

# TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE PERKINS ROOM, TAPLOW VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, TAPLOW SL6 0EX

### Present

Cllr. Claire Price (In the Chair)      Cllr. George Sandy  
Cllr. Roger Worthington                Cllr. Spencer Norton  
Cllr. Karen Walsh

Mrs. Holder (Clerk) and four members of the public including County Cllr. Dev Dhillon.

### Open forum

Nick Tappin said he was looking into revised proposals for 3 Saxon Gardens following the refusal of the planning application. There were now proposals for a more traditional design within permitted development limits and he asked for any feedback the Council could provide. Cllr. Sandy explained the Council's role was limited to being a consultee. Cllr. Price explained that most objections from the village were concerning the new driveway access.

County Cllr. Dev Dhillon reported that work on Rectory Road was still ongoing and taking longer than he had hoped. The Cycleway scheme footpath was only 1.5 metres rather than the 2 metres promised. On the issue of the Community Boards he said the proposal was for either 14 or 19 such boards which would replace the LAFs and each board would have about £100,000 budget. Each board would have 4 or 5 unitary authority representatives, one representative from each of the parish councils ( in this case Burnham, Taplow and Dorney) and an independent member of the public. He said the Boards were not to be confused with the hubs which would be points of contact for the public. He said the whole scheme would be under review and not set in stone.

He added that the amount he currently had available from his Leader's Fund for community projects in Taplow was £400. He agreed to donate this towards improvements to the Barn.

Finally, he advised that by the time of the next meeting a new candidate would be selected by conservative party members to represent this ward and it would not be him as he was standing elsewhere. He was thanked for his years of service to the Parish Council.

### PC/95/19 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Jamie Barnard, Cllr. Louise Symons, Cllr. Gerry O'Riordan and Cllr. Val Pridmore.

### PC/96/19 To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

These were confirmed, with no amendments required, and signed by Cllr. Price.

**PC/97/19 Matters Arising from the minutes (not otherwise on the agenda)**

97.1 Cllr. Dhillon said he would chase BCC for more information about road safety issues on Cliveden Road.

97.2 Cllr. Worthington reported that he had written to Dianne Strang after the last meeting but had only been able to recommend to her that she take professional advice.

97.3 Cllr. Worthington reported that there had not yet been any application submitted regarding the barns on Hill Farm Road. Cllr. Norton noted that the tenants had encroached onto land owned by Cliveden Stud Ltd by placing 8 beehives on their land. The Clerk was asked to inform Cliveden Stud Ltd of this.

97.4 Cllr. Price noted that no progress had been made on improvements to the Perkins Room and asked the Clerk to put this on the next agenda. In the meantime the Clerk was asked to follow up on the request made to Lillyfee relating to a quote for new cupboards in the Perkins Room.

97.5 Cllr. Worthington reported that he and Cllr. Norton had attended the Heathrow exhibition which had been useful, but there was nothing further to report for now.

97.6 Cllr. Worthington said he had tried to liaise with Dorney Parish Council about the response to the Local Plan consultation but there had been no interest shown by them.

**PC/98/19 Update on progress of neighbourhood plan**

Cllr. Worthington reported that a competent set of objections and comments had been submitted by way of a response to the Local Plan consultation particularly in relation to taking Taplow Riverside out of the Green Belt, the housing requirement calculations and the development in the station area. He referred to the hard work put in by Martin Maund and thanks were expressed to him on behalf of the Parish Council. The report has been placed on the Council's website.

**PC/99/19 To consider issues raised by Playgroup**

The Clerk reported that Playgroup had asked for permission to place a small banner on their fence during Playgroup opening hours. Following debate this was not granted. However they were to be advised that if they wished to place an A3 poster on the noticeboard on the Green that would be permissible. It was also suggested that distributing flyers at the school or asking to be mentioned in the school's newsletter might be a good way forward.

**PC/100/19 To consider the response to the consultation on Community Boards**

Following debate as to the preference for 14 rather than 19 boards and the importance of composition and voting rights **it was agreed** that the Clerk and Cllr. Worthington should submit a response on behalf of the Council.

**PC/101/19 To consider the following pending items of business carried forward:-**

101.1 No progress on parking issues around Taplow station.

101.2 Next steps regarding the barn – the Clerk had obtained quotes for undertaking a structural survey of the Barn. Following debate **it was agreed** that this would not be

necessary but that the Clerk should ask David McNulty to examine the rafters, load bearing timbers and all other wood in the Barn to ensure they are fit for purpose, aesthetically pleasing and structurally sound or whether there was any need for work/treatment in which case he should be asked to quote.

### **PC/102/19 Planning**

Cllr. Worthington reported that:-

#### **102.1 The following decisions have been made**

PL/19/2420/KA	Tree prune River Court	APPROVED
PL/19/2298/KA	Tree prune Thamesmead River Road	APPROVED
PL/19/2164/FA	Glen Island House (garages)	APPROVED
PL/19/2072/KA	Tree pruning Ellington Gardens	APPROVED
PL/19/1939/FA	Extensions 2 Amerden Cottage	APPROVED
PL/19/0885/FA	Cedar Cottage fence	APPROVED
PL/19/0704/FA	Elm View outbuilding	WITHDRAWN
PL/18/4426/FA	Stonecrop new house	REFUSED
PL/19/0955/FA	Weir Car Park Mill Lane	APPROVED

(Public access remains pro-tem)

In relation to the weir Cllr. Worthington had had a useful meeting with the environment agency and confirmed this application would not close the car park.

PL/19/0955/FA	4 Ye Meads side extension	APPROVED
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#### **102.2 The following are pending decisions**

PL/18/3946/FA	Barn for quail rearing Consultant report recommends refusal
PL/19/0027/FA	8 Houses on The Old Boathouse (Gage) (bat approval)
PL/19/0852/OA	Lamont House replacement house (bats pending)

#### **102.3 The following are new applications for which no comments were proposed to be submitted**

PL/19/2895/KA	Tree felling St Nicolas
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The School intended to replace the existing fence with a 2m solid fence in dark green to improve security for the children. There were self-seeded sycamores on the Green which they were applying to remove to enable them to undertake the work. Cllr. Worthington recommended no objections but a majority of councillors present commented that they did not wish to see such a fence put in and wished to object to the application.

PL/19/2848/KA	Tree prune Cedar Chase
PL/19/2574/TP	TPO tree prune Taplow Court
PL/19/2358/FA	Gas yard Cliveden changes

#### **102.4 PL/19/2417/PNO- The Hermitage**

This was an application for change of use from current office to 10 residential flats. It was an outline application only – just a traffic report included. Likely intention is to get approval for expected traffic levels before applying to knock it down and build houses. Cllr. Worthington had worked extensively with EDRA on this. EDRA had now funded Peter Edwards to write an objection. An objection has also been submitted from the Parish Council (available on the parish council website). Grounds are on Flood Plain problems, possible invalidity of the application, poorly defined traffic data and significant changes to the A4.

#### **PC/103/19 Finance**

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

103.2 Regarding the repainting of streetlights in Ellington Road, the Clerk reported that the Council's contractors had confirmed they used a type of hammerite paint and **it was agreed** that their quote of £120 per lamppost for each of the 6 lampposts that needed work be approved.

103.3 The Clerk reported that two smoke detectors had had to be replaced as an emergency and **it was agreed** that all failing detectors should be replaced as soon as possible.

#### **PC/104/19 Any other business and items for the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October**

104.1 Cllr. Worthington noted that the perspex in the noticeboards needed replacing. The Clerk was asked to get quotes to replace the perspex with polycarbonate.

104.2 Cllr. Worthington advised that former Councillor Joy Marshall had recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and a card was signed to send to her.

104.3 The Clerk noted that St Nicolas church were running a quiz on 19<sup>th</sup> October in aid of their boiler appeal and it was agreed to put up a team from the Council.

104.4 The Clerk reported that problems with the cleaning of the Reading Room floor had thrown up the question whether it needed to be re-varnished. Cllr. Sandy noted that it had been treated with a coat of resin to give it a matt finish around 7 years ago and he didn't think any further work would be necessary but he would inspect it and report back.

*The meeting ended at 8.47 pm.*