

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE PERKINS ROOM TAPLOW VILLAGE CENTRE HIGH STREET TAPLOW SL6 0EX

Present

Cllr. Jamie Barnard (Chairman) Cllr. Roger Worthington
Cllr. Yannick Le Touze Cllr. Karen Walsh
Cllr. Toby Greeves Cllr. Val Pridmore
Cllr. Louise Symons Cllr. Gerry O’Riordan
Cllr. Spencer Norton Mrs. K H Holder – Clerk
Five members of the public.

Open forum

No comments were made.

PC/68/17 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Claire Price, Cllr. George Sandy and County Councillor Dev Dhillon.

PC/69/17 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 3rd October 2017

This was **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

PC/70/17 Matters Arising

70.1 Cllr. Symons noted that dumped cardboard waste on Boundary Road had been removed but she had retrieved some packing details which she asked the Clerk to report to SBDC.

70.2 Cllr. Worthington noted that approval had been received to proceed with the works to the trees on the Green.

PC/71/17 To receive a presentation from Hall and Woodhouse

Caroline McHardy of Berkeley Homes introduced David Hoar and Rupert Wheeler of Hall and Woodhouse. They gave a presentation of their proposals to build a pub/restaurant on land adjacent to the boathouses by the river. They said they were a well-established family owned brewery with a carefully chosen pub estate and owned the Badger Ales brand of beer and the Rio brand of soft drinks. They specialised in country pubs inspired by the Wind in the Willows theme. They envisioned a part single storey/part two storey building of 700 square metres with a café bar and dining room on the first floor with toilets, private dining and team bedrooms on the second. It would have to be raised 1.5 metres. It would have a 150 seating capacity and 65 car parking spaces of which the anticipated 40 staff would use approximately 5. Ms. McHardy noted there would be a 23 space car park opposite put in by Berkeley Homes. There would be a gable structure to break up the mass as well as a balcony and canopies and outdoor fireplace. They had had one pre-application discussion with SBDC but had no detailed plans yet. They agreed to hold an exhibition when the time came to submit their planning applications.

PC/72/17 To permit the combined school and church fete to be held on the Green

The Chairman reported he had been approached by the vicar who had said that the church, school and playgroup had combined to put on a fete last year in the Rectory grounds. They would like to hold it on the Green next year and would like access to the Hall facilities. The Chairman read out an email from Cllr. Sandy who was not present but wished to have his views noted that he would not wish to see the two fetes combined and the loss of these separate traditional events. The Chairman noted that this had already happened this year and he understood that continuing with separate events did not seem viable. Following debate **it was agreed** that the combined fete could use the Green but not the village hall as a trial run next year. The Clerk should advise them of the need for a risk assessment to be submitted and that bouncy castles are not allowed. The Clerk should enquire as to their wet weather plans and ensure no clash with the village green party.

PC/73/17 To provide support to the cricket club for a mirror to be placed opposite their vehicular entrance

The Chairman noted the request made in July from the club to help them to purchase a mirror to assist with traffic problems in the vicinity of their grounds. Costs had been estimated at £120. **It was agreed** to provide a donation of £60 to the club from general reserves.

PC/74/17 To receive an update on the A4 cycleway and agree next steps

Cllr. Worthington reported that a Freedom of Information request had thrown up some issues but not enough to show gross incompetence. It was noted that the spirit of correspondence suggested it was being treated as a fait accompli rather than a genuine consultation. The next step was that councillors would be meeting with Dominic Grieve shortly to brief him on the issues.

PC/75/17 To consider a request from Dorney Parish Council to share use of the sentinel camera

The request had been received via PSCO O'Connell. Representatives were invited to this meeting but no-one had come. It was noted that the Council's own campaign was yet to start in earnest and given no-one from Dorney had come **it was agreed** that sharing would not be possible at this time.

PC/76/17 To consider recommendations of the Hall management working group

76.1 **It was agreed** that the name of the village halls should be changed from 'Taplow Village Centre' to 'Taplow Village Hall'

76.2 **It was agreed** that tables and chairs should be checked and if possible repaired quarterly at a reasonable additional cost

76.3 **It was agreed** to obtain quotes to repair/ refurbish:-

76.3.1 the windows – separate quotes should be obtained to replace all (but not the top window in the Perkins room) windows in the building with oak framed double glazed windows. Alternative quote should be sought for just oak framed

double glazed for the Perkins room; strip down Reading room windows to natural wood and repair and repaint the windows facing the car park.

76.3.2 the roof – the working group had identified 38 tiles which needed replacing. A quote would be sought.

76.3.3 the kitchen needed a new worktop, cupboard fronts and tiles. Quotes were being sought.

76.3.4 the working group recommended repainting the Reading room wooden panels – Cllr. Sandy would identify the colour needed to match existing and a quote would be sought.

76.3.5 The working group recommended installing a coloured aluminium frontage where tables and chairs are stored in the Perkins room. This was not agreed. It was suggested that a perspex cover would suffice.

PC/77/17 To consider providing bin liners in the hall bins

Following debate **it was agreed** that the Clerk should provide some bin liners from time to time and agree a sensible way forward – if necessary the Playgroup could invoice the Council for the bin liners it provides within reason.

PC/78/17 Update regarding the war memorial repairs

Cllr. Worthington reported that he was still waiting for a quote from Mr. Powell. The matter would be on the next agenda.

PC/79/17 Update regarding the extension of the Berry Hill 30mph limit

A response had been received from TfB who required confirmation that the owners would agree to put a traffic sign on their verge before they would prepare a quote for the costs of a feasibility study. Cllr. Le Touze would contact the Berry Hill Court residents association and advise the Clerk in due course.

PC/80/17 To discuss potential uses for the barn

The working group was yet to meet to progress ideas. Cllr. Walsh had inspected the barn and noted the storage issues and the structural issues created by the supporting columns in the middle of the barn. More thought was needed.

PC/81/17 Planning

81.1 Cllr. Worthington reported that the boathouses had received permission to convert to residential use and since then the Council had been approached by egg Homes with their plans to build 13 dwellings on the site. They had said they were in discussions with Berkeley Homes but Berkeley Homes had now denied this. They said plans were about to be submitted but nothing had appeared on the SBDC website yet. The 13 proposed dwellings were less than the 18 single bed apartments already approved within the existing buildings. View was that the loss of the Old Boathouse might be opposed.

81.2 He noted that a number of applications had been submitted to sever the legal ties between surrounding agricultural cottages and the Cliveden Stud. This was most likely a prelude to development.

81.3 He and the Clerk had met with the developers who wanted to build a care home on

the Roots site. His view was that parking issues should be sorted before the Council could support an application like this.

81.4 SBDC had requested a meeting about the Bath Road depot in Burnham near to Marsh Lane. They wanted to use it to provide 12 units of temporary accommodation for homeless families. **It was agreed** that the Clerk and Cllr. Worthington should meet with them.

81.5 Objections had been submitted to the Wycombe local plan consultation particularly the proposal to build 750 houses in the Bourne End area with no extra infrastructure.

81.5 **It was agreed** that in the event of the Council being approached by developers to meet then such meetings should be held outside regular meetings. They should be attended by the Clerk and the Planning Committee chairman or if that is not feasible by any two councillors. If they intend to proceed to make a planning application they should be encouraged to hold a local public exhibition at their expense. The Clerk added that it should be regarded as a fact finding exercise and it was important not to comment on any such development before it was debated at Council.

PC/82/17 Finance

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

82.2 The next meeting of the finance committee was likely to be in early January.

PC/83/17 Any other business

83.1 Cllr. O’Riordan had received complaints about the frequency of the car boot sale. Cllr. Worthington advised that it could be held up to 26 times a year but SBDC didn’t monitor it and residents should keep their own logs and complain to SBDC if that number was exceeded.

83.2 Cllr. Le Touze enquired what could be done to establish a new footpath across the field from the Buffins to Hunts Lane given the overgrown vegetation on the road. The Clerk said that the owner could be approached to ask if a permissive right of way could be created.

83.3 Nigel Smales noted that Summerleaze had acquired Barge Farm and he anticipated that an application for gravel extraction at Amerden would follow.

83.4 Nigel Smales advised that the HTS AGM would be on 8th December and Martin Knight would be giving a talk about the new river bridge to be installed in mid December.

83.5 The Chairman asked the Clerk to find out whether there was any news on when the old railway bridge would be reinstated.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.