Cllr. Dhillon to enquire about the possibility of more signage to say the roads were unsuitably for heavy vehicles.

PC/10/17 Planning

10.1 Cllr Worthington reported that concerns have been raised:-

- 17/00340/FUL Abbott Wood. We raised a concern about an illuminated drive which we thought inappropriate in a woodland Green Belt setting, and requested it to be movement actuated. Outstanding.
- 15/01039/FUL Berkeley Homes Mill Lane site. SBDC has approved the landscaping plans and the first resident has moved in. The application is still marked "pending".

10.2 Enforcement

Cllr. Worthington was pleased to note that SBDC are taking a number of enforcement actions relating to planning matters at Cliveden Stud.

10.3 Neighbourhood Plan

The questionnaire has been delivered (932 copies), with a small mention in the Maidenhead Advertiser. 51 replies have been received so far.

10.4 Heathrow

The government is proceeding with a consultation (to 25th May) on the proposed expansion of Heathrow airport. The plan and consultation are available via:

<https://www.gov.uk/dft/heathrow-airport-expansion>

Affected local authorities have a forum for discussing consequences at:

https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200172/environmental_health/616/aviation

A highly likely outcome of approval will be a great increase in noise pollution over Taplow. Mr. Smales agreed that there could be 80% more over flights with up to 70% more noise. Cllr. Worthington would draft an objection to be submitted to the consultation.

10.5 National Policy

The government has produced a white paper and consultation (to 2nd May) on the housing market:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fixing-our-broken-housing-market>

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PC/11/17 To receive reports from outside bodies

There were none.

PC/12/17 Finance

12.1 The Chairman advised that Cllr. Bamberg had resigned with immediate effect following his move to Maidenhead. He expressed his thanks and sadness that Cllr. Bamberg could not be persuaded to stay until the Annual Meeting in May.

12.2 Expenditure shown in the cashbook circulated prior to the meeting was **approved** for payment.

12.3 Decisions taken to engage a new cleaner and pay for a deep clean of the Village Halls were **ratified**.

12.4 Emergency repairs costing £295 each to damaged lamps in Boundary Road and in Approach Road were **ratified**.

12.5 **It was agreed** as a policy that any damage to streetlights should be repaired without further approval of the Council in each case save in respect of any unusual increase in the number of such repairs or any repeated repair of the same streetlight.

12.6 **It was agreed** to appoint Barrie Dancer as the internal auditor.

12.7 **It was agreed** that Rachel Gainey-Corcoran and John Bamberg be removed as mandated signatories and Cllr. Price be added.

12.8 Cllr. Price reported that the fixed term contracts for the gas and electricity supply to the Village Centre expired on 31st March and she and the Clerk had been active in researching other quotes. She was satisfied that the best quotes she had been able to secure were from British Gas for both supplies and recommended that the Council switch both contracts to the three year fixed term deals offered by British Gas. **This was agreed.**

PC/13/17 Any other business

13.1 The Chairman advised that Mike Clarke had asked if there would be any objections to a BBQ being held on the school grounds for school leavers spilling onto the Green on Saturday 13th May. No objections were raised.

13.2 Cllr. Kennedy noted that approval had been given to install a dog bin on River Road opposite Harefield House and he asked the Clerk to now proceed with arranging for this to take place.

13.3 Cllr. Worthington said that on Saturdays the users of the Football club on Berry Hill would park so as to obstruct the footway on Berry Hill which was dangerous for pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to write to the club manager and ask for them to take steps to deal with this issue.

13.4 Cllr. Worthington noted that the new lights for Berry Hill junction had not yet been installed. The Chairman advised that these were likely to be installed during Easter.

13.5 Cllr. Worthington reported that Berkeley Homes had installed fencing alongside the Jubilee River which seemed unsightly. He would speak to Berkeley Homes about it. He would also ask about the planting of trees along the river bank which had not yet taken place.

13.6 Cllr. Barnard reported that THRGA were concerned about the footway to the OPG because of the nettles. They would like to ask the Council for a grant of £75pa so that they could halve their costs of having this cut back. The Clerk was asked to enquire of BCC if the path could be resurfaced.

13.7 The Clerk was asked to write to Suzanne Johnson of Elibank Court to enquire if any progress was likely to reinstate their wall.

13.8 The Clerk was asked to contact TfB in connection with Wellbank Wall to enquire if they had any concerns about the damage to the wall.

13.9 The Clerk was asked to remind TfB that the granite kerb sets needed resetting opposite the Oak and Saw.

The meeting ended at 8.51 pm.